

Virginia State Head Start Health Advisory Committee Meeting
September 21, 2010
Hanover Dept. of Social Services
Ashland, Virginia
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Minutes

Jacqueline Wake called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

Introductions were conducted.

Marna Zok made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Katie Humphrey second the motion.

1. Reena Patel, VIIS Field Supervisor, VDH Division of Immunization

Ms. Patel visited the meeting to report on the new Virginia Immunization Information System which is a registry of childhood immunizations being given by local health departments, major health care systems, school systems (Charlottesville) and others.

-The system is continuously adding data and is focusing on children aged 0-6 years of age and participating Vaccines for Children providers (including private MDs). Participating organizations are able to update immunization information if they currently following FERPA guidelines.

-The system is web-based and free of charge.

-It offers "built-in" tracking of ACIP/CDC Recommendations.

-Schools are able to generate reports, school entrance forms and immunization history.

-A pilot is currently under way and schools or licensed health care providers are able to participate.

-Currently online registration and training are available.

Contact Reena and she will send account information and follow up with a survey. (Registration information is being sent as an attachment to these minutes) Please note: a follow up e-mail from Reena will follow the distribution of the minutes and attachments.

The number to call to register for VIIS is 804-864-8055. The website is

<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/epidemiology/immunization/viis/index.htm>

Sarah Holland from the Virginia Oral Health Coalition presented information regarding the VA HS Dental Home Initiative. Handouts were given containing information about the Program:

1. Regional Training
2. Provision of Clinical Skills to Dentist and HS Providers
 - a. How to brush the children's teeth
 - b. What to look for in regards to decay
 - c. Motivational Interviewing
 - i. Active Listening Techniques
3. First training was held in Orange County
 - a. Need of an Icebreaker
 - i. Will incorporate into the next training
 - b. Evaluations were overall positive
 - c. Recognize decay early
 - d. Next training in Williamsburg
 - i. November 12th
 - ii. Dr. Brickhouse will be presenting
 - iii. Information will be e-mailed to HS staff along with an attachment including registration
 - iv. Information regarding registration and the training to be held in Williamsburg was distributed
 - e. Subsequent training will be held in Halifax
4. Initiative is aimed for all dental providers and not only Medicaid accepting providers

Susan Pharr , MCH Oral Health Coordinator, Div. of Dental Health

1. Gave information about Give Kids a Smile Day: 1st Friday in Feb; Feb. 4th
2. Next month is dental hygiene month
3. Handouts for oral health training for HS staff
4. Also offering serve as representative on individual program HSACs

Kristen Gilliam of Dental Quest:

1. As of 10/10 there will no longer be a 3% reduction in fee schedule
2. New E-mail address: Kristen.gilliam@dentaquest.com
3. Provider training in October

Wenda Singer of State Collab.

1. Office Updates
 - a. Will attend all State HSAC meetings
 - b. Dental Initiative

- i. Big priority for HS
 - ii. Every HS state's participation is considered to be very imp.
 - iii. Good initiative for FSWs
- c. Governor's Working Group
 - i. Now renamed Early Childhood Advisory Council
 - ii. 5 different goal groups
 - 1. within the context of Smart Beginnings
 - 2. more active
 - 3. one of the goal groups is a health goal group
 - a. school readiness and getting children ready to be successful in school
 - b. Not only HS but all schools
 - iii. Home Visiting Consortium
 - 1. if you have a home-based option
 - a. considered a home based program
 - b. some funds will be made available for home visiting
 - c. separate from funds previously provided
 - d. Process is a 3 stage process
 - i. 1st: state had to indicate if they wanted to do this
 - ii. 2nd: Needs Assessment had to be provided
 - 1. Used to identify at-risk communities using a community assessment
 - 2. Stressed that HS is part of this
 - iii. 3rd: An application is then submitted
 - 1. Application would need to mention something about Transitioning
- iv. If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Ms. Singer at wenda.singer@dss.virginia.gov
- v. Mental Health
 - 1. Infants and toddlers, other caregivers, and families
 - 2. VA is going to be using a model from Michigan
 - a. Training model
 - b. It is a mental health consultation program
 - c. 4-tier system
 - i. 1st level: broad based skills
 - ii. Tier 2: more intense
 - iii. Moving toward an expertise level
 - 3. Developed because of capacity issues

- a. Gives people a greater awareness of issue and provide tools and language regarding mental health
- 4. Kick-off October 6, 2010^tat ChildSavers in Richmond, VA
- 5. Jackie Wake advised that this would be a good program for FSWs
- 6. Community wide pilots will be implemented; please contact Ms. Singer if interested
- 7. This program is grant-funded
- 8. Technical Assistance will also be provided for providers
 - a. Professional Dev. Will be enhanced
 - b. Dept. of Education also involved in this initiative
 - c. Via Ann Shultz
 - i. Vision of Office of HS is to exceed program standards
 - ii. Three areas of focus
 - 1. Correction of deficiency
 - 2. School readiness
 - 3. Training/training dev. of staff
 - iii. National resource centers will be made available
 - iv. Evidence based practice examples to help build the capacity
 - v. There will be 6 national centers:
 - 1. Quality teaching and learning
 - 2. PDM and fiscal areas
 - 3. Parent family and community engagement
 - 4. Health and Oral Health
 - 5. EHS
 - 6. Cultural and linguistic responsiveness
 - a. Work with HS Association and Collab. Office and Region III Office
 - b. Develop an implementation plan
 - c. Work with the HS programs to develop Resource Coaches to work with tech. assistance

