

**Texas School Health Advisory Committee
September 14, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Health and Human Services Commission**

Meeting Site:
Microsoft TEAMS Live Event

Table 1: Texas School Health Advisory Committee member attendance at the September 14, 2020 meeting

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Bajwa, Nomita	X		Naik, Neel	X	
Cabra, Nydia	X		Ostrum, Helenka	X	
Carollo, John	X		Rios, Eduardo	X	
Fudge, Barney	X		Schwind, Karen	X	
Gardner, Julie	X		Saxton, Josette	X	
Glasscock, Bena	X		Silvius, Pete	X	
Kay, Patricia	X		Surani, Zehra	X	
Kelly, Michael	X		Tyler, Mandy	X	
Mitchell, Li-Yu	X		Wheeler, Anita	X	

Agenda Item 1: Welcome/Call to Order/Introductions.

The meeting of the Texas School Health Advisory Committee (TSHAC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 14, 2020 by Mr. John Chacón of the HHSC Advisory Committee Coordination Office. Mr. Chacón presided over the meeting until Chair Saxton could join the meeting at 11:30. Mr. Chacón announced the meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and conducted the roll call of the members. A quorum of the Committee was present. Ms. Anita Wheeler provided the opening remarks to the committee, new members and members of the public. Members introduced themselves including location and category of TSHAC membership they represent.

Agenda Item 2: Election of the Presiding Officer and Assistant Presiding Officer of the TSHAC.

Mr. John Chacón provided members and attendees details of the proposed procedures for electing presiding officers of TSHAC.

Motion: Ms. Anita Wheeler moved to approve the procedures of electing presiding officers. Mr. Rios provided the second for the motion. The Committee members unanimously approved the procedures by roll call vote with sixteen approves, no disapproves, and no abstentions.

Mr. John Chacón announced the nomination of Dr. Michael Kelly for presiding officer and opened the floor for additional nominees. The floor was closed with no additional nominees and a roll call vote was conducted. The Committee members unanimously elected Dr. Kelly as the presiding officer of TSHAC with sixteen approves, no disapproves, no abstentions.

Mr. John Chacón announced the nomination of Ms. Mandy Tyler for assistant presiding officer and opened the floor for additional nominees. The floor was closed with no additional nominees and a roll call vote was conducted. The Committee members unanimously elected Ms. Tyler as the assistant presiding officer with seventeen approves, no disapproves, and no abstentions.

Agenda Item 3: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for the February 24, 2020 TSHAC Meeting.

Mr. John Chacón of the HHSC Advisory Committee Coordination Office called for a motion to approve the February 24, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion: Dr. Kelly moved to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2020 meeting as presented. Ms. Glasscock seconded the motion. Committee members unanimously approved the minutes with sixteen approves, no disapproves, no abstentions.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion related to Senate Bill 435, 86th Legislative Session 2019.

Ms. Anita Wheeler provided an update to the committee on Senate Bill 435 from the 86th legislative session regarding education related recommendations for opioid addiction, abuse and intervention and referenced a handout entitled "SB 435 Senate Bill 435, 86th Legislative Session."

Mr. Rios stated that the TSHAC should provide guidance for SHACs, and he volunteered to lead the workgroup. Dr. Zehra Surani stated that she would like to assist Mr. Rios. Ms. Glasscock stated that it would be helpful for rural schools. Dr. Patricia Kay stated that she is from a smaller school district and would appreciate the resource. Ms. Karen Schwind stated that she would like to assist on the workgroup. Ms. Wheeler stated that she would like to help with the document and asked that those that are interested in helping email Ms. Wheeler. Ms. Nydia Cabra asked for Ms. Wheeler's email address. Ms. Wheeler stated that her email address is Anita.Wheeler@dshs.texas.gov.

Agenda Item 5: Updates to the TSHAC Document Revision Schedule.

Ms. Wheeler stated that many of the documents were created for a specific need and time. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Student Consumption of Soda document was created to address a specific need, but the policy has changed. The School Bus Idling document was created before the funding for retrofitting school buses was developed. Ms. Wheeler asked the committee to review each document and see if the document is relevant. Ms. Wheeler stated that all documents are posted on the TSHAC webpages. Ms. Wheeler asked that committee members email her with their reviews. Mr. Chacón stated that they can also email SchoolHealth@dshs.texas.gov. Ms. Helenka Ostrum provided

a brief overview of the Smart Snacks policy related to the Consumption of Soda document. Dr. Nomita Bajwa stated that the TSHAC may want to promote other resources that are currently available. Ms. Wheeler stated that many of the documents were created before other resources were available. Ms. Wheeler proposed that each member review and determine if the document is obsolete. Dr. Kay stated that she works with nurses. Ms. Wheeler stated that the School Health Services Staff roles document may be useful. Mr. Rios asked if a DSHS staffer can do the research to determine if other resources are available. Ms. Wheeler stated that staff can do literature searches through the library. Ms. Wheeler will send out an email for members to complete regarding whether the TSHAC can keep, retire, or update each document.

