

# School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)

## Community Meeting Minutes

Florida Department of Health in Seminole County

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Hybrid Live at DOH-Auditorium, Sanford and via 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:** *Latasha Scott, Alfredo Maldonado-Lebron, Britney Brooks, Gladys Fernando, Deloris Hunter, Cara Koller, Cindy Johnston, Karen Clark, Valarie James, Rosemary Roldan, Jennifer Gomez, Gary Jenkins, Terra Miranda, Kristine Kraus, Mary Hess, Kelly Rogers, Felicia Santiago, Gigi Rivadeneyra, Felix Hoy, Leticia DeJesusUlate, Keisha Nauth, Patricia Mondragon, Danielle Calapa, Mirna Chamorro, Leslie Grubl, Sebastian Ulate, Alice Gibson, Lidia Galeas, Grace Thompson, Chantel Reed, Desiree Andes, Freddy Morello, Jonathan Hays, Meghan Kirkland.*

Topic	Discussion/Speaker	Action Item/Notes
Welcome & Introductions	<b>Sign In/Call to Order</b>  <b>Co-Chairs:</b> <b>'Gigi' Rivadeneyra, MS– School Health &amp; PYD program Manager- Florida Department of Health Seminole County</b> <b>Danielle Calapa, BSN, RN- Medical Health Services Coordinator, Seminole County Public Schools</b>	
Review of minutes	Previous SHAC meeting minutes reviewed. Previous meetings are posted on DOH Website: <a href="http://seminole.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/school-health/index.html">http://seminole.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/school-health/index.html</a>  <u>Opening Remarks-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gigi opened up SHAC stating <b>Diabetes Awareness Month</b> is during the month of November. An information flyer was shared explaining the differences between Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, signs, symptoms. This flyer was created as part of new state legislation efforts that require information and education about Type 1 is shared with parents through the schools for awareness and early detection.</li><li>Danielle shared a recent experience during a mandatory school clinical audit, where resources from a previous SHAC meeting's case study on diabetes were able to help a student struggling with diabetes.</li></ul>	<i>For minute edits please e-mail <a href="mailto:gloria.rivadeneyra@flhealth.gov">gloria.rivadeneyra@flhealth.gov</a></i>  <i>For information about Diabetes Type I visit: <a href="#">Type 1 Diabetes - Florida Department of Health</a> and <a href="http://www.diabetes.org">www.diabetes.org</a>.</i>



- There are many chemicals in nicotine products such as nickel, formaldehyde and thousands of other unidentified chemicals. These chemicals harms parts of the brain that support learning, mental health and impulse control.
- Millions of dollars are spent to heavily market tobacco/vape companies in the state of Florida.
- Deloris then introduced a comprehensive K-12 policy on tobacco usage and restrictions on all school grounds and events, to reinforce a healthy learning environment.
- She also identified five missing policy provisions in current Seminole County guidelines, and recommended policy groups:
  - Public Health Law Center
  - American Heart Association
  - NEOLA
  - Seminole Tobacco-Free Partnership

**DOH Case Study—Presented by Danielle Calapa**

- Quick case study which reviewed a situation about youth vaping.
- SHAC attendees had an open discussion from this case study, conferring about underlying causes of rising vaping trends especially amongst the youth, and potential prevention solutions.
- Some attendees brought up how vapes are being advertised with many different candy/fruity flavors, and aesthetically pleasing packaging that can draw the youth towards them.

**Healthy Seminole Collaboration—Presented by Patricia Mondragon Healthy Seminole Collaborative Coordinator DOH Seminole**

- Patricia provided an overview of the Healthy Seminole Collaboration initiative which aims to improve community wellness in Seminole County to become the healthiest county in Florida.
- Patricia stated that County Health Rankings and a national ranking called “Healthiest Communities” are used to measure progress towards this goal. To work towards community health improvement, factors such as chronic conditions, socioeconomic factors, mental health and substance use disorders are all crucial focal points.
- Seminole County is in the top 500 this year at the national level for healthiest counties, out of over 3,000 counties in the country.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Healthy Seminole initiative’s priority right now is to reduce stigma around suicide and increase peer support and mental health first aid.</li> </ul>	
<b>Round Robin &amp; Closing Remarks</b>	<p>Public Health Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information was shared on this year’s respiratory season, monitoring respiratory conditions such as RSV, covid and flu.</li> <li>Keisha Nauth, DOH Epidemiologist shared a rabies update. Recently, 6 rabid animals were identified in Seminole county, one lead to a school campus exposure. She highlighted the importance of making sure the youth are aware of what to do if they encounter wildlife and avoid direct contact with wild animals.</li> <li>Lidia Galeas with Seminole County Government Community Health Division, reported distribution of gun safety locks with a suicide crisis line, which she offered to anyone who has a gun. She also briefly mentioned the “Own it” initiative materials on injury and suicide prevention. She also mentioned their swim safety initiative and the availability of brochures and door alarm incentives for households to prevent childhood drowning.</li> <li>Ms. Latasha Scott, Executive Community Nursing Director for DOH-Seminole shared there have not been any updates on lifting pneumococcal and other vaccine mandates, awaiting further notice.</li> </ul> <p>Other Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction of Scout which is a new form of transportation in Seminole county to replace the bus lines. Riders may use an app called Freebie or use the phone line to schedule pickups.</li> <li>Those who use the app may receive a \$0.50 discount, with an average wait time of 30 minutes.</li> <li>This has been especially helpful for disabled and elderly populations, for more information go to scoutseminolefl.com.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Meeting(s)</b>	<p><b>Save the dates for upcoming SHAC meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026</li> <li>➤ April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026</li> </ul>	<p><i>Please submit suggestions for future SHAC meetings to Gigi at <a href="mailto:Gloria.Rivadenebra@flhealth.gov">Gloria.Rivadenebra@flhealth.gov</a></i></p>
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	3:35pm	