

SHAC Minutes 5/10/2018

Members Present

Molly James, Tracie Phillips, Jenna Clements, Pat Perdue, Tonya Heard, Allen Ritchie

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 2/15/18 were approved by P. Perdue, all in favor.

End of Year Drug Testing Report

T. H. reported that students were randomly tested every 2 weeks- twenty students at Brazoswood, five students at Brazosport from Sept.- April. Approximately 400 students were tested in total in which 17 students tested positive for THC this school year. One student tested positive for amphetamines but was cleared due to providing prescription.

Twelve students tested positive more than once. Of the twelve, the majority are seniors. When a student tests positive, they are tested every 2 weeks until clean. The students also receive counseling services. The current consequences of a (+) test is as follows: 1st offense- out of extra-curricular for 3 weeks, 2nd offense- out of extra-curricular for 30 school days, 3rd offense- out of extra-curricular for one calendar year. A refusal to be tested = positive.

After the 3rd positive, there are no more consequences. T. H. recommends no more testing after 3rd positive. T. P. will find out when this recommendation needs to be brought to cabinet.

Spinal Screening Policy Changes for 2018-2019 School Year

M. James reported that House Bill 1076 changes the Spinal Screening Policy for the school year 2018-2019. The policy states that girls will be screened two times, once at age 10 and again at age 12. Boys will be screened one time at age 13 or 14. Currently all boys and girls are screened in 6th grade and 9th grade. M. James will attend a webinar on May 23, 2018 for further guidance.

Caredox

M. James has been approached by a company called Caredox which offers free in-school flu shots and other immunizations. M. James spoke to a representative at Caredox on May 7, 2018 and requested more information as well as references. None have been provided as of this meeting. M. James will follow-up.

Epinephrine Auto-Injector Policy Update

M. James spoke to a representative at The Department of State Health Services regarding the current status of the Epinephrine Auto-Injector Policy for schools. Public comment ended April 15, 2018. The representative stated the policy is now in the adoption process and must be approved by the commissioner and executive commissioner. DSHS hopes to have it approved by August 2018.

Student Reports

No students present

Adjourned

4:40pm