

School Nurse Advisory Council

Date: September 24, 2024

Time: 8:00- 9:00 am

Location: Via ZOOM

SNAC Recommendations 2025 (TBD)

8:00 a.m.

A. Introductions

Donna Kosiorowski-

Welcome: Donna Frechette, Christin Kondash, Pam Neleber, Nancy Roberts, Patricia Phelan

Planning for 2025

The link below will take you to proposed language for Dental Therapists in Connecticut. The organization may contact SNAC for support. If anyone has any insight to this issue, we will discuss.

[Scope of Practice Request Draft 1](#)

General discussion

Thanks for your attendance

Start am 8:

Adjourn 9:

Attendance

Patricia Phelan

Patrick Stirk

Barbara Ziogas

Sheila McKay

Chlo Bobrowski

Verna Bernard Jones

Christine Velazquez

Donna Frechette

Christin Kondash

Nancy Roberts

Pam Neleber

Kim Sandor

Donna Kosiorowski

Janene Batten

MINUTES: From 6/18/24 (A Reminder from our last meeting)

Meeting began at 8:010 am.

Donna opened meeting with introductions. Tony informed the Council that a new representative for the Administrators will become a member. Contact information will be forwarded.

The committee as a whole will include Professional Development in 2024 recommendations. The increase in non-curricular PD is creating unintentional challenges for districts. As to the Special Services Endorsement, most of the committee supports inclusion of SSE for school nurses in recommendations for 2024. Language will reflect some wording from 2023 legislation. Two members of the committee were absent from this meeting. Patrick

Stirk representing Superintendents and Sheila McKay representing CABA. Donna will contact both to determine their input for pending recommendations.

In response to a question from Pam, although the Council members were originally legislated, invitations to attend expanded to the Board of the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut and CNA Executive Director and GRC Chair. The purpose is to keep stakeholders informed as to the Council in order to better inform their members and solicit feedback and input. The response form invitees has been helpful in direction of the Council and to provide additional perspectives.

Christine commented that DPH gets a large number of memos etc. and may not be able to attend to all. She will go through proper channels with final recommendations. Although nurses are licensed by DPH, the SSE really belongs with Education. Christine is a member of 1199, Health Care Workers, but does not represent the union on this Council. No representation from 1199 currently sits on the Council. AFL CIO has a Health and Safety arm. Stephanie commented that the matter of school nurses has a relationship with Public Safety. The Board of Nursing considers public safety as part of their role in Connecticut.

Stephanie mentioned John Brady, AFT, as a person and group that CNA collaborates with. Verna said she works closely with AFT and John Brady and he and others from AFT have been consulted in the past on matters related to school nurses. CEA is limited to certified staff although Donna will share with their representative, Lou Rosado Burch when recommendations are made.

Tony shared that the Principal Organization has a meeting with Jeff Currey in January and will relay information regarding the Council and recommendations at that time. Donna plans to send a draft of recommendations to SNAC members for approval before submission. A memo and information will be sent to SDE Commissioner shortly by Donna to secure the Commissioner's response to SSE for school nurses.

Donna shared in a recent article in her local paper (*Shelton Herald*) titled ***Advocates Push Reforms as School Districts Struggle to Fill Vacancies***. Jeff Currey is quoted "Teacher certifications and processes and regulations haven't really had an overhaul in close to 30 years." Since the same is true for school nurses with the exception that it has been almost 42 years for school nurses it seems to be the perfect time to achieve certification for school nurses.

Donna thanked everyone for their service on SNAC and wished everyone a happy holiday season. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am. Next meeting June 4, 2024- 8 am unless an additional meeting is necessary.

Respectfully submitted by:

Donna Kosiorowski, Co-chair SNAC