

February 2019 SHAC Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2019

Austin ISD Board Room

In attendance

Sarah Bentley - Chair	Shechem Sauls
Rachel Guzman - Co-Chair	Stephanie Hawkins
Nekosi Nelson - Vice Chair	Kathy Ryan
Julia Hoke - Secretary	Stephanie Hawkins
Vivian Ballard - Past Co-Chair; Health Ed Co-Chair	Ian Gomez
Jennifer Cozzalino - Health Ed Co-Chair	Ryan Cengel
Hugh Simmons - Social Services/SEL Chair	Sruthi Ilangovan
Michelle Smith - Physical Ed Co-Chair	Lila Valencia
Gena McKinley - Physical Ed Co-Chair	Rachel Catignola
Larry Chauvin - Staff Wellness Co-Chair	Caryl Ayala
Andrew Wiggins	Paola Figan
Ronda Rutledge	Jason Schafer
Fernanda Santos	Chelsea Miller
Toni Rayner	Isabel Lopez
Cynthia Soliz	Rynna Gentry
Sarah Baker	Alan Washington
Tim Ruttan	Angelica Benton-Moline
Jackie Platt	Alessandra Beavers
Susanne Kerns	Sara Reeves
Jennifer Ruiz	Wen Nbuen
Mandy Carpenter	Larry Schaub
Elizabeth Jacobs	Carla Laos
Jewel Mullen	Scott Resendez
Dolly Lambdin	Lulu Bautista
AISD Staff	Matt Shead
Tracy Spinner	Jennifer Pollard Ruiz
Michele Rusnak	Katie Wolfe
Loree LaChance	Sarah Wheat
	Leigh Ann Jensen

6:34pm Call to Order Sarah Bentley, Chair (and reading of Mary Oliver poem)

6:35pm Introductions and recognition of guests

- Introduction of SHAC members
- Phillip Huang, Health Authority Medical Director
- Sruthi Ilangoan, LASA Student, Health Through Science

6:41p Community communications

- Phil Cannata provided public comment
- Lila Valencia provided public comment
- Rachel Castignoli provided public comment
- Caryl Ayala provided public comment
- Matt Shead provided public comment

6:52p Items from members (brief announcements, suggestions for future topics, etc.)

Shruthi – LASA student – Health Through Science (HTS), organization that promotes health living through visits to district campuses

- Asking for judges for Austin Energy Regional Science Fair

6:54p Reading and approval of minutes

- Toni R. made a minor correction

Minutes stand as written

7:00p Fast Track Cities

Phillip Huang, MD, MPH, City of Austin, Austin Public Health

- Presented information on HIV Infections and Deaths in Travis County
 - Deaths increased until 1995 with the introduction of antiretrovirals
 - People are living longer with HIV so number of people living with HIV is increasing
 - Death rate has leveled off
- Fast Track Cities Goals
 - Getting to zero by 2030 (new cases, deaths, stigma)
 - Five additional 2020 Goals – people knowing their status, having access to antiretrovirals, etc.
- Presented on current status of Fast Track Cities 2020 goals and associated data
 - About 250 new diagnoses a year for last several years
 - 25 – 34 year olds have the highest rate of new diagnoses
 - Most common type of transmission type is men having sex with men, followed by heterosexual activity
 - Blacks/AA have the highest rate of new diagnoses

- Data regarding stage of disease at first diagnosis suggests that many individuals are acquiring HIV in adolescence
- Prevention is a huge cost-saving measure due to high lifetime cost of care

Questions and comments from the members

7:13 AISD Human Sexuality and Responsibility Update

Kathy Ryan, AISD Director of Academics – shared updated timeline for Human Sexuality and Responsibility Update (see handout)

Sarah Bentley shared updated understanding of SHAC responsibility re: Human Sexuality and Responsibility

- Section 28.004 Texas Education Code
- We vote on the recommendation of the Health Education Subcommittee tonight
- Then, our recommendation will be forwarded to Board of Trustees, which will take a vote on this matter on February 25

