

SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES DATE: 9/25/18

Members present: Verna Bernard-Jones, Sharlene Cedrone, Lori Flaherty, Stephanie Knutson, Donna Kosiorowski, Gary Maynard, Kathy Neelon, Barbara Ziogas

Conference phone: Christine Mahoney

Guest: None

Location: 2590 Berlin Turnpike, Newington

Meeting called to order at 8:40 am. Minutes accepted and seconded.

No public comments.

Item 1: Calendar proposal for meetings for the year:

Meetings will be held September, November, December then April. Assessment will be made to determine need for future meetings during the year.

Item 2: Discussion of agenda for coming year.

- **Updating School Nurse Regulations**
- **Use of Narcan in schools and the school nurse's role**
- **Getting Professional Equity for School Nurses**

Item 3: Discussion of Role of School Nurses and Updating Qualification for School Nurses.

- **We may not need to update the law. Regs may take 2 years or more. The last Regulation update was in 1982. SDE's role is to advise DPH and they will write the Regulations.**
- **One sticking point is requiring higher educational level for school nurses (BSN). Legislators see that as involving money and takes a negative view.**
- **Need to make sure Updated Regs have clear language of the role of the school nurse.**
- **Need to draw from other laws such as Education. Pull together all the laws**
- **Look at Teachers and Social Workers Regulations**
- **Look at Core Curriculum for Nursing Education Programs**
- **Do we need to include Scope of Practice?**
- **New laws that affect school nurses such as Oral Health Assessment.**
- **Invite speakers from University programs**

Item 4: Committee Vacancy:

Reps needed for DPH & C.A.B.E

C.A.B.E /C.A.P.S. S Convention November 16-17th at Mystic Marriot. Find out if SNAC can attend and possible have an information booth or any type of presence.

Wrap Up: D. Kosiorowski will send out current Regs by email to committee members

S. Knutson will pull together all the laws as mentioned above.

Members will send feedback and suggestions by email prior to next meeting.

Next Meeting November 27, 2018

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:15 am

Respectfully submitted;

V. Bernard-Jones, RN

Co-Chair SNAC