

## Health and Safety District Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting

# MINUTES

Monday, March 18, 2024

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**IN-PERSON**

Assembly Bill 361 (9/2021) added section 54953(e) to the Government Code, authorizing a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act during a declared state of emergency under specific scenarios. The law remains in effect until January 1, 2024. Due to the state of emergency proclaimed by Governor Newsom in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its highly contagious variants, and as authorized by per AB 361 and SMMUSD Board of Education Resolution No. 21-08, the November Health and Safety District Advisory Committee meeting will be held virtually.

### Meeting Location:

#### Health & Safety DAC Meeting

Location: SMMUSD District Office

1717 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Santa Monica, CA 90401

Room: #118

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Members: Rachel Bressler, RN | Pat Nolan, RN - Absent (road closure) | Cecilia Soto-Loftus, MPH | Laila Taslimi | Shuli Lotan, LCSW, PPSC | Deborah Rothman - Absent | Debbie Bernstein - Absent | Michelle Jonas Sroka

Board Liaisons: Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein - Absent | Jennifer Smith

Admin Co-Chairs: Tara Brown / Dr. Mark Kelly

Student Representatives: Bibiana Peterson (SAMOHI), Terence Tejada-Gonzalez (MHS)

## **AGENDA**

### **I. Call to Order / Approval of Minutes (5 Minutes)**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

- [Approval of the Minutes from the February 26, 2024 Meeting](#)

Motion- Shuli, Second - Michelle. Minutes approved.

Introductions.

### **II. Discussion Items (60 Minutes)**

#### **Reminder of our Charges:**

- Focus on anxiety and depression, including screening and treatment in school-aged children.
- Focus on drug and alcohol treatment and addiction awareness, including responses to the fentanyl crisis.
- Focus on the Wellness Policy.
- Focus on site emergency response to crisis situations.
- Focus on best practices for handling outbreaks of communicable diseases.
- Focus on Controlled Substance Board policy and administrative regulation.
- Focus on any other issues, if directed by the board.

**Guest Speaker:** Shuli Lotan, SMMUSD Mental Health Counseling Coordinator (60 min):

#### **➤ Presentation Slides**

Tara introduced Shuli who will speak to mental health programs. Shuli shared slides (see link above). Shuli reports wished she had data on anxiety, which is the highest reported issue. Highlighted partnerships, with many providing services being students/interns. Shuli responded to various questions that she was able to speak to her experience coordinating the school-based mental health programs. She spoke to the various types of programs, resources and partnerships within the District.

In speaking about the upcoming presentation of a proposed controlled substance policy, Shuli commented on the various challenges addressing the issue and having an effective response. The group asked questions and discussed thinking regarding elements of a board policy.

### **III. Public Comments (5 Minutes) :** [Health and Safety DAC Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet 2023-2024](#)

None

#### IV. Report from Board Liaisons (15 Minutes)

- Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein (7.5min) - Absent
- Jennifer Smith (7.5min.)

Jen Smith - School board meeting on 3/20/14. Will honor JAMS for Distinguished School award. Will hear a proposal to expend remaining COVID funds. We hope everyone has a restful spring break.

#### VI. Report and Updates from SMMUSD Staff (15 Minutes)

- Rachel Bressler / Shuli Lotan / Tara Brown / Mark Kelly

Rachel - Working to update emergency kits. Nurses got trained last week. Rachel addressed changes in legislation. Area next to AEDs must have an area for emergency supplies. Example – how to pack a wound. Health Services received money to order various supplies. Hopefully there will be more training for Health Services. Have a budget to pay nurses who want to be CPR instructors, which would allow for more staff training. Training can now incorporate videos that participants can view on their own time. Need personnel to do the training.

Shuli – Will begin wrapping up school sites after spring break.

Mark – Busy. Will pass tonight.

Tara – Continuing with RJ training. Held at Level III training with 20+ participants. Four schools have trained their entire staff. Have four schools next year. Held a RJ training for Spanish-speaking parents. Had hoped for higher participation – weather did not cooperate.

Tara – Absenteeism rates going down. Opened intradistrict permit applications. Schools will do Olweus surveying in the coming weeks. Grant from LACOE allows us to have two trainers for every two sites. Working with legal partners for Section 504 training for counselors and co-administrators. Explained the general principles of Section 504 (general education). Will host training for Campus Security Officers (CSOs) at the end of the school year. Leila asked who is the “head” for CSOs. Tara shared that (for now) it is her. Leila asked if we could hear from the CSOs about their daily duties and thoughts on safety. Rachel shared that it would be interesting. Tara will add to the list of topics.

#### VI. Report from Student Representatives (10 Minutes)

- Bibiana Peterson (SAMOHI), Terence Tejada-Gonzalez (MHS)

Bibiana - Shared would like to speak with Shuli about upcoming PTA meetings. Was invited to the LACOE meeting and would love to hear more. Asked about the QR codes (Narcans information). Not sure if I can get that data. Shared awards won at Model UN.

#### VII. New Business (10 min)

- Member input
- Future agenda items: Review/Edit Please contribute topic ideas/speakers for future agendas:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RolxP1bKT-IGvFy8KGAa98L9pL8XXVhtHQh8ME2tbtg/edit?usp=sharing>

Tara shared the topics on the linked Google document.

Leila spoke to virtual participation. Mark said we need to research how we could have addressed it.

Thank you for your commitment to promote nutrition and wellness in your school community!

**VIII. Adjournment** Next meeting: **April 22, 2024 @ 7pm**

Adjourned at 9:01. Cecilia Loftus moved to adjourn the meeting.

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