



School Health Advisory Council
February 25, 2021
(February 18, 2021 meeting postponed due to inclement weather)
Meeting Minutes - Approved

The third KISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) meeting for the 2020/2021 school year was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 via Zoom due to pandemic restrictions related to restricted in-person group gatherings. The regularly scheduled meeting for Thursday, February 18, 2021 was postponed due to inclement weather. The meeting was called to order by Tricia Atzger-John, RN - KISD Director of Health Services - at 9:31 a.m.

Members present:

Tricia Atzger-John
Candace Harriman
Janiel Werner for Sheri Rich
Melanie Maine (guest speaker)
McKensie Montgomery
Dr. Tonya Fuqua
Dr. Casey Sanders
Dr. Justin Fairless
Autumn Morris
Mackenzie Kang
Clarissa Marchalk
Natasha Caulder
Diane Wormley
Jeviti McBurrows
Andrea Gaszak
Kimberly Boone
LePaula Smith
Monique Pierce

The December SHAC meetings minutes were approved by the council with no recommendations for edits.

Melanie Maine, KISD Intervention Counselor @ Central High School, presented on the behalf of Marcene Weatherall. Melaine described the qualifications for an Intervention Counselor which includes additional training and licensure outside of traditional counseling. Intervention Counselors, in collaboration with Academic Counselors, help students who are working through challenges beyond usual teenager/young adult issues. Examples include, homelessness, teen pregnancy/parenting, death in the family, drug/alcohol situations, and other crisis problems. The team continues to work with students in remote learning environments, although it has been a challenge to reach the majority of these students. This team also provides resources for faculty and staff to help

the adults navigate difficult scenarios. Intervention Counselors have been using technology to reach students through Facebook Live sessions and providing videos related to Social Emotional Learning. Two screening tools that the team uses to help identify student needs are Connected Minds and the Substance Abuse Screener. Connected Minds helps direct care for mental health indicators such as anxiety and depression. The Substance Abuse Screener helps identify patterns between substance abuse and recreational use. These tools are not diagnostic but specifically help guide care to help these students.

The committee reviewed the draft SHAC bylaws and made recommendations for a few minor changes. The bylaws will be sent to the KISD Legal Team for further review and recommendations. Tricia encouraged current members to begin thinking about people who may be good candidates for next year's SHAC and to consider positions as officers for the upcoming year.

Janiel Werner provided information about Casey's Kids Fun Run which will be held virtually this year from March 27th - April 3rd. Information may be found at the Keller ISD website.

Future SHAC meeting dates: April 15, 2021. All meetings will be held by Zoom from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. by Tricia Atzger-John, RN.