

## **School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**11/06/2025**

**12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**

**Administration Building, Dining Room**

**802 N Sam Houston**

**Odessa, Tx 79761**

#### **Call Meeting to Order:**

Ali Hernandez initiated meeting at 12:06 PM

#### **SHAC Members Present:**

- Monique Lopez - Parent
- Abigail Carrasco - Parent
- Jennifer Weston – Community Member
- Christina Acosta – ECISD Teacher

#### **SHAC Members Absent:**

- Amy Marquez-Pando – Parent

#### **Others Present:**

- Ali Hernandez – ECISD Director of Nursing & Health Services
- Amanda Castellanos – ECISD School Nurse
- Mollie Jones – ECISD Student Well Being Support Coordinator
- Taylor Laing – ECISD Executive Director of Guidance, Counseling & Wellness
- Shawn Routh – ECISD Director of Guidance & Counseling
- Crystal Day – ECISD Director of Athletics
- Rose Valderaz – ECISD Teen Pregnancy Service Coordinator
- Letty Bernal – ECISD Director of Community Support Services

#### **Introductions:**

Attendees made introductions.

#### **Presentation:**

- SHAC overview presented by Ali Hernandez and Taylor Laing to address the topics of:
  - SHAC rules/standards
  - SHAC duties
  - SHAC requirements

- Officer selections and voting procedures
- Current Practices

### **Officer Selections:**

- Chairperson – Jennifer Weston
  - Nominated by Christina Acosta, seconded by Jennifer Weston
  - The committee approved unanimously
- Co-Chairperson – Abigail Carrasco
  - Nominated by Christina Acosta, seconded by Jennifer Weston
  - The committee approved unanimously
- Recording Secretary – Christina Acosta
  - Nominated by Christina Acosta, seconded by Jennifer Weston
  - The committee approved unanimously

### **Senate Bill 12**

- Ali Hernandez and Taylor Laing provided an explanation of the new Senate Bill 12 requirements
  - Parents have the right to decide what happens with their students during the school day.
  - Parents can opt in and opt out of specific health and counseling services except for emergency services which parents cannot opt out of.
  - Consent forms are currently being updated and will be sent in January to parents who did not consent for services or have not signed the original consents sent out in September.
  - Some services will still be required to obtain additional consent forms.
- The floor was opened for questions:
  - Jennifer Weston asked if consent was needed for drug and alcohol education.
    - Shawn Routh responded that this education is required by law, but parents can opt their student out of it.
  - Crystal Day informed SHAC that Human Growth and Development courses have always required an opt-in permission slip and will continue to do so.
  - Christina Acosta asked if students will still have confidentiality.
    - Shawn Routh responded that in terms of counseling, if a parent calls for a counselor to speak to a student, the parent is notified about confidentiality regarding topics.
    - There is confidentiality unless the student has thoughts of hurting themselves or others or if abuse is reported.
  - Christina Acosta asked if a student comes out to us, are we not supposed to tell parents or did Senate Bill 12 change this.
    - Shawn Routh responded that Senate Bill 12 prohibits us from discussing this topic anymore and that students should be encouraged to speak to their parents.
  - Shawn Routh stated that many parents did not give consent for counseling services because of the lack of clarity and understanding and will work on a form that is more clarifying for the next school year.
  - Taylor Laing stated that not all parents completed their consents this year and that they are planning to have it built into the registration process for the next school year to include Panorama Survey consent.

- Taylor Laing and Jennifer Weston provided information about the Texas School Survey.
  - Survey helps groups such as Basin Light House to gather data around drug and alcohol abuse and risky behaviors.
  - Survey helps to obtain funding for programs.
  - Personal data for this survey is not gathered.
- Taylor Laing asked the committee about their thoughts on ECISD students participating in the survey and should consent be obtained.
  - Taylor stated that erring on the side of caution and requiring consent would ensure that Senate Bill 12 requirements are upheld.
  - Taylor stated that a meeting was held with Texas A&M, and they stated that because there is no personal data collected that most school districts are not obtaining separate consent.
- Abigail Carrasco asked if asking for consent will impact the survey in terms of participation.
  - Mollie Jones responded with yes and that low participation will not provide the best data.
- Abigail Carrasco stated that parents do not understand what these surveys are for and should be given more information before having them decide at registration.
- SHAC members requested that more information about Senate Bill 12 be presented at the next meeting to better understand and make a recommendation.
  - Jennifer Weston made a motion to table Senate Bill 12 until the next meeting, seconded by Abigail Carrasco.
  - The committee approved unanimously.

#### **Approval of Spring Meetings:**

- Ali Hernandez opened the floor to discuss meeting dates for Spring 2026.
  - Thursday, January 15, 2026, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
  - Thursday, February 12, 2026, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
  - Thursday, April 30, 2026, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
- Jennifer Weston motioned to approve spring meeting dates, seconded by Abigail Carrasco.
- The committee approved unanimously.

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

- Jennifer Weston made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Abigail Carrasco.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM