

**SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AD HOC COMMITTEE)**Minutes of Meeting (**Approved**)**Date:** April 19, 2022**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting**Participation:** Tricia Orozco, Sherry Linton-Massiah, Melanie Wilde-Lane, Rita Crana, Judy Kanz, Dr. Robert Dudley, Ali Mulvihill, Sharon Bremner, Steve Hernandez, Amanda Pickett, Andrea Duarte, Dana Robinson-Rush, Melanie Bonjour, Ann Gionet, Christine Velasquez, Johanna Davis, Grace Fabrizio**Absent:** Christin Kondash, Debbie Chameides, Alice Martinez, Yvette Cortez, Jill Holmes Brown

Item	Action	Follow Up
<b>1. Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions by all participants</li> <li>• Vote Melanie Wilde-Lane, Executive Director of CT Association of SBHC as Chair of the SBHC Advisory Committee (1. Rita Crana 2. Tricia Orozco)</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Approval of Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved minutes from 1/18/22 (1. Melanie Bonjour 2. Dr. Rob Dudley)</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Round Table Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ann Gionet: CT DPH, Supervisor for SBHC, Children youth with special health care needs, and Early hearing detection intervention programs. DPH’s mission is to protect and improve the health and safety of the people of Connecticut, promote health prevention services and access to healthcare. Support SBHCs with contracting, advocating for funding, present on SBHCs about their benefits. DPH attends this meeting and is here to be of assistance with materials, agendas, follow up, resources, etc.</li> <li>• Christine Velasquez: CT DPH, manage half the SBHC contracts, State adolescent health coordinator, assist with the MCHBG application and legislative inquiries and tracking related to our programs. Happy to assist with any needs of this group.</li> <li>• Johanna Davis: CT DPH Epidemiologist. Works on SBHCs, children and youth with special health care needs, and the healthy start family wellness programs. Manages data and reporting for sbhc program. Would like to know about things we don’t currently ask about in our reports that might be important for us to know.</li> <li>• Dr. Rob Dudley: General Pediatrician in New Britain, CT. Medical advisor for the City of New Britain for 26 years and the medical advisor to CHC Inc. SBHC. Started off as a high school teacher and had a real interested in how education and health played out. Interested in how we set up good preventative services early in children’s lives that will prevent things coming out as chronic illnesses especially in the underserved and in impoverished communities. Tackling diabetes, obesity, and teen pregnancy rates through SBHCs.</li> <li>• Andrea Duarte: DMHAS in the prevention and health promotion division. Serve across all ages. With the younger population try and reduce risk factors and enhance protective factors to improve health conditions for those that are served whether that’s related to substance mental health or not. Do a lot of work in suicide prevention. Would like to integrate prevention strategies into existing systems like SBHCs. Just submitted a new suicide prevention grant which if funded will help improve situations for kids in CT.</li> <li>• Sherry Linton-Massiah: Integrated Health Services. Mission is to improve wellness and maintain wellness and health for our students by improving access and addressing barriers to care. Currently providing services to the Goodwin University System of schools, which includes the</li> </ul>	

