

SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES DATE: 11/27/18

Members present: Verna Bernard-Jones, Sharlene Cedrone, Lori Flaherty, Donna Kosiorowski, Gary Maynard, Kathy Neelon, Barbara Ziogas

Conference phone: Sue Levasseur, Brendan Finley, Leah Hendriks

Guest: None

Location: 2590 Berlin Turnpike, Newington

Meeting called to order at 8:40 am. Minutes accepted and seconded.

No public comments.

Item 1: SNAC tried to attend the CABE conference but request was denied. SNAC will request a meeting with CABE's executive Board.

Item 2: SNAC focus this year is to get Regulations for School Nurse updated. Discussion points:

- **Keep it simple**
- **Don't mandate Certification**
- **Mandate BSN with Grandfather clause i.e. time for school nurses already employed without BSN to obtain BSN.**
- **BS in a "related field" ok**
- **Minimum experience of 1-year acute care experience within the last 5 years**
- **Need to know legislative committee chairs so we can provide testimony.**

Item 3: Discussion of adding Mental Health Screening to the Blue Form

- **Many pediatricians are already using Behavioral Health Screening and the AAP is pushing for Mental Health screening.**
- **Pediatricians are doing more Care Coordination that before. (Access Mental Health CT is a very good resource.)**
- **Does Mental Health assessment need to be on the Blue Form**

Conclusion: SNAC decided not to take on Mental Health at this time

Item 4: Medical Techs giving vaccines:

- **CT is the only state that doesn't allow it.**

- It is usually done under the supervision of a doctor.
- Proposed Bills to have medical techs give vaccines is usually opposed by Connecticut Nurses Association.

Conclusion: SNAC will discuss MT giving vaccines with CAN and ASNC.

Item 5: Law suit filed by parents regarding school nurse taking Insulin order and changes only from the doctor and not the parent

- It is against Nurse Practice Act
- SNAC will watch results of law suit.

Wrap Up: D. Kosiorowski will send out current Regs and revision by email to committee members

Members will send feedback and suggestions by email prior to next meeting.

Next Meeting December 18, 2018

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:50 am

Respectfully submitted;

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Co-Chair SNAC