Vivian Ballard & Jenny Cozzolino - Presentation of Health Education Subcommittee recommendations regarding Human Sexuality and Responsibility Scope and Sequence. SHAC vote regarding adoption of Health Education Subcommittee recommendations on Human Sexuality and Responsibility Scope and Sequence. (See handouts)

- Current situation
 - Programs are outdated
 - Middle School is using an adapted version of curriculum for high school
 - Training and implementation has not been consistent

Vivian moved that the SHAC adopt the subcommittee's acceptance of HSR scope and sequence

Motion from Vivian Ballard, Second from Cynthia Soliz.

Discussion prior to SHAC Vote:

- Toni R. thanked the HE subcommittee for their work
- Discussion of decision to not include harassment and sexual abuse info until 5th grade – limited number of lessons can be taught per year (5), parent survey data suggested that some parents did not want to see these topics introduced in earlier grades, this information is taught through SEL at elementary schools.
- Discussion of consent being taught at earlier grades – Kathy Ryan provided some clarification about this concept, consent is embedded in SEL curriculum
- Sarah Bentley reminded members that these important concepts are being taught through other programs (SEL), not just as part of HSR curriculum
- Michelle Rusnak reminded members that parents can opt out of any lesson or all lessons & Vivian asked about procedure for parents' opting out
- Individual lessons cannot be posted on website due to copyright protection
- Question from member about translations of opt-out letters and whether they can be completed electronically online – pros and cons of electronic option
- Students who are opted out by parents will have additional SEL lesson during HSR lesson
- Sruthi (student) shared that she has never heard consent presented in a non-sexual context in school lessons

Vote taken - Two members opposed to proposal – no one abstained. HE subcommittee recommendations approved and will be forwarded to AISD Board of Trustees.

7:45, Committee Reports

Social-Emotional/Family Engagement Subcommittee – Hugh Simmons – goal of increasing community engagement and SHAC being more representative of AISD

- Nekosi shared that collection of demographic data (voluntary) began tonight
- Beginning practice of having SHAC meetings at campuses and invite community groups into these meetings
- Introduced idea of district reports including information that they'd like to be communicated more widely
- Next meeting at Travis High School (March 6) – Culinary Arts room – Vivian asked that meeting invite include logistical information – where the meeting is, where to enter, and where to park

7:50, District Reports

Health and Department of Health – Tracy Spinner

- continuing partnership with CommUnityCare, building out a space at Akins HS, physical and mental health services for students and community, planned to open in August;
- will be requesting supplemental funding (\$5.4M) from the state for school-based mental health center (on top of \$9.1M already received), RFP was posted yesterday (required due to amount being requested), opening up to 18 additional MH centers to add to 43 currently open, served 3000 individuals last year (how many schools had centers last year?)
- EHR development to include medication management and mental health records
- Family Resource Centers – serve neighborhoods characterized by poverty, funded by City, County, & District

Toni asked question about sustainability of funding

Student Health Services - Loree LaChance

- About 10 schools are below 90% attendance rate
- Conversation with health department and medical director about “creep” of measles – cases confirmed in other TX counties, will be sending out information sheets to families that have an vaccination exemption on file and young children who are not fully vaccinated (pre-K)
- Immunization – 2.5% have immunization exemption on file, certain areas of town have higher rates
- Immunization clinics at schools with access to care issues – no cost to students and families
- Working with DCMC to foster better transition from inpatient for children with chronic health issues

Staff Wellness – Stephanie Hawkins

- Mental Health First Aid training to increase awareness among administrators for staff who may be experiencing mental health concerns
- Biometric screenings – blood pressure, glucose, etc.
- Well-being series – mental health, nutrition, financial
- Mammo-mixers with Seton – partnering with Seton again for 2 more events (April & October)

8:07p Meeting adjourned by Sarah Bentley, Chair