School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)

November 10, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.
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Meeting Minutes

The SHAC meeting on November 10, 2026, began with introductions and a review of the agenda. The agenda included a mental health update from Jackie Melancon, Thrive Coordinator, followed by miscellaneous items.

Action Items

- Follow up with the District Nurse regarding available district vaccination information and determine what information may be shared with the Grayson County Medical Society.
- Determine whether the district has available data regarding the percentage of students who do not have a primary health-care provider; recognize that this information may not be reliably available because it is self-reported.
- Continue coordinating hygiene-product donations and distribution to campuses, including anticipated monthly Junior League donations to B. McDaniel, Scott, Pathways, and Denison High School.
- Monitor the status of the Communities In Schools grant submitted to the Texoma Community Foundation; notification is expected in January.

Meeting Summary

Introductions and Attendance

- Jacki Woolford, Director of Special Programs, welcomed members to the November 10, 2026, meeting and invited attendees to introduce themselves.
- Jacki Woolford – Director of Special Programs
- Tony Nunn – Director of Curriculum
- Jackie Melancon – Thrive Coordinator
- Jerika Liggett – Chef Manager for Food Service
- Courtney Roberts – Food Service
- Kyle Uber – Assistant Superintendent
- Brenda Hayward – Child and Family Guidance Center
- Paul Neumann – Chief of Police

Mental Health Update – Jackie Melancon

- Communities In Schools (CIS)
- Communities In Schools currently has 284 students in case management. For this report, case management means that a site coordinator has met with a student at least twice per month for two consecutive months.
- CIS has obtained signed consent for 440 students. This represents 63% of the program's goal of serving 700 students.
- The report included a list of Tier 1, schoolwide activities and supports provided to campuses. Examples of additional supports include student groups focused on social skills, anger management, and other student needs. Groups have begun at nearly every campus.
- The hygiene closet continues to address a significant need across campuses. Cook Children's recently donated a box of hygiene supplies, which was distributed to campus counselors. Counselors determined whether supplies would be kept in the nurses' offices or maintained by the counselors.

- Cook Children's recently requested an update regarding remaining needs and items that could be paused. The district submitted its requests and is hopeful that additional supplies will be provided.
- The Junior League is expected to provide monthly hygiene-product donations to B. McDaniel, Scott, Pathways, and Denison High School.
- CIS site coordinators have completed 13 home visits. Additional visits are scheduled for early December. Site coordinators are required to complete 12 home visits during the school year. Visits are scheduled with parents when possible; coordinators attend with another person and do not enter the home.
- A grant application to continue supporting Communities In Schools site coordinators was submitted to the Texoma Community Foundation in September. Notification is expected in January.
- TChatt Virtual Counseling
- The TChatt report showed 26 referrals, nine completed assessments, 24 students receiving case-management contacts, and 41 virtual visits during the current school year.
- The report listed 75 total clinical contacts. During the meeting, members clarified that the total represented the combined clinical contacts reflected in the report.

Miscellaneous

- Mrs. Hatt, a local pediatrician who was unable to attend, emailed the committee with questions and concerns regarding declining vaccination rates and the resulting impact on child and public health. She also noted that mental health remains an ongoing concern.
- Mrs. Hatt asked whether Denison ISD has information that could be shared with her for distribution to the Grayson County Medical Society.
- The committee discussed asking the District Nurse to provide available vaccination information. The nurse has shared vaccination-related data at previous meetings and may have information that would be appropriate to share.
- Mrs. Hatt also asked whether the district has information regarding the percentage of students who do not have a primary health-care provider. Members noted that this information may be difficult to determine because it is self-reported and may not be verifiable.
- Members discussed that students must meet the state's immunization requirements or have an applicable exemption on file to enroll. The committee noted that the exemption process may have become more accessible.
- Jacki Woolford will share Mrs. Hatt's questions with the District Nurse and request any available information for follow-up.

Adjournment

- There being no further items, the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.