

Minutes:

School Nurse Advisory Council Meeting

March 25, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Present: Donna Kosioroski, Gary Brochu, Gary Maynard, Gayle Pagoni, Leah Hendriks, Marie Burlette, Stephanie Knutson, Steve Updegrave, Theresa Kane (conference call), Verna Bernard-Jones

Absent: Ann Milanese, Suzanne Couture

Meeting place: SDE, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown
Room MCR 2

8:30

Call to order

1. Protocols for Emergency Medication Administration

Discussion: Will SNAC develop a protocol for each emergency medication, as the topic arises, or one protocol for all medications? It was recommended that we develop a general protocol for all emergency medication administration. Discussion tabled for future meeting.

2. Develop an agenda for the CAPSS meeting in April

Discussion: Superintendents, Patricia Charles, (Middletown), Abbey Doliver (Norwich), Jan Perrucci (Old Saybrook) and Mary Conway (Vernon) will be representing CAPSS at April SNAC meeting.

Theresa will forward our questions to Superintendents who will be attending the April meeting.

Proposed agenda for April meeting with Superintendents

- A. Welcome
 - a. Introduction of CAPSS and SNAC members
 - b. Charge of SNAC
 - c. SNAC recommendations. (Superintendents will receive a copy of SNAC's February 2014 recommendations prior to meeting)
 - B. Staffing:
 - a. Qualifications of school nurses
 - b. Hiring and retaining school nurses
 - c. What contributed to Middletown's decision to hire nurse supervisor?
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- d. What is the mechanism for school nurse/central office communication in your district?
 - e. What has been the impact of legislation such as PA 12-198 (glucagon administration legislation) on non-nursing school personnel?
- C. Feedback
- a. What do the Superintendents think it is important for us to know?
 - b. How do we work together to improve school health services in Connecticut for the benefit of all students?
 - c. Invitation to attend future meeting

3. Review of Bill 224

Discussion: Theresa shared that according to Randy Collins from CAPSS, the staffing and professional development recommendations of Bill 224 were accepted.

Donna reported that both ASNC and CNA also supported the bill.

4. Review of proposed legislations:

Bill 5521: Regarding the administration of Epinephrine by non-medical school personnel to a student experiencing a first time anaphylactic reaction.

Concern: This requires non-medical staff to assess, diagnose and treat. This could mean supplying EpiPens for every school activity—which would create a significant financial impact on districts. This bill is sponsored by the entity that currently offers free EpiPens for school, but there is no assurance that this program will continue. It was suggested that there might be federal government funding attached to this grant, but Donna believes this to be inaccurate.

5303-regarding the administration of rectal Diastat by non-medical school personnel to a student experiencing a seizure in the absence of a school nurse.

The SNAC cannot support this bill. More and more responsibility is being placed on non-medical school personnel.

It was suggested that the SNAC make a recommendation that all school health bills be forwarded to SNAC prior to the public hearings so that SNAC can offer recommendations to state legislative leaders in a timely fashion.

5. Next meeting

Tuesday, April 29 at 8:30 a.m.

Marie will not be in attendance at the meeting and requested someone else talk over secretarial duties for the meeting.

10:30

Adjourn
