



# State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

## ADOLESCENT SCHOOL HEALTH INITIATIVE COUNCIL

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**March 9, 2022**

**9:00 am to 10:30 am**

**Members Attending:** Heather Surcouf, Ashley Politz, Michael Comeaux, Alecia Cyprian, Yvette Merritt, Charlena Comyne, Jessica Haneman, Alishia Vallien, Susie Hutchinson.

**Guests:** Grady Dubose, Lakeisha Green, Faith Boudreaux, Sharonda Smith

### Call to Order /Welcome & Introductions:

- Meeting was called to order and members introduced themselves

### Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

- December 8, 2021 meeting minutes were approved without corrections.

### Role of the Council:

- Faith Boudreaux provided an overview of the council highlighting the selection of members who all have an interest in the health of children and adolescents.
- Faith also emphasized the desire for members to share their expertise with the Office of Public health to provide advice regarding the three charges of the council - implementation, oversight and funding for health centers in schools.

### Legislative Charges of the Council:

- Faith provided contextual through use of historical and current operation of health centers in schools affiliated with the Office of Public Health as a method to provide historical and current context in regard to the three legislative charges. The legislative charges are as follows:
  - Implementation – Faith provided an overview of current health services in schools based on the information shared during the December 2021 council meeting. In addition, Faith shared the impact of Medicaid expansion resulting in an increase in primary care providers. Three challenges to implementation were shared with the members: students cannot access the SBHC due to school administration restrictions, majority of visits focus on illness and advance practice providers are employed but many visits do not require someone with that level of expertise.
  - Oversight – Historical context was shared with the council which included the use of a site evaluation tool (that has not been revised in more than 20 years) during in-person site visits by OPH staff which focused on clinical operation. She also emphasized the current updated structure of oversight focusing on monitoring contract compliance, quality improvement initiatives, performance

measures and identifying “success”. The council was asked to assist OPH in determining what “success” looks like for health center in school operation.

- Funding – A historical overview regarding last competitive proposal and the lack of knowledge regarding the funding of the initial contract was shared with the group. Faith also shared the sources of funding for OPH affiliated health centers: insurance revenue, sponsor support and partial support from contracts with LCS. Council members were informed that all contracts are between LCS and the sponsoring agency, not OPH. However, the language among the community is that funding is provided by OPH. Council members were asked to consider what the LCS contracts should or could be used to support and how to allocate funds knowing that there will be some programs that may see a decrease in funding.

Council Member questions regarding the overview:

- Council members asked about a timeline to begin movement on the three charges. Faith shared a tentative timeline beginning with work group sign-up.

Council Member Share-out: – Members provided updates regarding their current work and sought opportunities for collaboration.

- Louisiana School Health Alliance worked with an advertising agency and had a You Tube video produced. The video can be found [here](#).
- Members discussed the large number of bills presented to the legislature regarding vaccinations in schools and at school events. La AAP representative provided strategies related to the various bills.
- School nurse representative informed the council that school nurses are feeling stretched very thin with the increased demands related to COVID.
- Primary Care Association has a presentation on telehealth that will be shared with OPH to share with the SBHC network.

Public Comments – there were no public comments

Next steps: – Members were informed of the next steps to begin work to establish priorities for the council to advise OPH on how to address the three charges. Short-term next steps include: development of google drive, formation of work group, update roster and work group meetings.

Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 10:54 am