

School Nurse Advisory Council (SNAC)

September 2025

Attendees: Paula Feyerharm, RN: ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES- Co Chair

Verna Bernard Jones, RN AMERICAN FEDERATION TEACHERS-Co-chair

Nancy Roberts: ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES

Kimberly Sandor: CONNECTICUT NURSES ASSOCIATION

Barbara Ziogas, MD CONNECTICUT CHAPTER OF PEDIATRICS AAP

Sheila McKay CONNECTICUT BOARDS OF EDUCATION

Patricia Phelan CONNECTICUT FEDERATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Pam Neleber, RN: ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES

OTHER: David Cusik: CREC, Christin Kondash, RN LEARN

Representative Patrick Biggins

CONSULTANTS: Chlo-Anne Bobrowski STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Christine Vazquez DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Quick recap

The meeting began with technical difficulties as Paula experienced issues with her Zoom setup, which were eventually resolved. The group discussed the use of AI Companion for generating meeting summaries during Zoom calls, with participants sharing their experiences and suggestions for customization. The group discussed several topics including School Nurse staffing, Delegation, Education, Certification and regulation related to stock Albuterol in schools.

Discussion: Staffing in Schools/ Delegation

- The committee discussed issues with LPNs working as school nurses and the need to ensure they are working within their scope of practice.
- Kim stated that there is a large nationwide turnover of Acute Care Nurses as a result some are coming to School Nursing
- Nurse to student ratio is still 750 students to 1 school nurse

- Shortage of getting experience nurses maybe related to pay
- Some schools have 2 nurses but here is some concern that pushing for higher pay may mean letting go of one.
- Medicaid billing may be helpful in offsetting some cost; however, many school districts don't know how to bill.

Discussion: Certification/ Education

- Paula stated that ASNC did a small survey of CT school nurses to get data on number of school nurses with BSNs, ASNs and their perception of the future of school nurses.
- 87.2% supports School Nurse Certification or Special Services Endorsement.
- Question if Salary is impeding getting higher education for ASNs

Other Discussions: Albuterol

- There is no regulation for Stock Albuterol in schools for students with Asthma

Dr Zeoga stated that Epinephrine is available for Asthma emergency use in schools.

The conversation ended with a reminder about the public availability of SNAC meeting minutes on the SDE website.

Meeting Summary Discussion

The group discussed the use of AI Companion for generating meeting summaries during Zoom calls, with Paula exploring its functionality and expressing both enthusiasm and caution about AI technology. Chlo reminded the group that SNAC meeting minutes are publicly available on the SDE website, prompting awareness about the transparency of their discussions. Kim suggested Paula experiment with AI Companion settings to customize the summary output, noting that while it can be helpful, the generated notes often require editing for accuracy and privacy.

Next steps

- Paula to review and adjust Zoom AI Summary settings before the next meeting to control who receives the summary and ensure proper editing capabilities.
- Paula to decide whether to continue using the AI Summary feature for SNAC meetings after understanding the settings better.
- Dave and Chloe to bring info on Albuterol for next meeting

Reviewed by: Verna Bernard-Jones, MS, RN

