

Critical Health Problems (CHP)
&
Comprehensive Health Education (CHE) Advisory Committee
Aka

**School Health Advisory Committee
(SHAC)**

**April 1, 2014
1:30 – 4:30**

**Illinois State Board of Education
Alzina Building
100 N First Street
3rd Floor (V-Tel)
Springfield, Illinois**

**Illinois State Board of Education
James R Thompson Center
100 West Randolph Street,
14th Floor (V-Tel)
Chicago, Illinois**

**Illinois State University Campus
Technology Development Center
301 S. Main Street
Room# 103 D
Normal, Illinois**

I. Opening Remarks:

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Yamani Hernandez at 1:35 p.m. Yamani welcomed everyone to the Committee Meeting and went over the meeting objectives. Roll call was made and quorum was established.

II. Committee Members Present:

Yamani Hernandez, Chicago Office, V-Tel Room
Alexandra May, Chicago Office, V-Tel Room
Jeffrey Clark, Illinois State University, Normal
Sue Ickes, Illinois Association of School Boards, Normal
Linda Kimel, IL. Assoc. School Nurses, Normal
Victoria Jackson, IDPH, Springfield, V-Tel Room

Committee Members Participating by Telephone:

Glendean Sisk, DHS, (Proxy for DHS member Dan Harris)
Vince Champagne, DCFS

Committee Members Absent/Excused:

Conny Moody, IDPH
Kim Peck, DCFS
Tom Schafer, IDPH
Dan Harris, DHS

ISBE Staff Present:

Jessica Gerdes, Chicago Office, V-Tel Room
Reginald Patterson, Chicago Office, V-Tel Room

Guest Speakers Present:

Jeff Aranowski, ISBE, Chicago Office, V-Tel Room
Amanda Elliott, ISBE, Springfield Office, V-Tel Room

III. **Approval of Agenda Items and Minutes from January 2014 Meeting**

No additions or changes were made to the Agenda and it was approved.

- 1st Motion: Sue Ickes
- 2nd Motion: Victoria Jackson

The minutes from the January 2014 meeting were reviewed, changes were recommended and approved.

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IV. **Discussion and Decisions**

A. Jessica Gerdes reported on the **CDC HIV/STD Sexual Health Education project review**. Reginald Patterson (ISBE) was introduced by Jessica as the consultant assigned to help with this project. Jeff Clark asked if an RFP will be developed to hire an evaluator. The process to hire an evaluator will be “out to bid” for this project review. Linda Kimel inquired as to who is implementing this program in Alternative schools (many of these schools are understaffed) and who presents curriculum. This will be determined individually through CDC. Sue Ickes asked if each school identifies a teacher and what they represent. Jessica stated they look at state law and the definition of exemplary health education and evaluate if this is being followed. Chair Yamani requested materials be made available that are being utilized for this project. Areas in service are: East St. Louis, Elgin, Galesburg, Gillespie, Harvey, Melrose Park (which included Maywood and Broadview), Northwestern, Oak Lawn, Peoria, and Robins SD.

B. Jessica suggested the members refer to the “Public School Compliance Probe Document” (used in determining compliance) and the guidelines for the probe document emailed earlier. Yamani referred to components of CHP act and how it can be updated/adjusted and how SHAC might guide that process; what happens now and if we change CHP, how are these changes monitored and how these processes work etc.?

C. Jessica welcomed Guest speaker, **Jeff Aranowski, Principal Consultant, General Counsel Division**. He provided an overview on tracking regulatory compliance and monitoring of schools and decisions on whether schools are in compliance with state rules and/or the school code. Generally, when monitoring they stay within school code rules and implementing regulations per the school code. The CHP component is not within school code. Generally, ISBE holds compliance monitoring within school code: such as, are required courses being offered, are health life safety adequate, are teachers certified for what they teach, and graduation requirements? Every year each school district is required to apply for recognition. This process was explained in detail by Jeff Aranowski. Following Jeff’s overview, several committee members responded with their questions.

- Yamani –are they aware of compliance issues related to components of CHP? What statistics or data are available of non-compliant districts?
- Sue Ickes – Are there daily physical education requirements and are there exemptions for PE; how many minutes per day?
- Linda K. – How does physical education and recess come into play (questions related to whether recess is mandatory)
- Alexandra – districts can request waivers from allowing recess time and provisions for waivers; they can request up to 3 and last for 2 years.
- Victoria J. – she is pleased to see the number and variety of health related issues that were reviewed relative to concussions, medical in-service for handling food allergies and medicines for foods allergies, diabetic food care, etc.
- Jessica – Are school districts required to have a 504 plan for diabetic students – in law it says yes- they need a 504 plan unless parents don't want one nor had a plan in place before this law went into effect.
- Yamani – how do you interface with Office of Civil Rights (OCR) and the Dept. of Education? Do you have any recommendations to our group?

D. Jessica welcomed Guest **Amanda Elliott, Governmental Relations Division**. She provided suggestions on how to make changes to CHP – Health & physical Education that SHAC committee wants to make? Health education and physical education issues would be a good start. Changes will be coming in 2021 for health and physical education requirements. Following Amanda's overview, several committee members responded with their questions.

- Vicki – should changes/adjustments be submitted overall, individually, or as a whole? Neither one works more smoothly than the other?
- Yamani – adjust legislative issues to fix what current issues are? Legislative mandates are truly outdated.
- Jeff Clark – what changes have been enacted/attempted in last several years. Amanda stated that the Comprehensive Sex Education is always an extremely controversial subject and would be difficult to make change.
- Reginald – can we expand into other fields, what has happened to legislation in the past? Maybe know where some successes where changes have been made.
- Amanda will email Jessica legislation that has passed recently.

- Jessica – Comprehensive Sex Education – medically accurate, why was it successful? Amanda stated that debate, stories, and strategies, will make SHAC group more effective in getting legislation passed. She also stated to be clear in what changes will and will not mean.
- Yamani - should SHAC write a letter of recommendation from group or a letter of concern to legislature? Yes, Amanda agreed this would be good idea. However, Linda Kimel believes this committee needs more time to develop what the recommendations will be made. Vicki suggested that SHAC committee needs to have more discussion and study of this issue and decide what their position is/will be.

V. Jessica - Open meetings and Ethics Training Act – look for email in next couple of months.

The CDC requires this board to have an **HIV Material Review Board** – Yamani can chair this board. Also, an **Advisory group to the CDC Project** will be formed.

VI. Public Comment

There were no members of the public at any of the three locations of this meeting.

VII. Future Meetings:

A. Meetings have already been set for July and October 2014. Yamani suggested we add to the July agenda: Mapping out current health curriculum. Yamani does not feel it to be in her realm of expertise to chair this meeting. Possibly the Dept. of Public Health could assist with this. Jeff Clark will facilitate along with Jessica and Reginald on National Standards. That will be the majority of the Agenda for July 2014 meeting.

B. January/April/July/October 2015? Linda Kimel suggested we choose 2nd Tuesday of these months, everyone in agreement. Jackie will arrange for all three locations.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

- 1st motion: Jeff Clark
- 2nd motion: Alexandra May

All in favor; meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.