

Franklin County Schools Health Advisory Council Meeting
September 14, 2007

Attending the meeting were Marla Peoples, Jama Stallings, Diana Perry, Lori Hawkins, Monty Riggs, Geoffrey Anderson, Paige Sayles, Anita Mason, Crystal Smith, and Kathy Daughtry.

This was the first meeting for the 2007-2008 school year.

Marla Peoples presented SHAC accomplishments from 2006-2007.

Monty Riggs of Safe and Drug Free Schools will attend the October 5th counselor's meeting to distribute red ribbons and banners for schools.

Tobacco-Free Policy for schools mandated on the state level. Franklin County Schools passed the policy at the August Board of Education meeting. It will take effect August 1, 2008. Tobacco-Free for workplace at state level has not passed. Possible smoking cessation classes will be provided for employees in future. Ann Williams with Five County Mental Health could offer these classes. Peoples and Riggs will meet regarding signage. Promotions will be done before August '08 so people will be aware of upcoming changes. Hawkins will do a power-point presentation at the next SHAC meeting in November regarding what another system has done to gain compliance.

Healthy Families was cancelled. At this point the Franklin County Health Department does not have a health educator so there is no representation on the SHAC.

Diana Perry was recognized as School Nurse of the Year. The SNOY award will be presented at the School Nurse Conference in October in Greensboro.

Peoples will be implementing the Yellow Ribbon Program to all sixth graders September 24th. Kathy Daughtry with Mental Health Association will be the presenter.

ASIST training (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) will be held in Rocky Mount October 30-31 for all Social Workers, School Psychologists, Nurses and Counselors who have previously attended.

A suicide assessment form has been developed and will be sent home with the parents of student. This form should be completed before the student returns to school. Lynette Fuller with Five County Mental Health can be contacted if there are any issues with assessments.

SOS (Suicide Prevention Program) will be presented to 9th graders. This program is in its fifth year. It started in the spring of '02. Has the suicide rate increased? Kathy Daughtry will gather data on suicide rate on all ages

Prevent Blindness Vision Training will be September 24th. Vision and BMI screenings will be performed in all elementary schools in October and November.

Franklin County Schools has been granted another school nurse position through School Nurse Funding Initiative funds from the General Assembly. Interviews will start next month.

Weight Watchers program is being offered at Franklinton Elementary School and possibly a second class will be offered.

Peoples will continue to implement the ASCA Model with high school counselors. Two schools updated their websites and offer information on SAT's and PSAT's etc. The hope is to expand the model middle schools next year. Counselors will be looking at target groups in need of services. Target groups indicate "LEAP" students (up-coming freshmen) and "Freshmores" (up-coming sophomores with credits to be classified as freshmen) who are struggling to make the grade. Leap Students earned high school credits

before entering high school. “Freshmores” can take courses to bring them back up to where they need to be to be sophomores.

Crystal Smith will be sending a data link called “LINC”. This link may have good data for writing grants. They have received funding for after school programs.

Farm Safety Day Camp will be at Youngsville Elementary School. Focusing on nutrition and special interest programs. Parenting Program will be continued by Heather Wrenn. Wrenn is also being trained in “Serve Safe”.

Jama Stallings – The State Legislator did not approve the Child Nutrition Financial Assistance

Will continue nutrition analysis

Still looking to hire a Child Nutrition Training Manager.

Will continue the NAC (Nutrition Advisory Council) for students. May be presented to after school programs.

Nutrition Fair will be in March '08 at Franklinton Elementary.

Monty Riggs – Working to purge chemicals in all schools. Riggs will be dispensing chemical hygiene products to schools.

Franklin County Schools is already in compliance with OSHA.

Will have Crisis Management Manual by first week in October.

Updated dress code and Student Code of Conduct.

Further Pandemic flu meetings to be held.

Riggs did Red Cross Emergency Shelter surveys at LES, RES, BMS and CCMS in the event we ever had a crisis. These schools are now designated as Red Cross Emergency shelters.

Needs input on Safe & Drug-Free Schools – gave participants handouts

Gang presentations have been offered by local agencies as well as anger management and conflict mediation by Leon Robinson.

Kathy Daughtry and Ann Williams are sitting on the Collaborative Committee. Five County launching Bullying Campaign. They would like to implement “Bully Proofing Your School” to our schools. No one has been trained.

School board attorney should be contacted regarding registered sex offenders coming onto school grounds. Do we need a policy?

Paige Sayles – Bob Yeatman will be the coordinator for Special Olympics this year. Spring games will begin March 20th, '08. Louisburg College is offering to teach basketball techniques. Good access to adults and the intellectually handicapped. Games will be held at the park in Franklinton. In the process of developing a planning committee. This is for ages 1st grade to adult. Many of the services will be donated. Sayles will keep us posted.

Lori Hawkins would like to implement Fluoride Swish Program back in the schools. FES is on board already and LMES will join this year.

Diana Perry – Questions if it is possible to have dispensers in each middle and high school classroom for handwashing? Riggs would bring it up at the principals meeting to feel out the interest.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 9th.