

SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES DATE: 3/28/17

Members present: Verna Bernard-Jones, Sharlene Cedrone, Elaine Matulis, Barbara Ziogas. On phone: Leah Hendriks, Stephanie Knutson, Sue Levasseur,

Absent: Gary Brochu, Donna Kosiorowski, Christine Mahoney, Fran Matkowski, Gary Maynard, Kathy Neelon.

Guest: None

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: SNAC Bill not out of committee. Being held up for need to change some language. Donna Kosiorowski and AFT's John Brady testified in support of the bill.

Item 2: Discussion on SNAC Recommendations never getting passed.

- Does SNAC need assistance in preparing /presentation of Recommendations to the legislators?
- Suggestion to invite guest speakers who are experts in nursing education, school health and/ or legal aspect of education at the state and local level.
- Develop a "Power Plan" present to Board of Educations.

Item 3: Discussion on School Nurse Certification:

- School Nurse/ Teacher Certification (072) is already on the books and is not being utilized. Only 2 districts are known to use it. There is no incentive to get certified.
- Nurse must have 36 credits in Education in addition to nursing courses.
- Discussion on how to promote certification for the school nurse and the already existing School Nurse/ Teacher certification.
- Need for buy-in from local school districts
- Promote at Critical Issues School Nurse Conference
- CSDE School Nurse Consultant could put information on School Nurse/Teacher certification in School Nurse Bulletin under heading of "Tip of the Month".
- ASNC could put information in its newsletter and promote at Dinner meetings

- Possible presentation to Board of Nursing

Item 4: Discussion regarding Flu Vaccine

- Concerns regarding need to get earlier DPH compliance date for Pre-K Flu vaccine in order to give parents time to get vaccine before December deadline. Hospital require staff to be in compliance by 12/1.
- Would this need legislative change? (Contact Mick Bolduc at DPH)

Next Agenda:

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

Next meeting April 25, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

Submitted by Verna Bernard-Jones, RN