

03/28/2022

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Allen Ritchie .

2. Welcome and Introductions

The group was welcomed and participants introduced themselves.

3. REVIEW MINUTES

Minutes approved.

4. REPORTS

a. Unbound Presentation-

Unbound Houston is a non-profit organization that supports survivors and resources our community to fight human trafficking in three primary ways: prevention and awareness, professional training, and survivor advocacy in the Greater Houston Area. They are an anti-trafficking agency. When a survivor has been picked up by law enforcement, a team goes out to meet with survivors and are on scene within 90 minutes. They also do long-term case management.

Brie Stranberg gave an overview of the Human Trafficking program designed for 5th-12th grades. They believe youth are the solution to end human trafficking because youth are the ones who see it first, are in the best place to identify it and unfortunately, the largest target. Unbound wants to bring advocacy to students to keep them and their peers safe. Unbound has created a new curriculum called Sentinels. It is meant to be a really easy tool for teachers across Texas to use in the classroom.

The committee watched the first of five video series that would be shown to students. Each video highlights a different aspect that students need to know about human trafficking. The curriculum also has a teacher workbook and a student workbook to go along with the videos. Input from the committee was positive but felt like 5th grade is too young. B. Stranberg informed the group that research shows minors being pulled into trafficking by middle or junior high in some cases.

The program is designed for teachers to implement the program and the lessons are designed to fit within the typical classroom. This curriculum is designed to educate and empower. BISD has partnered with Unbound Houston in the past to bring assemblies to students. A. Jasso explained that as of December 2021, Senate Bill 9 requires parents to “opt in” rather than “opt out” of Dating Violence, Child Abuse, Human Trafficking instruction. This presentation to SHAC is the

first step in the process of implementing the program in schools. If SHAC decides to approve the program, it will then go to the board for approval.

SHAC is now charged with reviewing the next four videos by going to the Unbound Houston website and requesting access to the Sentinels Curriculum, watching the videos and be able to provide feedback at the next SHAC meeting. TEA recognizes Unbound and there is a high need. Things to consider: what will it look like on a campus, what grade level is it most appropriate for, etc.? This curriculum is available for anyone to view after requesting access.

b. COVID Update-

M. James reported zero student COVID-19 cases. The COVID-19 Dashboard shows 2 employees out with COVID. Testing continues but is minimal.

c. Updates from BISD Students-

Brazoswood Stuco- Bwood had another blood drive last week surpassing previous drives with 124 successful donors. This week is National Red Sand in the Cracks Week which brings awareness to Human Trafficking. When people notice the red sand, hopefully they will look it up which will bring awareness to Human Trafficking. The red sand symbolizes victims that have fallen into the cracks. Informational videos will be shown in Pride Time, wrist bands will be worn, and asking everyone to wear blue on Friday because that is the National Human Trafficking Awareness color.

Brazosport PALS- May is Mental Health Awareness month. There will be activities and the Mental Health Mile throughout the month of May. Bport has a Mental Health room called The Wheel House on campus that has “circles” where students can talk about mental health issues in their lives. Another organization, Bring Change to Mind, a National Organization, is where students are educated on Mental Health focusing on the definition and what does Mental Health mean. There is also an All Boys Club assisted by a campus administrator this year which gives boys the opportunity to open up about certain topics they may not feel comfortable talking about. A color run is being organized and will raise money for both Brazosport High School Stuco and PALS.

6. ADJOURNMENT- 4:55p.m.

