

## Alachua County SHAC Meeting Minutes

3/12/25

### Attendants:

Johnnelly Green	Grace Johns
Melissa Gentry	Gary Pigott
Randell Doty	Kathleen Ryan
Christina Edwards	LaTroy Strappy
Paul Myers	
Kourtney Oliver	

Meeting began 10:00AM on Google Meets

Introduction – Johnnelly Green

- New member – Dr. Sarah Rockwell, Member of the School Board of Alachua County. Unable to attend today.
- Review from last meeting - Short-acting bronchodilator use by school personnel – per FS 1002.20, school nurses and trained school personnel may now administer a stock short-acting bronchodilator (rescue inhaler) to a student or staff member whom they deem to be in respiratory distress, whether or not the student/staff member is diagnosed with asthma. Our current standing order for short-acting bronchodilator has been amended to reflect this, shared with members.

### Health & Dental Screenings in the Schools –

- Legislative update: Based on directive from the school district as derived from Florida Statute, Alachua County school district requires active signed parental consent for all health screenings, as well as medical management of chronic health conditions and development of nursing care plans by the school Registered Nurse. In the past two years, there has been a significant decline in the number of students that the school nurse is able to screen. School districts throughout Florida are divided on how they perform their screenings, some “opt-in” and some “opt-out”. Data presented from this school year’s health screenings (24-25) shows 37% of applicable students have been screened. Members of the UF Dental team attended a legislative session in Tallahassee to present a bill that would clarify language for all school districts. Bill is H219/SB370 and is currently being reviewed in the House.  
<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2025/219/ByCategory#:~:text=HB%20219%3A%20Health%20Screenings%20For%20K%2D12%20Students&text=Health%20Screenings%20For%20K%2D12%20Students%3B%20Authorizes%20specified%20screening%20services,parents%20are%20given%20specified%20opportunities.>
  - o Paul Myers stated this could be directly correlated with the decrease in Flu Mist consent return rates, and would like to look at the two data sets closely. States a distinction between how many forms were marked “no” versus no form returned at all could add more insight. Johnnelly stated this distinction is on the Annual Screening Report that was submitted to the state health department, but is not on the current data spreadsheet shared by Johnnelly.

### School Health Topics –

- The Health Services Department has updated its current Resources Guide for parents who need to seek assistance in the community. This guide has services available for vision, hearing, dental, physical exam, chronic conditions, financial assistance, etc. School nurses have copies of this guide and can share with parents and anyone who requests it.  
[file:///C:/Users/greenj1/Downloads/24-25%20School%20Health%20Resources%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/greenj1/Downloads/24-25%20School%20Health%20Resources%20(1).pdf)
- The Children’s Home Society (CHS) has expanded its Community School program to two additional schools, Rawlings Elementary and Metcalfe Elementary. CHS has placed a

Wellness Coordinator in each school who works with parents and the community to provide resources for students' needs. While the school can provide a resource guide (as stated above) to parents, the Wellness Coordinator in these schools can actually act as the liaison between the parent and the chosen resource, even provide transportation and financial assistance as deemed necessary.

- 30-day rule on controlled substance pharmacy labels – Johnnelly Green asked: If a nurse gives this medication on a bottle that states “30-days” and it is after the 30 days, is it considered a medication error?
  - o Randell Doty states it is not an expired medication.
  - o Kathleen Ryan states that while it is not an expired medication, it can be considered an administrative error.

The Health Services Medication Error Report was shared, and Dr. Ryan suggested that a line be added that states “Given past prescribed time frame” as an option, as that is not currently listed on the form. This would help with keeping track of how many times it happens.

Randell Doty states that writing the name of the physician that was contacted would allow for follow up with that specific physician.

- Lice Policy – The Health Services Department is currently working on updating our policy and procedure handbook, and is in discussion regarding the lice policy for the school district. Per the National Association of School Nurses (NASN), and the CDC, students should not be excluded for live lice or nits.

<https://www.nasn.org/nasn-resources/professional-practice-documents/position-statements/ps-head-lice#:~:text=It%20is%20the%20position%20of,school%20for%20nits%20and%20For>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/lice/about/head-lice.html#:~:text=CDC's%20guidance%20has%20not%20changed,treatment%20will%20kill%20crawling%20lice>.

- o Dr. Kathleen Ryan states she believes students should not be excluded from school for live lice, it is not a medication condition or a hazard.
  - o Johnnelly Green states that given the current issues the district is seeing with attendance and academic performance, we may be leaning towards a change in the policy that will allow students to remain in school, regardless of live lice or nits, with proper education to parents and resources provided as needed.
- Education to parents – Johnnelly Green stated that for next year, we will be working on a strong education push for parents particularly in the area of health screenings, but also other topics.
  - o Dr. Kathleen Ryan asked which avenues we are using for educating parents, such as the Peachjar portal. Johnnelly stated we have not used that, but will be looking into that as well as education pages on the school district website, and social media avenues.

No additional public comments or questions.

Next meeting scheduled for June 2025.