	<p>university in addition to the elementary, middle and high schools. Interested to hear about trends and themes going on at other SBHC sites and have more discussion on this at the advisory meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Melanie Bonjour: Been working in SBHCs since 1993. Sits on the CASBHC Board. Works for federally qualified Health Center that oversees several SBHCs and we've we're just expanded into a new community. Mission is to increase access to healthcare for individuals, especially those that are uninsured underinsured across the age spectrum from birth to geriatric care. It would be helpful to have more participations with state agencies and learn how to better partner and support each other's work and missions.</li><li>• Amanda Pickett: State department of Education. Mission is around providing high quality education, equity and education, but also ensuring that nonacademic needs are met for students. How do we strengthen the support structure so that a school based health center location inside of a school is truly in partnership with the school? Would like to help with this from the education side and support the work of SBHCs by strengthening the outcomes for our students and families. Also how do we support refugee families who may not have adequate health coverage?</li><li>• Sharon Bremner: Director of pupil personnel services for East Hartford Public Schools. Oversees the special education service, which is inclusive of nursing services. We have 7 SBHCs that EHPS works collaboratively with Intercommunity. Mission is to deliver a high-quality learning experience for every child. What would the advisory like to see from a school system prospective?</li><li>• Alicia Mulvahill: Works with Quinnipiac Valley Health District. Director of community outreach. Serve Bethany Hamden, North Haven, and Woodbridge. Provide all the public health services that are mandated for local health departments including outreach and health promotion education along with other programming and grants. Have 2 SBHCs in Hamden and work with Cornell Scott Hill Health Center to provide services. Mission promoting health and wellness, making sure that community members whether it's residents or students at a school are they're healthiest and achieving their fullest potential. Would like to be able to share resources and templates with other SBHCs around enrollment, outreach, and promotion.</li><li>• Steve Hernandez: Co-Chair of the SBHC advisory. From the legislators Nonpartisan Commission on Women, Children and Seniors Equity and Opportunity. A policy shop and advises the Legislature directly on issues of substance, but also spending proposals. Work with community as a resource and can bring issues up to General Assembly.</li><li>• Judith Moskal-Kanz: Pediatric nurse practitioner at a SBHC in Hartford. We aligned in a way that we provide excellent quality care to all the students here in Hartford. Would be helpful to talk about school health issues like MH, COVID, violence.</li><li>• Rita Crana: Coordinator of the SBHC at Ansonia High School, sponsored by Griffin Hospital, which is my employer for 30 years. Represents a hospital sponsored SBHC on this committee. Interested in how we can partner with state agencies better.</li><li>• Dana Robinson-Rush: Works at DSS in the medical policy unit in the division of health services. DSS is a multi-faceted agency that serves residents and is starting to serve some non-documented</li></ul>	
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	<p>residents of Connecticut and making sure that they have access to quality health care. Have different initiatives that range from health insurance, food nutrition, substance abuse support and housing. Make sure policies we have in place can be billed at fullest potential. Can help with provider types and projects open to CT residence. Helpful to know about what is going on in SBHCs to make sure services are being covered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tricia Orozco: Works with Intercommunity Health Care and is the director for SBHCs in East Hartford. Mission is to inspire, hope, and promote whole person healthcare by providing high quality affordable compassionate health care for everyone. Our SBHC mission is to reduce barriers to care and offer comprehensive medical and behavioral health services to underserved populations. Sits on the CASBHC board. Would like to understand more about what we all do to better support our communities and learn about resources and how to integrate them.</li> </ul>	
<b>4. DPH Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PA 21-35 Workgroup report was updates and put on the DPH website.</li> <li>• SB1 Proposed 21 million for SBHC</li> <li>• CDC funding for the SBHC community is being worked on – CO-Ag COVID relieve funding, 12 million to SBHCs. Working with the National School Based Health Alliance. Looking for full sites, MH sites, site expansion, etc.</li> <li>• MCHBG application is being prepared for August submission.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. CASBHC Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newer Executive Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ President – Jill Holmes-Brown</li> <li>○ Vice President – Ranbir Bains</li> <li>○ Treasurer – Claudia Fernandes</li> <li>○ Secretary – Tricia Orozco</li> <li>○ Executive Director - Melanie Wilde-Lane</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Working on funding opportunities to integrate SBHC into the larger healthcare system, partnering with CCMC and Care Connections.</li> <li>• Working with Region 1 on educating on SBHCs</li> <li>• Annual conference in person November 8, 2022 at Heritage Hotel. Keynote Kerry Margo</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Next Meeting Date and Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 19, 2022 1:30-3:30</li> <li>• October 18, 2022 1:30-3:30</li> </ul>	

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Velasquez