



## **Health and Safety District Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting**

**Monday, October 23, 2023**

**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:**

This meeting location has been updated from Zoom to in person in compliance with reinstated Brown Act requirements.

### **Health & Safety DAC Meeting**

**Location:** SMMUSD District Office

1717 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Santa Monica, CA 90401

Room: #118

**Parking:** Please enter the driveway, stay to the right and go down into the underground parking on level P1 in visitor parking. Take the elevator up to Lobby (L) and proceed to PC testing room 118 for the meeting. You will not need to pay for parking. The code to get out of the garage after the meeting is: **5556**

**Members:** Rachel Bressler, RN | Pat Nolan, RN | Cecilia Soto-Loftus, MPH | Laila Taslimi | Shuli Lotan, LCSW, PPSC | Deborah Rothman | Michelle Jonas Sroka

**Board Liaisons:** Debbie Bernstein, Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein | Laurie Lieberman | Alicia Mignano

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

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

**Present:** Rachel Bressler, RN | Pat Nolan, RN | Cecilia Soto-Loftus, MPH | Laila Taslimi | Deborah Rothman | Debbie Bernstein | Bibiana Peterson

**Absent:** Michelle Jonas Sroka, Shuli Lotan, Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Laurie Lieberman, Alicia Mignano

### **AGENDA**

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

- Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm
  - Approval of [Health and Safety DAC Minutes 5.22.23](#)
- Minutes approved.

## II. Discussion Items (60 Minutes)

Review: [Health and Safety DAC End of the year report 2021](#), [Health and Safety DAC End of the Year Report 2022](#), [Health and Safety End of the Year Report 2023](#)

- Mrs. Brown reminded the DAC that we don't have a chair and we would like to have a co-chair
- Mark and Tara have done our best.
- Laila volunteered to serve as a co-chair. Pat shared she has been the chair, but a bit removed.
- Laila graciously accepted serving as co-chair with Mrs. Brown and Dr. Kelly
- Tara presented material from the end-of-year report, including past activities and activities that have occurred after the report was issued.
- Tara informed the DAC that the District is partnering with Hazel Health to provide students access to tele-health.
- Bibi asked if services delivered by phone or Zoom. Tara shared that there will be an online link for students to engage in online services. We are still getting things up and running. Checking to make sure technology is set-up.
- Leila asked about a feedback system.
- Tara continued to speak to actions that occurred that were shared in the end-of-year report/charges, and since the report was issued, sharing highlights from last year: mental health events, national safe supportive schools learning collaborative, covid test kits, drug counseling provider – Clare no longer providing, Family Services of Santa Monica and Boys & Girls Club and Learning Recovery (Malibu), Narcan training for staff, Wellness Policy, crisis response (e.g. CSO trainings, active shooter training, Shakeout), security assessment reports, LGBTQ training, attendance recovery day, Olweaus training, restorative justice training.
- Laila asked if the DAC can get a report out of number of students who need the required services – no sense of the volume.
- Tara shared that the Board has an interest in having students have access to Narcan. The law has not caught up and legal counsel has advised the District not to provide to minor (who can be trained to use). PTA can hold events and can distribute. DAC members shared that they want to kits to be given out to parents.
- Laila suggested that the DAC could encourage the PTAs (or PTA Ex Board President) to hold trainings, ideally before Winter Break. Bibi shared that there is a block of time each week at Samohi, which could be training time for students.
- Tara shared that she presented a sample Board policy to the Board. The Board wanted more information. Mark shared it needs to be vetted by Board leadership before being brought to the Board for the action.
- Tara shared about the active shooter training, including the challenges of doing full training for all staff (training takes six hours). Laila asked questions and expressed concern about the training being stressful to the participants. CC asked Bibi, "Do students know what to do in an active shooter training." Bibi shared that she lived the experience as a student (Edison/VAP) [SMC shooting]. Reported that her teachers handled it well and her parents believed in their teachers. She shared that in her room with lots of glass, her teacher spent a whole class period trying to figure out where to hide. Bibi shared drills are helpful and effective; has concern with new buildings.
- The topic of Santa Monica and Malibu security studies. The Malibu one was requested and facilitated by the City and is not the property of the District. The Santa Monica was more specific to Samohi.
- The group discussed attendance rates acknowledging that attendance is not up to pre-covid rates.
- District received a grant from Olweaus to have one certified trainer for every two school sites.
- Pat asked about data after several yeas of having Olweaus. There is a survey every year in ES, MS and HS.
- Tara spoke to the current staff and parent RJ training.
- Pat asked about anti-racism training. Tara shared that staff has received training on diversity, equity and inclusion training.

### Review of charges

- Charges are the same as last year. Tara asked the members to look at the charges and think about how the DAC may address the charges.
- Pat asked about whether the DAC could recommend items with a budget implication. Mark shared that we could, but recommended that it should come before June.

- See above.

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

### IV. Report from Board Liaisons (15 Minutes) – *Board members were absent from the meeting.*

- Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein (5 min.)
- Laurie Lieberman (5 min.)
- Alicia Mignano (5 min.)
  - (Written message from AM) – SMMUSD Cybersecurity week October 23 – 27. Tara read the message from Ms. Mignano.
  - Tara shared that IT is sending out a message every day with cyber-tips.
  - CC suggested sending “tests” to District employees.
  - Leila asked if Bertha Roman is alone. Tara and Mark shared that she has staff including a Senior Network Engineer and Network Engineer.

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

- Rachel Bressler / Shuli Lotan / Tara Brown / Mark Kelly
  - Rachel:
    - Covid is still around. There are still protocols.
    - PPE is still available.
    - Tracking absences.
    - Sending notice to staff.
    - Need an emergency response for new building:
      - AEDs in every floor
      - AEDs at other site locations
      - LADPH trained people in hands-only CPR (10 minutes to learn). Seeking options for continuing to do training.
    - Communicable diseases: new guidelines for exclusion, keeping child at school – will be reviewing guidelines.
    - Pat asked about RSV vaccine and recommendations.
    - Rachel responded to question about keeping up with immunizations. Rachel reported that we are continuing to work with parents about what is required.
  - Shuli:
    - Pat read update email from Shuli to the DAC.
    - Updates included: SBMH, new virtual telehealth, new fundings, clubs at high schools.
  - Mark:
    - None
  - Past about an item from May minutes: Robert Tisherman wants to bring Cert training. Pat supports that for the District.
  - CC asked that we have an update a future meeting on Olympic High School. Rachel asked “Olympic only or all its programs.” CC said, “both.”

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

- Bibiana Peterson (SAMOHI), Terence Tejada-Gonzalez (MHS)
  - Bibi did not have a report, but asked what is the District’s on fentanyl test kits.
    - District does not have a policy or practice.

### VII. New Business (10 min)

- Member input
- Future agenda items: Review/Edit [Wellness policy final draft 2016](#)

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

**VIII. Adjournment   Next meeting : November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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