



## **Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee**

Texas Department of State Health Services  
Tower Building, 1100 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 607  
Austin, TX 78756  
Friday, July 28, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Members Present:**

Louise Bethea, MD  
Carla Davis, MD  
Theodore Freeman, MD  
Jannifer Fulbright, BSN, RN  
Doug Jeffrey, MD  
Wesley Stafford, MD  
Pooja Varshney, MD

#### **Members Absent:**

Drew Bird, MD  
Erika Gonzalez-Reyes, MD  
Karen Schwind, BSN, RN

#### **Staff Present:**

Crystal Beard, Texas Department of State Health Services  
Anita Wheeler, Texas Department of State Health Services

#### **Guests Present:**

Laura Colangelo, Texas Private Schools Association  
Susan Tharp, San Antonio Food Allergy Support Team

**Agenda item 1** was the call of the meeting to order and the introduction of members, guests, and staff. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Dr. Davis.

**Agenda item 2** was the approval of the agenda for the July 28, 2017 Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee. A motion was made by Dr. Freeman to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bethea and passed.

**Agenda item 3** was the approval of the minutes from the April 7, 2017 Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Bethea to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Varshney and passed.

**Agenda item 4** was the discussion and possible action regarding epinephrine auto-injector resources that will be made available on the School Health webpage in conjunction with the adoption of the epinephrine auto-injector rule. Ms. Wheeler and Dr.

Davis reviewed the list of epinephrine auto-injector resources that the committee had previously ranked and reviewed. Ms. Wheeler stated that for-profit resources may not be posted to the School Health website due to DSHS information technology (IT) policy. She will discuss this issue with IT for clarification. The SEAC tentatively decided to approve the following resources for the future epinephrine auto-injector resource webpage:

- American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology-School Tools: Allergy & Asthma
- EpiPen School Nurses Page
- Food Allergy Research and Education
- NASN Allergy & Anaphylaxis Toolkit
- A separate section that will include links to the 3 epinephrine auto-injector devices
- American Red Cross Anaphylaxis and Epinephrine Auto Injector Course
- Allergy Home
- NASBE Discussion Guide Anaphylaxis and Schools
- CDC Food Allergies in Schools
- CDC Managing Food Allergies in Schools and Early Care Education Programs
- American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology – Anaphylaxis
- CDC Food Allergies Guidelines FAQs
- How to Use Adrena-Click
- FARE Food Allergy School Guidelines by State
- Safe at School and Ready to Learn: A comprehensive policy guide
- CDC Food Allergies in Schools Toolkit
- Allergy Ready
- NASN Get Trained
- Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Connection Team- Resources for School Personnel
- NEA Health Information Network, Food Allergy Book: What Employees Need to Do
- TAAIS Education Resources

Ms. Wheeler stated that there will be a separate section that will include links to the 3 epinephrine auto-injector devices, and there will also be a separate section for parents. Some resources were removed by the SEAC due to repetition of information. Other resources were removed because they were out of date. The final resource list will be sent to the members. Screenshots of the epinephrine auto-injector resource page will be sent to the SEAC prior to publication for review. Dr. Davis suggested adding a resource that will link the community to local emergency medicals technicians/services and emergency room doctors. It was decided that the committee will keep a floating agenda item for future SEAC meetings that will address reviewing and/or updating the resources on the epinephrine auto-injector resource webpage. Dr. Stafford and Dr. Bathea both stated that they want the resource page to be helpful and user-friendly.

Ms. Wheeler reviewed a draft of a frequently asked questions document that will be posted to the resource page, prior to the adoption of the rule. A suggestion was made



by Dr. Stafford to clarify the immunity of liability response. Ms. Wheeler stated that she will work with the legal department for clarification if possible.

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. for a 5 minute break. The meeting came back into session at 11:56 a.m.

**Agenda item 5** was the update on the status of the epinephrine auto-injector rule draft. Ms. Wheeler stated that the draft was revised to include private schools, in response to Senate Bill 579 from the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. The definition for "all hours the campus is open" was also revised to set a minimum requirement of regular on-campus school hours, based on feedback from several school nurses. Dr. Stafford requested that the definition include "when school personnel are physically on site". Ms. Wheeler stated that she will add this language. After reviewing the required training section, Ms. Wheeler stated that a checklist for the training will be developed and posted to the resource webpage.

Ms. Wheeler stated that the epinephrine auto-injector rule project is currently slated for presentation at the November 30, 2017 Health and Human Services Commission Executive Council meeting. The projected effective date of the rule will be during the spring of 2018.

**Agenda item 6** was the discussion regarding future activities of the Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee. Ms. Wheeler stated that Senate Bill 1367 from the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session was signed into law and will require the appointment of 2 new members to the SEAC. The SEAC will not meet again until after the new members are appointed. Kathryn "KK" McCaslin will replace Crystal Beard as the point of contact for the SEAC. Crystal will continue to serve as the rule writer.

**Agenda item 7** was public comment. Ms. Tharp thanked the committee for the committee's work on the rule project and asked if the School Health Program could post a few helpful epinephrine auto-injector resources for public use prior to the adoption of the rule. Ms. Wheeler stated that her goal was to post several resources by mid-September.

**Agenda item 8** was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

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