Agenda Item 7: Updates from the Texas Education Agency, Texas Department of Agriculture, and Texas Department of State Health Services.

Mr. Chacón skipped agenda item 6 until Ms. Saxton could join the meeting. Mr. Chacón introduced Mr. Barney Fudge with the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Mr. Fudge stated that TEA is in the process of revising the Physical Education and Health Education Standards. The next step will be to incorporate edits, and then post the Standards for public comment. Mr. Fudge stated that a newsletter will be sent out with instructions on how to submit public comment. Mr. Fudge stated that he is working on a frequently asked questions page for bleeding control requirements. He stated that the seizure disorder rules are in development and will be posted for public comment. The physical activity requirement for school year 2020-2021 has not been waived, even though some students are participating in virtual learning. Mr. Chacón asked if there were questions for Mr. Fudge. There were no questions.

Mr. Chacón then introduced Ms. Helenka Ostrum of TDA. Ms. Ostrum noted that a lot has changed since the previous school year. She stated that fall semester meals are available for students. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has released waivers to increase flexibility. Ms. Ostrum stated that some schools are doing grab-and-go lunches. She stated that families are encouraged to contact their local school district to find out about meal options. Ms. Ostrum stated that virtual trainings, posters, and one-page informational documents are available at www.SquareMeals.org/fallresources. The webpage is updated frequently. Mr. Chacón asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Mr. Chacón then introduced Ms. Wheeler with DSHS. Ms. Wheeler stated that a new staff member was hired in March, and her name is Mary Cloud. Ms. Cloud provided a brief introduction of herself. Ms. Wheeler also stated that Ms. Rachel Wiseman was also recently hired as the new director for the Tobacco, Diabetes, and School Health Unit. Ms. Wheeler stated that there is a new school-based health center contract with Hart Independent School District (ISD). DSHS will begin a new request for applications in the spring. Ms. Wheeler stated that three rules are currently in development. The TSHAC rules are currently open for public comment. The comment period ends September 28, 2020. The asthma medication rules and epinephrine auto-injectors for other entities rules were heard at the August Health and Human Services Executive Council meeting. Ms. Wheeler stated that the school health

advisory council (SHAC) guide is in development, and it will be promoted in the *Friday Beat* once it is posted.

Agenda Item 8: Scheduling of the next TSHAC meeting and future meeting dates, including the next TSHAC meeting on Monday February 22, 2021.

Mr. Chacón stated that Ms. Crystal Beard has reserved a meeting space in February 2021. Ms. Beard stated that she reserved a room for Monday, February 22, 2021. Dr. Kay asked if the TSHAC meets twice a year. Ms. Wheeler confirmed that the TSHAC meets twice a year. Ms. Wheeler stated that the September 2021 meeting will probably take place during the second or third week.

Agenda Item 9: Future TSHAC agenda topics and priorities.

Ms. Wheeler stated that the TSHAC Document Revision Schedule will be on the next meeting's agenda. Dr. Kay stated that there is a lack of alignment between local officials, TEA, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding COVID-19. She asked if this is something that the TSHAC should discuss. Mr. Fudge stated that Dr. Kay can email TEA at disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov with her questions. Ms. Wheeler stated that the opioid education resource will also be on the next meeting's agenda.

Agenda Item 6: Update on COVID-19.

