

HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2020

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Wellness Plan Report (Anita Davis)

New Business:

COVID Health Mitigation Policies in KGCS (Mary Fisher)

PD16 Update

VDOE Update

Roundtable Discussion

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In attendance (all virtual unless noted in-person [IP]):

Kristi Brouillette, Amy Carey, Kim Clift (IP), Alex Fisher, Mary Fisher, Donna Gamache, Denise Grim, Jackie Kunstmann (IP), David Moody, Casey Morrison, Ryan Osborne, Shawn Simmons, Matthew Stemmler, Kristin Tolliver, Peggy Wright, Jonnelle Davis.

Scribe:

Jackie Kunstmann

Old Business:

Wellness Subcommittee Report was on the agenda for presentation by Anita Davis. However, due to a work emergency, Anita was unable to attend and present at this month's meeting.

New Business:

COVID Health Mitigation Policies in KGCS: Mary Fisher's presentation of KGCS Health Mitigation Policies School Board presentation of October 14, 2020, was forwarded to all members of the Health & Safety Advisory committee for review. No questions from members regarding policies.

Mary explained that a Health and Safety Semester II Workgroup subcommittee was developing a FAQ for families and staff and elicited questions from members.

Questions from members included:

- Are there plans to resurvey parents regarding a return to school option in case parents have changed their mind due to fear of the increased numbers of cases county-wide?
- How many students are anticipated returning?
- What types of symptoms are being seen in patients (asked of Dr. Gamache)?
- Have metrics been developed to base a return to an all virtual plan?
- When will the various school schedules be known so that parents can make plans accordingly?
- Are there resources available for parents experiencing mental stress?
- What should be done if a teen parent is unable to keep up with schoolwork?

King George Health Department:

Michelle Cantrell, Public Health Nursing Supervisor in King George County, was unable to attend the meeting. She shared via email that flu counts are minimal for King George, but COVID is up. The priority of the Health Department is the COVID vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine was going for approval today (12/10/20) and the Moderna vaccine is slated to go for approval on 12/17/20.

Planning District 16 (PD16) Update:

PD 16 includes the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford and the City of Fredericksburg.

CDC Quarantine change. The CDC recently provided an *option* to reduce the quarantine time for exposure to COVID from 14 days to 10 days. No school in PD16 will be using the new option from CDC. Mary Washington Hospital (MWH) Emergency Trauma Clinical Nurse Specialist, Natalie Root, stated they are still utilizing the 14 day quarantine. PD16 doctor (pediatrician, Anne Bradshaw) and Natalie will work on getting this information sent out to pediatricians in the area and all urgent care clinics overseen by MWH. It was suggested that Rappahannock Area Health District (RAHD) reach out to all other urgent care clinics in the district to share this information.

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Update:

New immunization statutes (HB1090) will be going into effect on July 1, 2021. The vaccine changes which will impact the schools include:

- Change of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine from a vaccine for girls entering 7th grade to a vaccine for all entering 7th grade
- Addition of two doses of Hepatitis A vaccine (HAV) before kindergarten
- Addition of two doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). The first dose will be required for entrance to 7th grade, and the second dose will be required for entrance to 12th grade.

Roundtable Discussion:

Chief Moody shared that King George Fire and Rescue Department (KGF&R) has been involved in planning meetings related to COVID and vaccinations; he advises that they have had many calls of patients without signs or symptoms of COVID but have tested positive; currently Company 1 has an outbreak (2 persons are positive); since rescue personnel are considered essential workers, they only quarantine for sick symptoms or a positive COVID test; advised that PPE supplies appear to be sufficient at this time; he raised a concern about the infrared thermometers not working well now that the temperatures have dropped (this has also been a concern in the county schools).

Nurse Osborne brought up the possibility of obtaining oxygen for the schools' clinics; up to this point, oxygen has never been utilized in the school clinics; however, the PD16 physician will write an order for same. Utilization of oxygen in the clinics will be further investigated.

Nurse Kunstmann shared that the following health-related events have occurred since the last meeting:

- Drive-through Tdap clinic for incoming 7th graders was held in August
- A flu clinic for staff and their families was held in October
- 8 new AEDs have been purchased: 5 additional ones for all schools with replacement of the 3 oldest ones
- Air purifiers were purchased for all clinics and isolation rooms in the county
- Cheryl Conklin, EMT with the KGF&R, provided a Stop the Bleed class for all nurses on December 9th.