

Minutes

Durham School Health Advisory Committee Meeting

May 27, 2020; 12:30-2pm

Attendees: Deb Pitman, Raina Bunnag, Armeneous Dobson, Angela Teal, Mel Downey-Piper, Jim Keaten, Kimberly Monroe, Morgan Medders, Mary Jane Palmer, Teresa Dafford, Xavier Cason, David Hackney, Marissa Mortiboy, Wanda Boone, Jen Meade, AJ Ekundayo, Becky Pope

WHAT	TIME	NOTES
<p>Welcome and introductions (Mel Downey-Piper)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>Please state your:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Group you represent (eg. organization/school/parent/student) • Something you're looking forward to in Phase 2 (or when you feel safe) • Community or organizational needs due to COVID <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning for next year at DPS (re-entry and athletics), how to keep kids safe, feed them onsite or remotely - Starting summer feeding program - Feminine hygiene products to students (there are 12,000 per month being shipped to DCoDPH; community partners can also distribute) - Since DPS summer camps are getting canceled, how can direct nutrition education be provided? (This also impacts some YMCA camps.) - Emotional support to students, parents, and colleagues - Providing technology to students - Duke Office of Community Relations / Office of Durham Affairs – more funding will be available soon - Using equity more organically – really viewing everything through this because so many disparities are coming to the surface - Getting YRBS data from CDC (it's been over year) - Transferring TRY trainings to an online platform - Telemedicine is going really well (mental health) especially for young people and those with transportation barriers - Hope for NC hotline is being staffed by Alliance Health – refer community members to this statewide resource
<p>DPS Wellness Policy-3021 and 6140 update (Mel and Dr. Pitman)</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>Next steps: Dr. Pitman to bring these recommended goal statements and the policy to principals, other stakeholders and then determine when the Board of Education will vote on the updated policy.</p> <p>The policy subgroup will continue to meet to work on the Reg and Policy document.</p>

DPS response to COVID: food and academics
(Jim and David)

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Academics:

Academically, there have been three phases in terms of distribution of academic materials. There is now an extended taskforce, that also include principals, to address closing out the school year and re-entry. How will students retrieve their items? What will open house look like?

There was a question about pass/fail and whether students will be held back. Dr. Pitman will follow-up with Dr. Boone.

Athletics:

Currently, athletic workouts can begin June 15 (no contact conditioning). There's a group planning the re-entry of athletics. There will be a lot of guidelines coming from DPI, NC High School Athletic, and DHHS.

Nutrition:

DPS School Nutrition Services (SNS) served meals Monday – Friday from March 20th – April 10th. Students received two meals each day. Due to the State paid emergency sick leave, SNS was forced to shut down operations.

On April 16th, the Durham Public Schools and the Food Insight Group (FIG) joined by local restaurants, formed a coalition to continue feeding students (Durham FEAST). On April 30, 2020, the Governor extended the State emergency paid sick leave through May 29, 2020. Durham FEAST agreed to continue the feeding program through the end of May.

On June 1st, Durham FEAST will work with SNS for one week to transition meal services back to SNS in order to operate the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The SFSP will operate at the same 24 locations on the same days and same times that Durham FEAST has been serving. This will provide consistency for the families. Durham FEAST provided over 375,000 meals in the last 7 weeks.

We will also start serving seven meals per week. One day, students will receive 4 breakfasts and 4 lunches and the other day, they will receive 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches. We will only be able to serve students, no adults or family meals. DPS will be able to serve 5,600 students at 24 sites with 40% of their staff compared last summer when they served 3,600 students at 118 sites.

The SFSP is scheduled to operate through July 31st. With the limited staffing available, the limited food and supplies nationwide, and the need to provide social distancing, we will not be delivering food to community partners as we have in the past.

Assessment of the program will be on-going and changes will be announced as deemed necessary.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Wellness Summit Planning • School Wellness team (David Hackney) 	15	<p>David convened a group to discuss planning the fall wellness summit. The group set a tentative timeframe of October 2020. There could be virtual presentations and a time for schools to apply for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation awards. The group also discussed forming sub-committees for food, vendors, presenters, etc. This was planned in the past by a Wellness Coordinator, but this position does not exist right now. David invited SHAC members to join a sub-committee; he will send out a survey to see who is interested.</p> <p>This meeting was held to discuss forming school wellness teams and what they would look like at each school level. The group wants this to be a priority but since principals have so much on their plates, we may need to lean on assistant principals. The group wanted a variety of stakeholders as part of the teams including students, parents, cafeteria workers, school nurses, etc.</p> <p>Questions / Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make sure both teams also focus on mental health and well-being. - What is the update on the Wellness Coordinator -are we hiring? We are still compiling job descriptions from other counties and this group could be helpful by advocating to the BOE about the position. - Kim Monroe plans the annual Durham Health Summit and is involved in the DPS Planning group as well. Mental health does need to be included as well as virtual options. - Racism is a public health issue. Will any of these upcoming summit address this or other equity issues, including differently abled individuals? It may be important to include something that is uplifting specifically for black children. Wanda is interested in helping.
<p>Next steps Announcements</p>	10	<p>This was going to be the last full SHAC of the academic year. The group voted to have another meeting in June though. Mel will see if the coordinators are available on Wednesday, June 24.</p>