Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes from June 8, 2020

Virtual meeting

HAC MEMBERS:

Dr. Olayemi Osiyemi
Martha M. Rodriguez, M.D.
Anthony J. Terzo
Dr. Myriam Glemaud
Dr. Leslie Diaz
Commissioner Delvin M. Thomas
Dr. Alina Alonso

Dr. Jean Malecki
Thamarva Mitchell
Matt Willhite
Tommy Schechtmann
Anthony Barber
Stacy Volnick

STAFF:

Glenda Sheffield, Ed.D.
Keith Oswald
Ed Tierney
Mike Burke
Gonzalo LaCava
Wanda Paul
Jay Boggess

Michelle Fleming
Merris Smith, M.D.
Ofelia B. Chacon, M.D., Ph.D.
Cleopatra Ortiz
Joelle Cody
Kathleen Villavicencio

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Debra Robinson, M.D.

ABSENT:

Dr. Olayemi Osiyemi
Anthony J. Terzo
Dr. Leslie Diaz
Commissioner Delvin M. Thomas
Dr. Alina Alonso
Dr. Jean Malecki
Mike Burke

PUBLIC NON-MEMBERS:

The public has live access by phone bridge
1.01 **Commencement of Meeting** – Glenda Sheffield, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer

1.02 **Opening Statements/Welcome of Committee Members** – Donald E. Fennoy II, Ed.D., Superintendent – Overview of goals and purpose of the committee. Utilizing the expertise and perspective of the diverse group of professionals will provide a more comprehensive understanding of Covid-19. This information will be instrumental in decisions to determine processes that follow CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of students, parents and staff.

1.03 **Introduction of Committee Members** – Glenda Sheffield, Ed.D.
- Attendance Taken

1.04 **Presentation** – Jay Boggess
- **Framework for PSCSD Superintendent’s Post-COVID-19 Task Force** – The task force is comprised of four categories of experts in their field who will collaborate to address the challenges existing for the reopening of schools.
  - Care Coordination
  - Leadership
  - Quality Improvement
  - Community/Public Health
- **Reopening of Schools (Governance Structure)**

1.05 **Presentation of Survey Results** – Dr. Merris Smith
The majority of those surveyed were very concerned about the re-opening of schools. Main concerns were District’s protocols and systems that would be put into place to ensure the safety and prevention of the spread of Covid-19. Suggestions of protocols that should be followed to help insure safety.
- Increased cleaning of classrooms, high traffic areas, buses, cafeterias
- Wearing of PPE’s
- Social Distancing

1.06 **Introduction to Open Discussion** – Dr. Donald E. Fennoy II, Superintendent
Dr. Fennoy gave an overview of District statistics that will need to be taken into consideration when establishing procedures for re-opening of schools.
- 200,000 plus students
- 23,000 employees with 1,500 over age 65
- Approximately 1,000 buses in use at any given time
- 200 plus buildings to be cleaned/sanitized

1.07 **Discussion Period**
Stacy Volnick – FAU V.P. for Executive Operations/Chief of Staff
- Public Awareness Campaign Promoting a Culture of Safety
- Disinfection of high traffic areas to include libraries and shuttle buses
- Involvement of students to wipe down their area
- Social Distancing Hybrid Model
Dr. Tommy Schechtmann – Pediatric Partners – Pediatrician
- Need campaign for children to be immunized
- Every staff member encouraged to receive flu vaccine
- What to do when sick children come to school – what is the policy?
- Need to be aware of mental and physical effects returning to school has on children
- Need to address children with special needs and how we will service these children

Matt Willhite – Florida House of State – State Representative
- Policy/Protocol if student tests positive?
- Concerns for staff over age 65
- Discussion of year round school
- Do we want to utilize schools for voting precincts?

Dr. Fennoy
- The District has just purchased 2,000 thermometers, at what point during the school day do we take student temperatures? What is the best utilization of the thermometers?

Dr. Tommy Schechtmann
- Does not feel taking temperatures is our best screening tool due to our numbers as well as not necessarily being an accurate source for detecting illness.
- Community involvement with pediatricians to encourage self-reporting of illness as well as parents keeping students home that are ill home.
- Has concern with contact trace and how we will handle closures.

Dr. Martha M. Rodriguez – President/CEO – MMRHealthcare
- Agrees that taking temperatures is not useful source of detecting illness.
- Suggests holding Summer Camps with smaller numbers as test sites for safety.
- Has the District contacted large corporations such as Apple, Amazon and Microsoft to get input on handling large numbers safely. What are their procedures?

Dr. Fennoy
- We are opening up Summer camps (13 camps) as well as looking at private summer leases as a testing ground.

Tharmava Mitchell – Pediatric Program Manager – All-Metro
- What data was used to base the purchase of the masks and thermometers?

Dr. Fennoy – The number was based more on numbers being purchased across the country and making sure we would have enough available to the District.

Ofelia B. Chacon, M.D., Ph.D. – Medical Sciences Academy Teacher – P.B. County School District
- Suggests hand sanitization when leaving the bathroom, entering classrooms and cafeteria.
- Social Distancing should be practiced.
1.08 Closing Remarks - Dr. Donald E. Fennoy II, Superintendent
- District plans on making a video showing cleaning practices of buses, classrooms, etc.
- Wanda Paul and Stacy Volnick to have conversations to get more detail on FAU protocol and procedures for reopening of schools for possible utilization with District’s reopening
- Dr. Schechtmann’s point on the importance of immunizations and flu vaccine will be discussed further to identify the role of the District
- Discussion next meeting on adults returning back to work and potential mental/physical effects on them.
- Committee to formulate their own questions to share at the next meeting.

8.01 Adjourn 5:59 pm

Comments Posted on the Meeting Chat:
Matt Willhite: I don’t think we can wait a month for another meeting

Kayden Legette: I agree.

Matt Willhite: Or even some written questions and answers. Gives everyone a little more time to think about what to talk about.

Dr. Martha Rodriguez: Awareness is key to engagement.

Kayden Legette: I am sure to have more questions that we can all discuss and address.

Matt Willhite: What happens to a child if a parent doesn’t feel comfortable to send their child to school?