Updates:

1. Flu vaccine good for 8 months and includes H1N1
2. October 20th and 21st
 - a. Annual mtg
 - b. Go to smart beg website to register
 - c. Cap on how many people can attend
 - d. Glen Allen at Cultural Arts Center
3. Flu shots
 - a. Website: "No Flu for Me"
 - i. go to Dept of Health website
 - ii. guidance and vaccine overview provided
 - iii. includes where you can go to get flu shots
 - b. Running a fever ? Ans: exclude child for 24 hours
4. Lead
 - a. October 24 – 30th
 - b. Lead Free Kids for a Healthy Future
 - c. Go to VDH website and get freebies
 - d. Utilize Lead Safe Richmond
 - i. Contact person: Yvonne Johnson
5. Antibiotic resistant organism: CRE
 - a. It is a GI bacteria
 - b. From outside the country
 - c. First line of defense
 - i. Do not abuse antibiotics
 - ii. Get away from using hand sanitizers that do have an antibiotic
 - iii. Wash your hands!!: # 1 defense and moisturize your hands
 - iv. Alcohol based items are also not effective
 - v. Only use hand sanitizers when soap and running water is not available
 - vi. We are responsible for reporting diseases i.e. Strep
 1. Need to call local health dept
 2. free conversations and great partnerships
 - vii. Take antibiotics as prescribed
 - viii. Stay home until better
 - ix. Cover your cough
 - x. Use paper tissues
6. MRSA
 - a. How to report and/or write policies regarding various diseases i.e herpes too
 - b. Another example: head lice
 - i. Reportable if numerous incidents
 - ii. End result: photographer that was going room to room taking pictures
 - c. Herpes: keep covered and contained
 - i. Do need to keep areas sanitized
 - ii. Toilets gets cleaned in between classes

- iii. Do not post this kind of disease meaning let the rest of the parents know of
 - d. Human bites
 - i. Clean area thoroughly
 - e. Need to have an in-service about various diseases and when to report
- 7. Immunizations
 - a. Will be looking at the language as it pertains to when various shots are to be given i.e. upon school entry or upon entry into K
 - b. Make sure to look at work force as well
- 8. Bed bugs
 - a. Teacher reported that one school was closed because of incident
 - b. Now infecting many places
 - c. Very visible; dark, black
 - d. Bites look like flea bites
 - e. Found in cracks and crevices of bed, carpet
 - f. Active at night
 - g. Need to find out which child brought it n and their home needs to be treated
 - h. Everything needs to be bagged for 2 weeks so that they can suffocate
 - i. Very difficult to get rid of
 - j. Exterminators are utilized for pesticides
 - i. Caution around kids because of toxins
 - k. Bug spray does not work
 - l. Use of mattress covers and plastic covers helps
 - m. Professional exterminator recommended
 - i. Problem because of costs: very expensive
 - n. Spread mostly by bedding/mattresses
 - o. Bed bugs have a sweet smell like raspberries
 - p. Closing of school? **Up to you and your policy**
 - q. Michigan Dept of Health has a great outline as well as New York and California
- 9. MCH 213 F
 - a. Best school entrance examination form
 - b. On website
 - c. Any physician can use any form they want to however
 - d. Available to all doctors
 - e. Made very simple
- 10. Standardized asthma action plan
 - a. Asthma coalition is working on this
 - b. Can down load one and that is fine
- 11. Immunizations
 - a. Some PCPs do not do immunizations
 - b. Concern that PCPs need to make sure that their clients are up-to-date
 - c. PCP sometimes send clients to health dept.
 - d. Immunization website very helpful

- e. What about signature of who has given shot?
 - i. Hope that parents can use the “books” provided for documentation
 - ii. Webvison
 - 1. need parental permission to gain access
 - 2. contact Sandy Summers

Health Institute Survey

- 1. Funding came from State Collaboration Office
- 2. Survey distributed to help plan for next one

Round Table

Does the bus driver need to be MAT trained?

- a. Asthma: inhaler on the bus
 - i. Should be administered before
- b. Epi-pen: can not be stored in hot place
 - i. Is given to bus driver
 - ii. Needs to be a program decision
- c. Performance standards do not state that bus drivers have to have medications on board

Dental Exams

- 1. Should have a dental exam **every 6 months** starting at age **1 year old**.

Blood Count

- 1. EPSDT guidelines are to be used
- 2. **Performed every year**
- 3. WIC will also do anemia screenings
- 4. Effort needs to be made shown if a Reviewer asks
- 5. Abnormal range: **11.0 and below**

Lead

- 1. 12 and 24 months
- 2. Above 10: high or abnormal

A request was made for Ms. Zok to present information regarding EPSDT guidelines during our next meeting.

Members also asked that Mr. Campbell be invited to next HSAC meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm.

The next HSAC meeting is scheduled for Nov. 16, 2010