



**School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)**  
**Community Meeting Minutes**  
 Florida Department of Health in Seminole County  
 Thursday, April 20, 2023  
 Auditorium/Virtual Microsoft Teams

***Purpose:*** SHAC’s Mission- To facilitate the partnership between our community partners, schools, parents, health & business leaders and promote the implementation of a comprehensive school health approach.

***ATTENDEES:*** Elizabeth Cruz, Ethel Smith, Stephanie Jackson, Victor Reyes, Gladys Fernando, Leticia De Jesus-Ulate, Alice Gibson, Ericka Vazquez, Debbie Marhee, Karlene Cardona, Enid Santiago, Jeannette Maldonado, Anne Packham, Shiney Jacob, Von Nguyen, Mary Lane, Douglas Abreu, Kelly Davis, Richard Miles, Melissa Williams, Cassandra Palmer, Mirna Chamorro, Kymberli Dawson, Patricia Reda, Melanie Santiago, Patricia Whites, Sarah Wright, Tommye Brown, Viergesilendie Utile, Luz Gonzalez-Tejada, Mike Weitermann, Gigi Rivadeneyra.

Topic	Discussion/Speaker	Action Item/Notes/Deliverable Date
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<b>Sign IN/Call to Order</b>  <b>Co-Chairs:</b> <b>Michael Weitermann, BSN, RN, CCRN- Health Services Coordinator, Seminole County Public Schools</b> <b>Gloria ‘Gigi’ Rivadeneyra, MS– School Health &amp; PYD program Manager- Florida Department of Health Seminole County</b> Gigi and Mike welcomed SHAC members and called for review of the minutes. She also reminded us that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.	Minutes reviewed. No edits requested. Edits and updates may be shared via e-mail to <a href="mailto:gloria.rivadeneyra@flhealth.gov">gloria.rivadeneyra@flhealth.gov</a>
<b>Guest Presenters</b>	<b>DOH-Seminole Dental Sealants Program Updates- Lilia Koenig, Dental Hygienist, Dental Program, DOH-Seminole</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purpose of School Base Sealant program is to provide preventive services through the application of dental sealants in students from 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades in 12 Tittle elementary schools in Seminole County.</li> <li>Services include includes checking for cavities, fillings, and assessing the need of some other dental treatments.</li> <li>The program offers the services at the schools, each school year they arrange dates with the schools that do not interfere with their schedule. Consents are distributed to parents</li> </ul>	Lilia Koenig Dental Hygienist, Dental Program, DOH-Seminole <a href="mailto:lilia.koenig@flhealth.gov">lilia.koenig@flhealth.gov</a> (407) 665-3346


in the school and completed consents are collected and reviewed prior to screening date. Only those students whose parent's consented are screened

- On the day of the screening, a licensed dental hygienist screens the student's teeth, cleans them, places the sealants, performs fluoride varnish treatment, and delivers oral hygiene instructions. Results are also noted in a report for each child to take home and not shared with anyone else. Dental sealants are thin, liquid coating painted to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth (premolars and molars) intended to prevent tooth decay. Once applied, the dental professional cures and hardens the sealant material to shield and protect the teeth from harmful cavity-causing bacteria.
- Oral health care needs are the most common unmet health care need, because most families can't afford it. Children without insurance are 6 times more likely to have dental health issues compared to those who have private insurance, and 4 times as likely as children with Medicaid or other public insurance. Low-income children are also 20% less likely to have sealants and twice as likely to have untreated cavities, compared to higher-income children. A North Carolina study showed that children with oral pain were 3 times more likely to miss school. Untreated cavities can also cause pain, infections, and problems eating, speaking, self-esteem, and learning.
- Sealants are low-cost way to prevent cavities, they required less invasive treatment, and low-income students can get the most benefit from it.

