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**Virtual Teams Meeting**

**June 6, 2024**

**2:00-3:00 PM**

2:00 Welcome and Introductions

2:05 Update from School District/School Health – inspection, End of year data and report, school health plan due September 16th so will review before then and present at next meeting. That is scheduled for September 5th at 2:00 PM.

2:10 AHEC update

2:15 Health Department Updates- Denise McLeod Monthly Healthy Life Flyer; mention July 25th at Murray Nelson (Key Largo). Working on flyer to be approved and will share with us and school when complete.

2:35 Monroe County Head Start Update- possibly not as school is out

2:45 Tobacco updates- Kimberly Stevens

2:55 Other updates/shares/concerns

3:00 Adjourn

Attendees: Dana Portillo (chair), Kimberly Stevens (DOH), Talley Anne Reeb (DOH), Christina Geer (AHEC), Michael Cunningham (AHEC), Cali Roberts (Womankind), Brittany Evans (Guidance Care Center), Donna Tedesco (MCSD), Christina McPherson (MCSD), Erin Williams (MCSD), Delvis Cabrera (MCSD), Marianne Finizio (CHI)

Schedule conflicts: Dr. Sue Woltanski, Denise McLeod, Jennifer Lefelar

Introduction- Expecting a shorter meeting and smaller group today as school is not in session and there are schedule conflicts.

School Health Update by Dana Portillo: State inspection done in late April for the first time since COVID. It was stressful, but there were very few findings. All findings have been addressed, policies and procedures updated, form created to pull us into compliance re: self-carry medications, and training done with my team at the end of year meeting. I have not received documentation from the state, but the hard part has been done and information will be provided when it comes in. Annual report just received today and mostly done, except for financial piece that can’t be done until July 1. Also received school health plan for 2024-2026 that will be worked on and presented at next meeting 9/5 @ 2:00 pm for approval and input.

AHEC update by Michael Cunningham- clinics continue to function over the summer from 8 -2. Dental bus has T-W-Th schedule at schools that have an active summer school schedule. Others can be seen at the main office in Marathon on Mondays and Fridays. Recommend sports physicals as possible over the summer to avoid any scheduling conflicts. Summer schedules posted on school district and on AHEC websites and social media. Dental appointments are already being made for October, November, and December. For health, if not available that day in a given area, can accommodate via telehealth.

School District update by Donna Tedesco; school recently finished so not a lot of updates. HOPE (health and PE) is in full swing at KWHS and CSHS. This overlaps with the health curriculum. Christina McPherson said they are waiting for Neola to give the most updated policy updates that will go into effect this summer. Those will be reviewed with Donna Tedesco and Dana Portillo, and then presented to this group. She also gave updates about one form for parent consent (per the Parents Bill of Rights) being cleaned up for presentation to families in August. She also mentioned the form that was created for self-carry medications and approved by legal. Dana explained that this was not a new requirement, but rather a clarification of interpretation of medical provider authorization to do so. We just pulled into further compliance as a result of our inspection.

DOH- Denise McLeod was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. She shared a flyer that will go out to the group. She also told Dana about an upcoming event July 25th at the Murray Nelson Center in Key Largo really focused on families. School supplies will be provided. Once that flyer has been approved, she will share, and I’ll push out to the team and the school district.

DOH- tobacco update by Kimberly Stevens; the presentation she prepared was not approved by Tobacco Free Florida in time to share with the group. She will plan on sharing at the next meeting, especially in regard to zoning efforts around K-12 schools she is working on.

Head Start update provided by Delvis Cabrera- she discussed continued challenge with a local provider who is issuing 680s without a signature. This is challenging as the parent isn’t doing anything wrong, but the schools will not accept them incorrectly. I asked to have her reach out to me separately for the provider so I can make contact and see if we can’t make it better. I am willing to help and issue correct 680s, but it needs to be fixed at that level. Otherwise, they are still working on enrollment.

Womankind update provided by Cali Roberts- They are doing great in Marathon. Currently there 1.5 -2 days a week. They are doing prenatal care and have about 52 women currently they are seeing. Two or three babies have now been born. Some providers from Rural Health Network took over some of the cohort who were farther along.

CHI update provided by Marianne Finizio- Still trying to open up Key Largo. The goal is to do so in September. She is really pushing the pediatrics right now as those providers are in Marathon and Tavernier. Strongly encouraging parents to get the kids in this summer.

Guidance Care Center update provided by Brittany Evans- Not something new to report, but reminding people that referrals for youth in need of mental health services or families in need of services, can be made to Brittany for enrollment in services. There is also the mobile response team available by calling 305-434-7660 option 8. That is a real live response to a crisis. Cali said they used this at Womankind recently and it was excellent.

Michael Cunningham asked about the school health wellness policies review that should happen each year. I’m not really aware of what that is, but I will look into it and follow up the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved by Talley Anne Reeb and seconded by Cali Roberts.