

**School Nurse Advisory Council Meeting**

**Date: 9/25/2013**

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**Minutes**

Council Membership Attendance: Donna Kosioroski, Gary Brochu, Gayle Pagoni, Leah Hendricks, Stephanie Knutson, Steve Updegrove, Suzanne Couture, Theresa Kane, Vera Bernard-Jones, Marie Burlette

Absent: Ann Milanese, Gary Maynard

Location: 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457. MCR 4.

**Item 1.**

**Sign in and introductions**

**The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m.**

**Item 2.**

**Extended discussion of School Nurse qualifications and School Nurse continuing education requirements**

- 1. Review of current educational requirements, State of CT and continuing education requirements for School Nurses**
- 2. Discussion: Pros and cons of partnering with state universities, changing entry level changing educational requirements, pre-service requirements, grandfathering, more extensive School Nurse orientation, certification and mentoring.**

**Item 3.**

**Discussion deferred School Medical Advisor qualifications, CIRTS and Lead Database**

**Votes:**

**None**

**Next Steps:**

1. **Donna will research what requirements are for current School Nurse/Teacher Certification and what certification models other states are using**
2. **Theresa will have a conversation with Superintendents, re: what are district requirements for School Nurses**
3. **Donna will research Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver**
4. **School nurses on the committee will research how holding a BSN will benefit the district/state**
5. **Donna will research what nursing colleges identify as the role of the ASN prepared nurse vs. the BSN prepared nurse following graduation.**
6. **Meetings will change to last Tuesday of each month, to accommodate attendance by a key member of the committee.**

**Next meeting: October 29, 2013**

**Meeting adjourned: 10:00 a.m.**