**DOH-Seminole Florida Healthy Babies- Ericka Vazquez, Human Services Specialist, Florida Healthy Babies, DOH-Seminole**

- Florida Healthy Babies is a Florida Department of Health statewide initiative. The goal of this program is to positively influence social determinants of health and reduce racial disparities in infant mortality.
- This initiative engages Florida's 67 county health departments as well as other public and private sectors to identify, evaluate, prioritize, and address health disparities with evidence-based interventions.
- The Florida Healthy Babies focuses on impacting the following areas: Infant Mortality, Tobacco and Moms, Maternal and Child-Health, and Maternal and Child Health-Teen Pregnancy.
- To address infant mortality, the Florida Healthy Babies program in Seminole County serves approximately 150 daycares registered with the Early Learning Coalition. The program surveys daycares to find out if the daycares would like them to provide any additional resources or participate in public health observances with them.
- Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) is one of the major causes of infant mortality. The

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	<p>program staff provides safe sleep education by setting up safe sleep displays in the registered daycares which include a safety approved crib, proper mattress, tight sheet, no blankets in the crib, and a baby laying on its back. This display stays in the daycares for approximately a month for parents to see and learn what a safe environment for babies should look like.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The program also addresses breastfeeding by surveying registered daycares to identify if they have breastfeeding friendly policies in place and connects those who don't DOH-Seminole WIC Program to help them establish a policy.</li> <li>• Another initiative promoted by the program is Count the Kicks which is a campaign that educates on tracking fetal movements in the third trimester.</li> <li>• The program also provides education about smoking and vaping during pregnancy and the dangers of it, third hand smoking and how it affects infants and children. For families who want to quit smoking, the Healthy Babies Program refers them to Tobacco Free Florida where they can provide coaching, education, and other resources to help them quit.</li> <li>• To address Maternal and Child Health-Socioeconomic factors, the program provides community education on the following areas: drowning prevention, car seat safety, child abuse prevention, and shaken baby syndrome.</li> <li>• The Reading 4 Health campaign focuses on daycares and Title I schools and provides books for parents to help build their child's literacy.</li> <li>• To address the Maternal and Child Health-Teen Pregnancy, the program staff builds relationships with guidance counselors. When there is a pregnant student, the program visits the student with parental permission, connects the student to the Healthy Start Coalition, checks in quarterly, and makes sure the teen parent is following up with their care.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Round Robin</b> <b>&amp;</b> <b>Closing</b> <b>Remarks</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gigi reminded SHAC members to complete the survey at the end of the meeting to provide feedback on this past year's meetings.</li> <li>• Stephanie Jackson shared their program recently launched an Immunization Portal to expedite access to vaccination and school required forms. The portal allows parents to enter their children vaccine histories and required information ahead of time and reduces client wait time. Clients will be contacted when the immunizations department has forms ready for pick-up or to schedule their vaccination appointment. Flyers were also created with a QR code and a phone number, and with the portal information to distribute to clients.</li> <li>• Stephanie also shared that the Family Planning program needs volunteers who are not DOH employees to review educational materials provided to clients. Please contact Stephanie if interested in volunteering.</li> </ul>	<p>QR to SHAC survey:</p>  <p><a href="mailto:Stephanie.jackson@flhealth.gov">Stephanie.jackson@flhealth.gov</a></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anne Packham shared that all extensions of Medicaid that were implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic will come to an end in the month of May 2023. People who were previously qualified for Medicaid will receive letters from the Department of Children and Families stating whether they still qualify for Medicaid. If DCF has information on file that their income hasn't changed, that their family size hasn't changed, they will be qualified immediately. This group of people whose DCF has their information only makes 25%, the others will have to send the required information via their Florida ACCESS account, and if they don't, they may lose their Medicaid coverage by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Clients should have their information up to date on their Florida ACCESS account to continue with the Medicaid Coverage.</li> <li>• Gigi announced the Fatherhood Program and shared flyers for this program.</li> <li>• Upcoming family events for the month of April and flyers were also shared.</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">*Upcoming SHAC dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Thursday, September 21, 2023</li> <li>➤ Thursday, November 16, 2023</li> <li>➤ Thursday, February 22, 2024</li> <li>➤ Thursday, April 18, 2024</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Please submit any speaker suggestion for future SHAC meetings to Gigi Rivadeneyra</i>  <a href="mailto:gloria.rivadeneyra@flhealth.gov">gloria.rivadeneyra@flhealth.gov</a></p>
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	<b>3:45pm</b>	