

South Hadley Public Schools
Health and Wellness Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 14, 2018

Present: , Eileen Garvey, Elizabeth Winfield, Sarah Smith, Jessica Carey, Samantha Carey, Kathy Watkins, Greg Petrosky, Dr. Dennis Rosen, Dr. Abrams, Shauna Sullivan, Cheryl Pelland-Lak, Davi Guiel, Mary Colwell (guest).

Past Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved

Report on Presentation to the School Committee (5/7/18):

Fluoride Rinse Program

- Kindergarten parent survey showed that there would be interest in some kind of fluoride program
- Eileen called the Dental State Program and they suggested an alternative program that would not require as many nurse hours as a Fluoride Rinse Program. This would be a Fluoride Varnish Program
- Fluoride Varnish Program would have a Dental Hygienist come to all the schools every 6 months. They would take care of all the paperwork. The program would serve students from Kindergarten to 12th grade and each treatment would take between 3-5 minutes.
- School Committee were concerned about an outside agency coming in and billing families through insurance.
- Decided that we need to check with school lawyers about the liability of using medical insurance

Additional Help in the School Health Offices:

- Eileen proposed to the School Committee that the Nurses at SHPS be given additional help for the upcoming school year.
- Help is needed due to the increased number of students, the increased acuity of the students and the many additional responsibilities of the nurses. Eileen was able to show these increases through information taken directly off of the SNAP program. (the computer program that the nurses use for documentation)

AEDs:

- It is now required by law that every team sport have access to an AED during games and practices.
- This will require that the school system purchase at least 3 new AEDs.

- Looking to help pay for this equipment through grants and KEV's association.
- We may also be able to get help from the athletic budget.
- Many of the AEDs that we already have are older and past their life expectancy, which could be a liability for the school.
- \$39,000 to replace them all.

Next Year Focus/Projects:

1. Varnish Program
2. Condom Availability in the high school
3. Need for additional sexual health educational opportunities
4. Parent Education Forums
5. Have Officer Fleming come to meeting in the fall to talk about sexting

Next Meeting: October 15, 2018