

## **School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**5/14/2024**

*Virtual*

In attendance: Kelsie Bednarz, Kelly Clark, Chris Conway, Wendy Duemmler, Dr. Lashenna Gaines, Kasha Giddins, Denise Lamar, Amy McAteer-Jones, Dan McCloskey, Jarrod McCraw, Christina Neal, Wendy Nielsen, Dylan Stamey, Stephanie Starr, Susannah Stone-Gill, Maegan Trull, Charlee Williams

Approval of Minutes from meeting 3/12/2024. Motion Dan McCloskey, Second Chris Conway  
Approved

#### **Goal 1 Community Collaborative regarding Drug/Tobacco Vaping and Substance Use Disorder**

-No new updates

#### **Goal 2- Establish and strengthen mental health support for UCPS student population. Goals to increase Mental Health Therapists, Social Workers, and expand teletherapy, and crisis response team efforts**

-Christina Neal from the Behavioral Health Collaborative stated she has 5 vacancies she is trying to fill. One of the positions they have been trying to fill since September 2023. They are working hard to fill the positions but anticipate they may not be fully staffed for the start of the 2024 school year. Open positions include 1 School social worker and 4 Behavioral Health Therapist.

#### **Open Discussion**

- **Susannah Stone-Gill** stated they are seeing an increase in Pertussis in the county as well as chicken pox. She stated to please call the Communicable Disease department at the UCHD with questions. The health department is working on walk in clinics for beginning of next school year to help vaccinate students prior to the exclusion date in September as well as perhaps one on the exclusion date and one day after. Susannah stated they are seeing an increase in Russian and Ukrainian speaking population and they are currently working on getting translators at the HD to assist these families in navigating the HD.
- **Amy McAteer-Jones** discussed that the Parent Bill of Rights removing puberty education from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to 5<sup>th</sup> for girls is unfortunate. Many girls get their period and go through body changes prior to or in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. 5th grade is late in the process for this education for girls. Amy asked if anything could be done about this. Jarrod McCraw responded that UCPS would have to work with our legal department to express concerns to our legislators. Parent Bill of Rights is a federal law and it is not decided at the local level.
- **Wendy Nielsen** UCPS has 15 nurses that we will lose on June 12<sup>th</sup> due to ESSER funding going away. We are trying to hire on some of these nurses into current open nursing positions. Nurse staffing for the 24/25 school year we will be reverting back to the 2019 model of shared schools amongst nurses. Most elementary school nurses will be assigned 2 schools. We are anticipating a transition period as we change to new assignments.
- **Stephanie Starr** Many students are still disturbed about the recent incident regarding a gun being found at Marvin High. Stephanie asked how UCPS makes sure students mental health is ok after an incident like this? Kasha G responded that each incident is unique and there is no universal type response. Student have access to the school counselors and should reach out to their counselor. Parents can also request additional help from the school for their child if needed. Law enforcement presence is also increased on campus during an incident like this.

Mr. Stamey stated Student support does a good job during these types of incidents and the team can come to the school for extra support when needed. Students need to go to a trusted adult and can utilize the See Something Say Something app as well. Kasha advised Stephanie if parents are reaching out to her please ask them to reach out to their School's counselor.

- **Denise Lamar** UCPS has 17 schools where all students get to eat breakfast and lunch free. We will get to keep this in place for next school year. UCPS also will have summer feeding sites. Monroe Middle will have meals starting June 15<sup>th</sup>. The student is required to eat at the school. Marshville and Rocky River will pilot a curb side (parents can drive through and pick the food up) service this summer for two weeks.

First SHAC meeting of 24/25 year will be held in person at the PDC on 9/17/2024.