

Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Moreton Building, M-100
1100 West 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756

Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee member attendance at the October 14, 2019 meeting.

Member Name	Yes	No	Member Name	Yes	No
Carla Davis	X		Jannifer Fulbright	X	
Beth Wichman	X		Karen Schwind	X	
Cynthia Taylor	X		Louise Bethea		X
Douglas Jeffrey	X		Pooja Varshney	X	
Drew Bird	X		Theodore Freeman	X	
Erika Gonzalez-Reyes		X	Wesley Stafford	X	

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order – The meeting of the Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 14, 2019 by Dr. Carla Davis, committee chair. Dr. Davis welcomed committee members and members of the public and asked committee members and staff around the table to introduce themselves.

Mr. John Chacón, HHSC Advisory Committee Coordination Office, announced the meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Mr. Chacón conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum of the Committee was present.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of September 28, 2018 Minutes – Council Chair, Dr. Davis asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2018 meeting. Dr. Theodore Freeman moved to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2018 meeting as presented. Dr. Wesley Stafford seconded the motion. The Committee members unanimously approved the minutes by voice vote, with nine yeas, no nays and no abstentions.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion and recommendations related to Senate Bill 1827 from the 86th Legislative Session, 2019. Ms. Anita Wheeler led the discussion regarding recommendations related to Senate Bill 1827 from the 86th Legislative Session and referenced handouts entitled “Senate Bill 1827, 86th Legislative Session” and “Senate Bill 1827 Epinephrine Auto-Injector

Training Courses for General Public.” Highlights of member discussion included:

- Committee members reviewed the training courses and engaged in a prioritization exercise. Two courses were combined (“Practical Food Allergy Management: Preparedness” and “Practical Skill for Preparedness: How to Use an Epi Auto Injector”). The following courses, listed in priority order, were identified as the top three courses:
 1. Heartsaver First Aid, CPR, AED course (American Heart Association)
 2. Recognizing and Responding to Anaphylaxis (Food Allergy Research and Education Course)
 3. Practical Food Allergy Management: Preparedness and Practical Skill for Preparedness: How to Use an Epi Auto Injector (Allergy Home Course)
- The Committee recommended that if the law enforcement agency already took the American Heart Association’s Heart Saver, CPR and AED course, that would satisfy the requirement for the training. If the law enforcement agency did not take the American Heart Association course, the above-named courses were all recommended.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion and recommendations related to House Bill 2243 from the 86th Legislative Session, 2019. Ms. Anita Wheeler led the discussion regarding recommendations related to House Bill 2243 from the 86th Legislative Session and referenced handouts entitled “House Bill 2243, 86th Legislative Session” and “Recommendation Worksheet -HB 2243.” Highlights of member discussion included:

- The Committee discussed whether parents will fill their child’s asthma medication prescription if the school has unassigned asthma medication.
- The Committee discussed having the school nurse administer the unassigned asthma medication to students with asthma action plans.
- Dr. Davis stated that it will be interesting to track whether students are using their own medication or if they are relying on the school’s stock asthma medication. Ms. Wheeler stated that it is possible to create a second webpage form to track the information on the School Health webpage.
- The Committee discussed recommending a metered dose inhaler with a spacer, a nebulizer, or both.

- The Committee discussed recommending at least two doses of unassigned medication and conducting a needs assessment to determine if additional doses are needed.
- Ms. Wheeler stated that only school nurses are allowed by law to administer the asthma medication on campus.
- The Committee noted that not every school has a school nurse.
- The Committee noted that the storage of the medication should be done according to the manufacturer's guidelines.
- The Committee stated that every child with asthma should have an asthma action plan.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion and recommendations related to House Bill 1849 from the 86th Legislative Session, 2019. Ms. Anita Wheeler led the discussion regarding recommendations related to House Bill 1849 from the 86th Legislative Session, 2019 and referenced handouts entitled "House Bill 1849, 86th Legislative Session" and "Recommendation Worksheet -HB 1849." Highlights of member discussion included:

- Ms. Wheeler stated that the law is permissive and noted that there are different types of day care and child care centers. The law states that the epinephrine training must be conducted annually. Ms. Wheeler stated that the law is very similar to the higher education legislation.
- Mr. Gary Williams with Child Care Licensing discussed the child care and day care facilities.
- Dr. Ted Freeman recommended at least two doses of pediatric epinephrine and two doses of adult epinephrine.
- Ms. Wheeler suggested including an assessment if the facility has many children.
- The Committee recommended storing the medication in a secure and accessible location per the manufacturer's guidelines.
- The Committee recommended disposing of the medication in the same manner as previously discussed for the kindergarten through 12th grade rules.
- Ms. Wheeler stated that she will use similar language as the kindergarten through 12th grade rule packet. Ms. Wheeler stated that she may be able to use the same language as emergency response for these facilities.

Agenda Item 6: Discussion and recommendations related to House Bill 4260 from the 86th Legislative Session, 2019. Ms. Anita Wheeler led the discussion regarding recommendations related to House Bill 4260 from the 86th Legislative Session, 2019 and referenced handouts entitled "House Bill 4260, 86th Legislative Session" and "Recommendation Worksheet -HB 4260."

Highlights of member discussion included:

- Ms. Wheeler noted the entities identified by the legislation and that the legislation is permissive. Ms. Wheeler stated that the legislation states that the training must be conducted annually.
- Dr. Davis stated that the legislation states that at least one entity employee or volunteer must be authorized and trained to administer epinephrine.
- The Committee recommended having at least two doses of pediatric and two doses of adult epinephrine.
- The Committee recommended storing the medication in a secure and accessible location per the manufacturer's guidelines.
- The Committee recommended disposing of the medication per the manufacturer's guidelines.
- The Committee expressed concern regarding requiring someone to be onsite all hours the entity is open. There was discussion changing the "must" to a "should."

Agenda Item 7: Update from the Texas Department of State Health Services. Ms. Anita Wheeler provided an update from the Texas Department of State Health Services and referenced a handout entitled "2018-2019 Administered Epinephrine Auto-Injectors in Schools Report." Highlights of update and member discussion included:

- Ms. Wheeler provided an overview of the 2018-2019 Administration of Epinephrine report. The Committee expressed concern that several individuals who received epinephrine auto-injector administrations were not transported by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the hospital. Ms. Wheeler stated that she will review the kindergarten through 12th grade rules to see if EMS is required as a follow-up to an epinephrine auto-injector administration. Dr. Davis asked if it was possible to follow-up with those that reported and find out why they weren't transported by EMS. Ms. Wheeler stated that she will have to look into this.
- An overview of the process for higher education to submit the institution's policy in HB 476 was given to committee members.
- Ms. Wheeler provided an overview of the Higher Education Rules that will be heard by the HHS Executive Council in November 2019.
- Information was shared about expiring terms of committee members. Notification will be sent out to all members about how

to apply for positions on the committee. All committee terms expire in August 2020, except for those members in the Higher Education category. Those terms expire in 2022.

Agenda Item 8: Discussion related to Senate Bill 66, 84th Legislative Session, 2015. This item was discussed during item 7 when Ms. Wheeler provided an update on the 2018-2019 Administration of Epinephrine report.

Action Item 9: General Public Comment – Dr. Davis, Chair, asked for general public comment. There was no general public comment.

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment – Dr. Carla Davis, Chair, provided closing remarks and thanked committee members and members of the public for their attendance. Dr. Carla Davis, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

Below is the link to the archived video of the October 14, 2019 Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee meeting.

(To view and listen to the entirety of the meeting click on the link below)

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Approved: 10/16/2020