

## SHAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 29, 2021, 2:00-3:00PM

### Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order: 2:00PM

Johnnelly Green, RN stated that this meeting will hold no votes on current decisions to be made, only input will be heard from medical experts and members of the committee. A recommendation will then be made to the School Board to be voted on at the meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

Johnnelly Green, RN introduced current SHAC Members and their titles:

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| Adrienne Mott-Young, MD    | SBAC Medical Director, UF Dept of Pediatrics   |
| Johnnelly Green, RN        | SBAC Interim Health Services Supervisor  |
| Antwannique Edwards, Ph.D. | SBAC Chief of Equity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement                                    |
| Elizabeth Simpson          | SBAC Executive Director of ESE   |
| Prescott Cowles            | SBAC COVID Response Team   |
| Maria Eunice               | SBAC Director of Food Services   |
| Jennifer Wise              | SBAC Chief of Teaching and Learning  |
| Jennifer Taylor, LMHC      | SBAC Supervisor of School Counseling and Student Svcs  |
| Jamarr Akins               | SBAC Community Engagement Coordinator  |
| Paul Myers                 | DOH Director – Alachua County Health Dept  |
| Melissa Gentry, RN/BSN     | DOH School Health Supervisor   |
| Brad Caron                 | DOH Senior Public Health Services Manager  |
| Daniel Reed                | _____  |
| Kourtney Oliver            | DOH Administrator of Community Programs  |
| Deloris Paul, RN/MSN       | Santa Fe Assistant Professor Nursing Programs  |
| Corine January, RN         | Santa Fe Assistant Professor Nursing Programs  |
| Sally Bethart, DNP         | UF Clinical Professor, College of Nursing  |
| Olga Luaces, DMD           | UF Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Dentistry  |
| Randell Doty, Pharm.D.     | UF Clinical Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy   |
| Michael Lauzardo, MD       |  |
| Kathleen Ryan, MD          | UF Clinical Associate Professor, Dept of Pediatrics<br>Chief of Pediatric Infectious Disease |
| Lauren DePaola, LCSW       | Better Beginnings, LLC   |
| Jessica Shaw               | Parent Representative  |

Also in attendance:

Michael Haller, MD

Carmen Ward, President of ACEA

In addition, there were approximately 30 members of the community and parents in attendance in the call.

Ryan McGuire (ACHD) gave updates on current Covid cases in Alachua County, seeing a “spike” since early July. Ryan also presented charts of the same data. See Power Point attached.

Kathleen Ryan, MD stated she is seeing children admitted into the ICU currently, more than they had seen happen before.

Johnnelly Green, RN asked question to medical experts – should schools have mandated universal masking this school year?

Kathleen Ryan, MD stated yes.

Adrienne Mott-Young, MD stated yes.

Michael Haller, MD stated yes.

Laura DePaola, LCSW stated no.

Johnnelly Green, RN asked question to medical experts – per current CDC guidelines, in the case of a close contact being exposed to a positive case, where both the contact and the positive case are properly masked the entire length of time, the close contact is not required to quarantine. Should this be the same protocol in the schools?

Kathleen Ryan, MD stated no, close contact should still quarantine.

Adrienne Mott-Young, MD stated “it does not make a difference if they are masked or not, the close contact should still quarantine”.

Carmen Ward (ACEA) asked if the committee recommends that SBAC staff continue to be provided with Covid Leave pay. Dr. Mott Young said this is a hard question and one that should be presented to the Board to decide.

Johnnelly Green, RN asked a question about testing guidelines – Per current CDC guidelines, exposed close contacts (not household) will need to quarantine for 10 days from onset of symptoms, but may get tested on Day 6, and if negative, return to work/school on Day 8. Should this be the same protocol in the schools?

Kathleen Ryan, MD stated yes.

Adrienne Mott-Young stated yes.

Johnnelly Green, RN asked a question about counting of quarantine days – should the counting begin at symptom onset date, or on Covid-testing date?

Jessica Howard, RN (SBAC School Nurse and Parent) stated that as a school nurse, she believes the test date is more accurate as symptom onset date can be vague and could lead to misinformation from parents.

Adrienne Mott-Young, MD stated should be from test date.

Carmen Ward (ACEA) asked “why can’t testing be mandated? We test for Scoliosis every year”

Ryan McGuire (ACHD) stated that to this point, testing still remains optional. Students/Staff are given the option to stay out of school for the full course of the quarantine time, or get tested for possible early return.

Johnelly Green, RN asked question about household contacts – CDC does not give a definitive guideline for household contact quarantine time, but last year SBAC established a 14-day quarantine time with no option for early testing for early return.

Kathleen Ryan, MD stated that 14-day household contact should continue, with no option for early testing or early return.

Adrienne Mott-Young, MD stated the same.

Johnelly Green, RN stated that would make consistent education difficult without the option of Digital Academy, since students could then log in from home and miss little to no class time.

Johnelly Green, RN asked question – should tested students/staff that return to school early be mandated to wear masks for the rest of the 14 day period?

Adrienne Mott-Young, MD states that if there is no universal masking, that could raise issues as far as mandating some to wear a mask and not mandating others. “For now I would say no”.

Johnelly Green, RN opened the forum for questions.

Michael Haller, MD asked if SHAC will be making a recommendation to the Board, and if so, what will the recommendation be? Carmen Ward (ACEA) echoed the question.

Dr. Antwannique Edwards stated that based on the input received today by medical experts, the SHAC will present those statements to the Board, and their recommendation would be based on the collective group of opinions and if there were someone in disagreement that point would be shared as well.

It can then be stated that since most input leaned towards universal masking, that is the recommendation that will be presented to the Board.

Jessica Howard, RN (SBAC School Nurse) stated that as a parent and a school nurse, she has seen “zero” negative effects in masking elementary aged children (emphasized elementary).

Adrienne Mott-Young, MD stated that as a parent, she believes the same.

A community member/parent asked a question to Laura DePaola, LCSW – do you have any data or examples you can share from your practice of the negative effects masks have on children?

Laura DePaola, LCSW, states that she has seen cases in her practice of the negative effects, but no data or examples were presented.

Johnelly Green, RN stated that SHAC meetings will be held every other month during the school year, tentatively on the last Wednesday of each month. A date for the next meeting will follow up.

Meeting adjourned: 3:02PM