



Monroe County School District School Health Advisory Committee

**Monroe County School District
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Virtual Teams Meeting
March 7, 2024
2:00-3:00 PM**

- 2:00 Welcome and Introductions
- 2:05 Update from School District/School Health – Measles/vaccination rates, state inspection, vaccination pods for schools
- 2:10 AHEC update
- 2:15 Health Department Updates
- 2:35 Monroe County Head Start Update
- 2:45 Tobacco updates
- 2:55 Other updates/shares/concerns
- 3:00 Adjourn

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Minutes: Approved by Talley Anne Reeb and seconded by Brandie Acevedo 3/27/24 for distribution to MCSD.

Attendance: From DOH: Dana Portillo, Kimberly Stevens, Denise McLeod; From MCSD: Delvis Cabrera, Kechena Fleuridor, Erin Williams, Christina McPherson, Ashley Ravelo, Kerry Biondoletti, Brandie Acevedo, Stefani Lawlor, Alfredo Vazquez; School Board: Dr. Sue Woltanski; AHEC: Michael Cunningham, Christina Geer; Woman Kind: Cali Roberts; Guidance/Care Center: Maureen Dunleavy; Parent: Alejandra Gonzalez. Contacted prior to meeting by 2 members about schedule conflict and one who was unable to join due to technical issues. Meeting watched on TEAMS 3/11/24 by Talley Anne Reeb.

Welcome.

Minutes from last meeting officially approved and shared with school district in December.

Will follow the same process this time as school not in session in June.

School district/school health updates: briefly addressed measles outbreak and our planned response if it should impact our county. No known cases or exposures at this time. DOH epidemiology will address any issues and school health will provide immunization status and necessary information. All figures for immunization rates and religious exemptions have been provided to the school district and we will continue monitoring. Vaccine clinics for **recommended and required vaccines** (non MMR) are ongoing in several schools. This helps to reduce last minute stress on schools and clinics in August. The state inspection will be coming in April for school health clinics. This is the first post COVID, so pre-inspections are being done in preparation by school health coordinator.

MCSO update: Erin Williams shared that the anti-vaping campaign and mental health campaigns are continuing. She has met with all the school teams. They are continuing to review the results and getting the supports in place identified from those screeners. They are continuing to get the parental consents and mental health professionals will remain busy.

AHEC update: All **health** clinics are full time and fully staffed. A couple new staff have joined since November to take care of Marathon and the upper keys as well as a brand new nurse practitioner who is taking care of Poinciana and Gerald Adams. There is another nurse practitioner who just retired but came back to help. She is at KWHS one day a week. The summer schedule for medical will be getting finalized soon. The **dental** program is fully booked. The schedule for summer and all next school year is already out for dental. The Marathon office is open two days a week, with Mondays already booked and Fridays continuing to book after a new hygienist was brought in to help. Families are coming from both the lower and upper keys to utilize services. The dental sealant program wrapped this week. PKS was the final site. They didn't have an on-site visit, but all were seen on the dental unit. **Tobacco**- adult program is still ongoing. Tallahassee is still not supporting a youth program or allowing discussion about vaping. The main boundary is FERPA and getting consent for those under the age of 18. They are happy to share the program if someone wants to do it. **Opioid**- an upcoming training announcement has gone out to mental health counselors, social workers, and district. A daytime offering is coming up where training and Narcan will be provided. A recent offering in the evening allowed 58 containers of Narcan to be distributed. Thank you to guidance care center, health department, Monroe County coalition for making this possible. Hoping to renew these efforts to have a full year to work with rather than 3-4 months moving quickly. **Health Fair**- will be April 20th at KWHS, MMHS, and a church in Big Pine Key. This is delayed from usual time due to expense of medical students and residents in our area. Flyers will be coming soon with information and how to register.

DOH update: Denise McLeod shared about upcoming events in collaboration with community partners. Please see attached flyer with dates, locations, and details. Focus efforts will be on seniors, wellness, service industry, chronic disease, back to school wellness event, etc. The June date is still being determined. She is looking to do blood pressures, glucose screenings, vaccines, and is very interested in coordinating with AHEC's dental bus.

Kimberly Stevens gave her update about tobacco prevention education efforts. She shared information and slides (please see attached) for education courses and credits available to teachers, nurses, and other adults. Courses began September 23rd but can still be completed by June 10th of this year. Site to register is www.floridatobaccoprevention.org. Moved on to discuss zoning and point of sale. She explained the use of land and what can be built on that land. Some communities have limited the number of tobacco retailers in a community, especially in relation to distance from schools, playgrounds, and parks. Youth smoking is more common where more retailers are present. Discussion about where tobacco products are displayed by the counters in stores and gas stations. 2023- tobacco prevention team created an ordinance for Monroe County Smoke Free beaches, parks and recreation areas, and forts. This affected Key West, Marathon, Key Largo, and Monroe County. Looking to create a proposal for zoning retailers around K-12 schools by April 2024 at Key West City Hall. We have our partnership in champion member Susan Cochin (spelling?) for the Tobacco Free Florida Keys Partnership and then we have our DOH staff, Alison Kerr. She offered up the request for people to join the point of sale task force team and meeting March 27th at 2:00.

Head Start update: Ashley Ravelo recently attended a conference where discussion was had about changing the SHAC name to include mental health. We discussed that we have mental health addressed both within the schools and in community resources. Ashley will share if she gets updated directives. Update by Delvis Cabrera- Open enrollment coming up in April through June 1st. They are hoping to recruit from Key West to Key Largo and have all the 680 forms (vaccination certificates) signed and with the correct codes. This has required parents to go back for corrections in the past. They are looking forward to having a full enrollment.

Conversations/follow up: Denise McLeod asked about getting the right certificates and paperwork for the upcoming July health fair. Dana Portillo clarified that most health fairs offer vaccinations that are not part of the 680 requirements and this will be followed up separately for clarification and additional help. Maureen Dunleavy from Guidance/Care Center shared about a prevention program for K-2 on March 20th at the Big Pine Library. There will be activities and it will be free. (See attached flyer). It's an extension of the prevention services and online prevention programs for middle schools and teens. All prior links had to be redone because of an issue trying to get gift cards. Monroe County Coalition helped to get the new links up and running. Parental consent is required to be able to take the course and then get an Amazon gift card for various topics on substance abuse and substance use, education, and skill building.

Close of meeting at 2:32 pm. Minutes and attachments to be shared with the team 3/8/24 for review and approval.