Ms. Saxton joined the meeting and stated that she was Co-Chair of the Eanes ISD SHAC, and her SHAC assisted with the extended closure of the campuses and assisted with gathering input about family needs across the campuses. Ms. Saxton stated that her SHAC has also been engaged in some equity work related to race and diversity. Ms. Saxton stated that it aligns with the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model. Ms. Saxton asked how other SHACs were providing input into COVID-19 efforts. Ms. Saxton then asked if SHACs weren't involved in COVID-19 efforts. Dr. Li-Yu Mitchell from Whitehouse ISD stated that her SHAC has not been involved with COVID-19 planning. Dr. Mitchell stated that she didn't know the SHAC could weigh in on COVID-19. Dr. Mitchell stated that she has personally been involved with COVID-19 as a physician, but not as a member of the SHAC. Ms. Saxton asked if the SHAC should be involved with the process. Ms. Saxton noted that the SHAC doesn't have any authority but can make recommendations to the school board. Dr. Mitchell stated absolutely. Dr. Mitchell stated that parents don't feel like they are involved. Dr. Mitchell stated that she is new to the SHAC and TSHAC and needs guidance. Ms. Saxton stated that SHAC involvement can increase family engagement. Dr. Bajwa noted that her school was on spring break when it closed during the school year 2019-2020. Dr. Bajwa stated that the involvement of the SHAC depends on the relationship the SHAC has with the district. Ms. Saxton stated that districts can use SHACs beyond the minimum requirements and can offer to help. Ms. Saxton asked if Mr. Fudge was available to discuss TEA, but Mr. Fudge had left the meeting. Mr. Chacón stated that Mr. Fudge provided a brief update during an earlier agenda item. Ms. Glasscock with Hereford ISD stated that her SHAC met twice after going virtual during school year 2019-2020. Ms. Glasscock stated that perhaps SHACs weren't utilized because planning for the school year occurred during the summer months. Dr. Kay stated that if the superintendent has a lot of weight and respect

for the SHAC, then the superintendent will go to the SHAC for involvement. However, if the SHAC is only seen as a requirement, then it won't carry much weight. Ms. Mandy Tyler with Education Service Center Region 20 stated that since most of the planning was done during the summer, that is probably why the SHAC wasn't used. Ms. Tyler stated that many districts wondered if a waiver would be released during 2019-2020 regarding the four-meeting requirement. Ms. Saxton stated that showing how the SHAC can help the district may be helpful. Mr. John Carollo stated that he's from a small school district and politics impacted the COVID-19 response. Mr. Carollo stated that the SHAC wasn't the appropriate place to be used during the summer because everything was changing so frequently. Ms. Saxton thanked everyone for contributing to the conversation. Ms. Saxton asked if Ms. Wheeler had anything to add from the DSHS perspective. Ms. Wheeler stated that people should visit the DSHS coronavirus website and to email the email address that Mr. Fudge provided. Ms. Saxton asked if Mr. Fudge promoted the trauma-informed care training from TEA. Mr. Fudge did not promote the training. Ms. Saxton will email the training to DSHS staff at SchoolHealth@dshs.texas.gov.

Agenda Item 10: Public Comment

Ms. Saxton asked for general public comment. Mr. Chacón provided a brief overview of the public comment protocol. Written public comment was provided by 23 individuals regarding school reopening plans and was sent to committee members prior to the meeting.

1. **Bonnie L. Knight, MSIS, Educator**, provided written comment regarding school opening plans.
2. **Margaret A. Marquez** provided written public comment regarding school reopening plans.
3. **Anthony Rosales, Educator**, provided written public comment regarding school reopening concerns.
4. **Juan Homero Hinojosa, Educator and TSTA member**, provided written public comment regarding Texas school health and safety.
5. **Sharon Skey** provided written public comment regarding school reopening.
6. **David Dearmore** provided written public comment regarding opening of schools.
7. **Anonymous** provided written public comment regarding COVID.
8. **Portia Bosse, Texas State Educators Association**, provided written public comment regarding school reopening.
9. **Anonymous** provided written public comment regarding COVID.
10. **Ann Setlow** provided written public comment regarding school reopening and COVID.
11. **Marissa Stewart, Educator**, provided written public comment regarding school reopening concerns.
12. **Victoria Bloomingdale, Educator**, provided written public comment regarding school health and safety.
13. **Kim Ihle, Retired Educator**, provided written public comment regarding school reopening.
14. **Anonymous** provided written public comment regarding reopening concerns.

15. **Mark Gutierrez, School Counselor**, provided written public comment regarding questions regarding reopening.
16. **Anonymous Educator**, provided written public comment regarding reopening concerns.
17. **Lupe Penguinlover, Educator**, provided written public comment regarding COVID and public schools.
18. **Jackie, TSTA Member**, provided written public comment regarding COVID 19 concerns.
19. **Brenda Alanis, Educator**, provided written public comment regarding return to school concerns.
20. **Laura Rabon, Retired Educator**, provided written public comment regarding ADA accommodations.
21. **Anonymous** provided written public comment regarding support for educators to stay at home.
22. **Kimberly Carroll** provided written public comment regarding school safety.
23. **Lisa Spenie, Educator**, provided written public comment regarding classroom safety.

Agenda Item 11: Adjournment

Ms. Josette Saxton, Chair, provided closing remarks and thanked committee members and members of the public for their attendance. Ms. Josette Saxton, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

Below is the link to the archived video of the September 14, 2020 Texas School Health Advisory Committee meeting that can be viewed for approximately two years from the day of the meeting.

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