## **Texas Department of State Health Services**



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To People interested in Medications for Respiratory Distress and Epinephrine Auto-Injectors in Schools and Institutions of Higher Education:

The Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee (SEAC) was created by <u>Texas Education Code</u>, <u>Section 38.202</u>, and examines and reviews the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors to a person experiencing an anaphylactic reaction, and the administration of medication for respiratory distress to a person experiencing respiratory distress on a campus of a school district, an open-enrollment charter school, a private school, or an institution of higher education. The committee is tasked with making recommendations to the commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) on:

- The storage and maintenance of epinephrine auto-injectors and medication for respiratory distress on school campuses and campuses of institutions of higher education.
- The training of school personnel and school volunteers, and of personnel and volunteers at institutions of higher education, in the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector.
- The training of school personnel and school volunteers, and of personnel and volunteers at institutions of higher education, in the administration of a medication for respiratory distress.
- A plan for:
  - One or more school personnel members or school volunteers trained in the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector to be on each campus.
  - One or more school personnel members or school volunteers trained in the administration of medication for respiratory distress to be on each school campus.
  - One or more personnel members or volunteers of an institution of higher education trained in the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector to be on each campus of an institution of higher education.
  - One or more personnel members or volunteers of an institution of higher education trained in the administration of medication for respiratory distress to be on each campus of an institution of higher education.

DSHS is currently accepting applications for membership on the SEAC for the following position:

An employee from a public junior college or public technical institute (2-year institution)

The DSHS commissioner will appoint a member to the SEAC to serve a term of four years ending August 31, 2029.

The SEAC will include key stakeholders as determined by the DSHS commissioner. To view the full composition of SEAC, please see the <a href="Stock Epinephrine Advisory">Stock Epinephrine Advisory</a> Committee website.

A member must regularly participate in SEAC meetings and may also have to participate in subcommittee meetings, projects, and presentations. Meetings will be held in Austin at least once a year or at the call of the presiding officer. Virtual attendance at SEAC meetings is allowed. Reimbursement for travel expenses to and from meetings is permitted when funds are available.

If you would like to serve on the SEAC, please complete and return the linked <u>application</u> no later than **11:59 p.m., April 25, 2025**. Please electronically submit the application and supporting documents (e.g., resumé and letter of support) online.

## Email:

## SchoolHealth@dshs.texas.gov

Subject: Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee Member Application

DSHS will notify applicants if they have been selected to serve as a member by August 2025.

For more information about SEAC visit the SEAC website at, <u>Stock Epinephrine</u> <u>Advisory Committee</u> or contact Dianna Pierson at <u>SchoolHealth@dshs.texas.gov</u>.