

**SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES    DATE: 2/28/17**

**Members present: Verna Bernard-Jones, Gary Brochu, Donna Kosiorowski, Gary Maynard, Elaine Matulis, Kathy Neelon. On phone: Leah Hendriks, Stephanie Knutson, Christine Mahoney, Steve Updegrove**

**Absent: Barbara Ziogas,**

**Guest: Fran Matkowski**

**Location: DPH Rocky Hill, Conference Call # 866-640-5414**

**Meeting called to order at 8:40 am**

**Item 1: Minutes accepted. No corrections. No public comments.**

**Old business: Welcome to Sharlene Cedrone (replacement for Marie Burlette Union 1199)**

**Item 2: Discussion on Recommendations**

**Recommendation were submitted to the legislators, however, Connecticut Nurses Association's name was left off the final document.**

- **Donna will get it corrected.**
- **Would posting of SNAC documents on Education Legislative Committee website be advantageous in getting SNAC more public awareness and visibility?**
- **SNAC information is already posted on SDE website, however, Stephanie will figure out how to get it posted on Education Legislative website.**
- **Donna will send out Recommendations for review before next meeting. Narrative will be added to how CSDE survey is used and why it is required.**

**Item 3: Discussion regarding Legislations this session related to school nurses:**

- **SB840-Public Health Bill to publicize SDE School Health Survey**
- **SB759-DPH to created 10-minute video to educate parent prior to granting Religious Objection waiver.**
- **HB6494-Delgation to EMT to administer medications in schools. There has been some inquire by rural schools to the School Nurse Consultant at SDE.**
- **Bills-1628 & 6034 – Proposing Bus Drivers be trained to give Epinephrine. Allergy Task force is already working on this.**

- **Bill 434 Proposal for nurse to have access to the state Lead Data Base.**
- **Should SNAC send a letter to the legislative committees regarding these bills?**

**Item 4: Discussion on certification of other non-nurse school personnel in the school setting:**

- **All school personnel other than the nurse and the custodian are certified.**
- **What is the purpose of certification for the school nurse? Is it necessary or is it more about money?**
- **Should this be done during negotiation with school district?**

**Next Agenda:**

- **Role and responsibility of School Nurse**
- **Look at Ratios and Qualifications**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am**

**Submitted by Verna Bernard-Jones, RN**