

School Health Advisory Council



Meeting Minutes

01/15/2025

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 the meeting at 12:08 pm stating that since there were not enough SHAC members present that the meeting can still be held, but voting would need to wait until the next SHAC meeting.

Jennifer Weston stated that members will listen to the presentation and hold voting until the next meeting.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes

SHAC members present

- Jennifer Weston – Community Member
- Christina Acosta – ECISD Teacher

SHAC members absent:

- Amy Marquez-Pando
- Monique Lopez

- Abigail Carrasco

Others Present:

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- Ali Hernandez – ECISD Director of Nursing & Health Services
 - Amanda Castellanos – ECISD School Nurse
 - Shawn Routh – ECISD Director of Guidance & Counseling
 - Crystal Day – ECISD Director of Athletics
 - Rose Valderaz – ECISD Teen Pregnancy Service Coordinator
 - Sara Hinshaw – Basin Lighthouse Resource
 - Daniel Ramirez – ECISD Dietician
 - Jieun Pando – ECISD Director of School Nutrition
 - Erika Lujan – Basin Lighthouse Resource
 - Clara Pride – Basin Lighthouse Resource

Presentation: Senate Bill 12

- Senate Bill 12 information presented by Ali Hernandez to provide SHAC members with clarification on what the bill is, the requirements outlined in the bill, and how it will affect how the district has implemented these changes.
 - Parental rights
 - Parents have the right to direct and make decisions about their child’s education, health, and moral and religious training.
 - Parental consent is needed for medical, psychiatric, and psychological treatment.
 - Instructional impact
 - Course syllabi, curriculum details, and instructional materials must be accessible to parents.
 - Written parental consent is required for human sexuality instruction.
 - Classroom instruction about sexual orientation or gender identity is banned.
 - Social Transitioning
 - Prohibits employees from assisting students with name and/or pronoun changes.
 - Student Clubs
 - Clubs based on sexual orientation or gender identity are banned.
 - Health Services
 - New consents pushed out for Health Services in alignment with TEA and TASB requirements and recommendations.

 - Parents have the option to opt out of routine health services and to opt in to specialized services.
 - Counseling Services

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- New consents pushed out for Counseling Services in alignment with TEA and TASB requirements and recommendations.
- Jennifer Weston asked about the consent requirements of a questionnaire that does not include identifiable information.
 - Shawn Routh stated that it is how each person interprets law when it addresses surveys that don't include individual identifiable information.
- Surveys
 - Survey questions much be shared with parents before the survey is administered.
 - Parental consent is required for surveys involving health-related topics, mental health screenings, and well-being questionnaires.
- The floor was opened for questions:
 - Jennifer Weston stated that when she reviewed the bill, she interpreted that the Texas School Survey could be administered without parental consent because the survey is not individualized to the student because there is no identifiable information included. She stated that she did review the bill from a SHAC perspective and not from her agency perspective.
- Erica Lujan shared updates on the questions that are being asked on the survey. She stated that the data collected from the survey is very secure.
- Sara Hinshaw stated that they have removed questions about inhalants and added questions about marijuana, delta 8, and delta 9 since they can be easy to purchase. She stated that sample questions can be shared with parents. Stated that the information is secure and that the kids are more likely to answer honestly because it's anonymous. Stated that the Texas School Survey is very informative, and the schools will call Basin Lighthouse to share their information so that preventive education can be tailored to each school's individual needs.
- Jennifer Weston stated that it is important to know what the trends are in schools.
- Sara Hinshaw stated that the more schools that participate in the Texas School Survey, the data will be more accurate for our region. Stated that if not enough schools participate, then we are lumped into data with El Paso.
 - Ali Hernandez asked how many schools need to participate so that we are not lumped in with El Paso.
 - Jennifer Weston stated that at least one third of the schools in this region would need to participate.
- Sara Hinshaw stated that schools that participate would get a \$500 stipend, and Erica Lujan confirmed this statement.

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- Sara Hinshaw asked when the the Texas School Surveys are due and when is the next SHAC meeting scheduled for.
 - Jennifer Weston replied that the Texas School Surveys are due in May.
 - Ali Hernandez replied that the next SHAC meeting is scheduled for February.

Texas School Survey Recommendations

- Jennifer Weston stated that voting for the recommendation of the Texas School Survey would take place in the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned:

Jennifer Weston adjourned the meeting at 12:25 pm.