



School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)

Community Meeting Minutes

Florida Department of Health in Seminole County

April 17, 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: *Valerie James, Melanie Santiago, Deloris Hunter, Suzanne Leibkuchler, Keisha Nauth, Danielle Calapa, Kari Brown, Leticia DeJesus-Ulate, Gigi Rivadeneyra, Michael Weitermann, Alice Gibson, Katie Murphy, Dezmond Brinson, Von Nguyen, Patricia Reda, Jerry Hakins, Mya Russi-Oliver, Rebecca Eiland, Shelby Maddox, Rosemary Roldan, Heather Haskett, Maria Thomas, Marcos Rivera, Mary Hess, Mayra Aristud Torres, Valarie James, Desiree Andes, Melanie Santiago, Caryn M. Hinrichs.*

Topic	Discussion/Speaker	Action Item/Notes
Welcome & Introductions Review of minutes	Sign In/Call to Order Co-Chairs: <i>Michael Weitermann, BSN, RN, CCRN- Health Services Coordinator, Seminole County Public Schools and Gloria 'Gigi' Rivadeneyra, MS– School Health & PYD program Manager- Florida Department of Health Seminole County</i> Michael and Gigi welcomed SHAC members. Introductions of new members. Review of minutes. Members were also encouraged to review the SHAC membership resource inventory and add their names to the Whole School, Child and Community to component that aligned best for them. April Is Hot Car Death Prevention Health Month - Heat Related Deaths are Preventable; Look Before you Lock - Gigi reminded members that April is Hot Car Death Prevention Month and Look Before you Lock is a campaign to bring awareness to vehicular heat stroke deaths among children, pets, and other vulnerable populations, including seniors. Members were encouraged to share this information, and materials shared at the meeting with families and community.	<i>Minutes reviewed. For edits, please e-mail</i> gloria.rivadeneyra@flhealth.gov Previous SHAC meeting minutes posted on DOH Website: http://seminole.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/school-health/index.html

Icebreaker	<i>A Word of Thanks-Gigi Rivadeneyra</i> A reflection activity was facilitated, asking members to think about last school year's accomplishments through SHAC and share an appreciation message for a member. Messages were exchanged as a way to acknowledge accomplishments from the committee.	
Guest Presenters	<i>Drug Demand Reduction Outreach (DDRO) – Lieutenant Mya C. Russi Oliver, FC, Florida Army National Guard.</i> - The National Guard's Counter Drug Program covers 11 counties in Florida. The program offers drug demand reduction outreach, free training for local law enforcement agencies. They partner with DEA, Civil operation side, Central Florida MAD, YMCA and Poison Control Center. - They also conduct environmental scans of stores marketing tobacco products to youth. - They offer interactive workshops for youth on how alcohol, tobacco, vaping and illicit drugs affect the body. - Workshops are offered throughout Florida. The presentation 50-60 minutes, educating risk factors, on drug and alcohol consumption. - They are looking to expand into more schools and youth serving sites. <i>The Sharing Center Services - Marcos Rivera – Client Services Case Manager, Sharing Center</i> - The Sharing Center is a non-profit organization with a mission to help individuals overcome their time of need and regain stability with dignity and respect, by connecting them to basic services and resources. - The Oasis Program provide showers in facilities, fresh clothing, 9-1pm, laundry service, showers, fresh meals, medical assistant, food pantry 9-12pm for individuals in need and who do not have a home. - Project RISE helps to prepare individuals for employment by helping them update their resume, providing workforce/financial training, jobs skills, job placement, help with criminal backgrounds to be expunged, GED classes and help with other trainings such	<i>Mya C. Russi-Oliver</i> 1LT, FC, FLARNG Drug Demand Reduction Outreach (DDRO) East Central Florida OIC <i>M-Day: XO, 1153rd FI CO</i> <i>Work Mobile: (813) 786-5099</i> <i>Email: mya.c.russi-oliver.mil@army.mil</i> <i>Marcos Rivera</i> <i>Client Services</i> <i>The Sharing Center</i> <i>Live United Village</i> <i>600 N. Highway 17-92, Suite 130</i> <i>Longwood, FL 32750</i> <i>(407)260-9155</i> <i>inquiry@thesharingcenter.org</i>

SHAC Engagement	as truck driver classes and license. Clients may also receive assistance with rent and water bills. They also provide vouchers from their thrift store, for clients who need clothing for up to \$100. - Over the past year more than 51,000 individuals received assistance from the Sharing Center, 2.4 million pounds of food was distributed to 400,500 food insecure individuals, and 395,000 clients received financial assistance. Tobacco Free Florida and Seminole County – Deloris Hunter – Tobacco Policy Manager, Civcom - Menthol is chemical flavor in cigarettes that leads to harmful health effects, including increasing lung disease, addiction rates and mortality rates. Its use also leads to public health disparities. Understanding the dangers of menthol is crucial in addressing the long-term consequences of menthol. - A recent study found menthol cigarettes were responsible for 10.1 million new smokers from 1980 to 2018. 3 million life years lost and 378,000 premature deaths. 37% of all cigarettes sold in the United States contain menthol. Reducing this category would significantly lower the nation's overall smoking rate. - The US Food and Drug Administration estimates the removal of menthol cigarettes would save between 324,000 and 654,000 lives over the next 40 years. Health studies estimate a 15% reduction in the smoking rate over the next 40 years if menthol cigarettes were no longer available in the United States. - Tobacco Free Florida offers support and resource to help individuals quit smoking or vaping, including free nicotine patches. - More than 295,000 Floridan's have successfully quit tobacco using tobacco free. Florida's Quit Your Way tools and services. Case Study-Mike Weitermann - A case study was presented involving an increase in oral health issues among	Deloris Hunter Tobacco Policy Manager 321.391.2285 deloris@Civcom.com
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	students in grades 2 and 3. ○ SHAC members discussed several question related to the scenario, including contributing factors, the effects of poor oral hygiene in school performance, prevention activities, how nutrition habits are connected to the issue and possible community resources. ○ Some ideas included having tooth brushes available in classrooms, educating parents as well on the importance of good oral hygiene, providing information during back to school events, involving the PTA for support, having incentive items like stickers to motivate youth to brush and ensuring that efforts are not duplicated.	
Round Robin & Closing Remarks	Round Robin: ○ Rebecca shared Seminole County Government continues to promote drowning prevention awareness. Gigi shared also that information resources. ○ Leslie shared updates regarding fluoride.	
Next Meeting(s)	Save the dates for upcoming SHAC meetings: ➤ September 18,2025 ➤ November 13,2025 ➤ February 19,2026 ➤ April 16.2026	<i>Please submit suggestions for future SHAC meetings to Gigi at Gloria.Rivadeneyra@flhealth.gov</i>