

**School Health Advisory Council Meeting Summary
American Lung Association of Florida
April 10, 2014**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Introduction	Dr. Seth Bernstein welcomed attendees and asked them to introduce themselves.	
Approval of Agenda	No changes to Agenda. Approval following motion by Mike Murgio, seconded by Donald Cavanaugh.	Agenda approved.
Approval of Summary – March 13, 2014	Approval of summary following motion by Dr. Philippe Bilger, seconded by Donald Cavanaugh, after correction of name Amy for Dani Fitzgerald.	Approved summary for 3-13-14.
Old Business	<p>Mental Health Committee Dr Bernstein informed that the next Mental Health Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 15, 2014. Everyone is welcome to attend. The SHAC surveys are in process.</p> <p>Student Mental Health and Wellness Dr. Seth Bernstein informed the group on behalf of Michael Kane concerning the 1st annual Student Mental Health & Wellness Conference to be held June 12, 2014, at Safe Schools Institute. Attendees will learn how to apply evidence-based, proven practices that support student mental health and wellness. Proposals for presentations have gone out. There will be 19 agencies that will share resources. To date there are 17 professional development proposals and they have secured \$1200 for sponsorship. There is some additional need for funding. Confirmed Stakeholders: The School District of Palm Beach County (Psychological Services, School Counseling, Single School Culture Initiative, Student Intervention Services, and Wellness Promotion Task Force). Community partners: Action Alliance for Mental Health, Boys Town South Florida, Children’s Services Council, Health Care District, etc. The speaker is from Johns Hopkins University.</p> <p>Wellness Promotion Task Force (WPTF): Met on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 -- (8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.). There was good attendance. They were updated about after school activities. They had a blood drive that was a success. Started working on the 8th Edition on the District’s “Wellness Promotion Policy Annual Report FY-2014, and working with the Healthy District Collaborative (HDC) on completing the application for the Florida Healthy School District assessment tool. It is due on May 30, 2014. Everyone is welcome to the last meeting of the year on Thursday, May 15, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.).</p>	<p>For sponsorship leads, contact Mike Kane</p> <p>Next meeting will be: Thursday, May 15, 2014 -- (3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)</p> <p>If you are interested in attending any of these meetings please RSVP prior to each meeting: mailto:wellness@palmbeachschools.org</p>

	<p>CDC Grant Advisory Committee - Pete Stewart informed: Trained 90 teachers on the Human Growth Development Curriculum. In the process of updating the on line training. Evaluation Plan to CDC will be due on May 1, 2014. Meeting with principals of the 20 priority schools. Received the approval to publish the Youth Risk Behavior Survey YRBS data in CDC website on June 12, 2014. Will be meeting with Dr. Keith Oswald about the CDC grant initiatives, including a new initiative with the Single School Culture Initiatives called "We Are All In" that promotes safe and supportive learning environments. Gave handouts about April 10, National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day.</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>School District Homeless Program – Ellen Van Arsdale, Director of Student Intervention Services <u>Overview of Homeless Education Nationwide and in Palm Beach County.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One in 45 children in America experience homelessness each year (over 1.6 million). ▪ 56% of homeless teens reported physical abuse and 38% reported sexual abuse. ▪ PBCSD had 3,107 homeless student populations according to 2013 Survey 5.16 states have done no planning; 7 states extensive planning. ▪ School District total as of March 2014 = 1552. ▪ Characteristics of Homeless Children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ They need a home. ✓ Schools might be the only safe and permanent place they have. ✓ Go hungry twice as often as non-homeless children ✓ Have twice the rate of learning disabilities. ✓ 50% experience anxiety, depression, or withdrawal. ✓ Homeless students who go to college become successful and give back to the society. <p><u>Role of the Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team (HEART)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure students are enrolled in school immediately. ▪ Inform parents, guardians about the programs, services, and educational rights. ▪ Arrange for enrollment in the free and reduced-price meals program. ▪ Help obtain student records. ▪ Provide referrals to community agencies. ▪ Provide school supplies and uniforms. ▪ Conduct awareness activities. ▪ Guide, support and enable them to break the cycle of homelessness. <p><u>McKinney-Vento Coding</u> Code definition Unaccompanied Youth – Young people who lack safe, stable housing and who are not in the care of a parent or guardian.</p> <p><u>The McKinney-Vento Act</u> - Ensures educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness. Under this Act, students in many different living</p>	

	<p>situations are considered homeless: mortgage foreclosure, house eviction, motels, emergency shelters, FEMA trailers, abandoned in hospitals, sharing housing of others – doubled up. All unaccompanied homeless youth have the right to stay in school and succeed.</p> <p><u>Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ) - Video clip – “In their Own Voices”</u></p> <p><u>Homelessness and Trauma</u> by Jibby Ciric, PsyD, Director of Client Outreach Services, Community Partners</p> <p><u>Introduction of HEART staff</u> – (Homeless Education Resource Assistance Team). Made up of a team of professionals who work to address problems often faced by homeless children and youth in enrolling, attending and succeeding in school.</p> <p><u>Role of the Case Manager</u> – Judith McInnes, Case Manager</p> <p><u>Categories of Homelessness</u> – Horacio Ochoa, Case Manager</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are no immediate/emergency shelters available, where a family can go right away at any given day, where they can stay until they can resolve their situation or be sent else-where. ▪ Sometimes there is more temporary funding for motels. ▪ The Lewis Center - a single-access-point homeless resource center to connect homeless individuals and families to housing and resources. ▪ The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) is the voice and social conscience for the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness. NAEHCY accomplishes this through advocacy, partnerships, and education. ▪ Many parents work but don't make enough to secure housing. ▪ Each school posts contact information of the district's homeless education liaison. ▪ Families fear to be identified as homeless. They show resistance. They fear Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). ▪ Health care - These families are sent to Caridad and Bridges for health services. Target stores will provide glasses. ▪ Difficulty keeping contact with these families. ▪ The counselors are the biggest advocates. ▪ Numbers are under-reported. Different methods are used for reporting – HUD and McKinney Vento. ▪ The attendees applauded the efforts and the hard work of the HEART team. 	
<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention month-On the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, and throughout the entire month of May, teens will be invited to visit The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy's teen website—Stay Teen. Org — to participate in the online National Day Quiz, which challenges them to think carefully about what they might do "in the moment" through a series of interactive scenarios. 87% of the students who took the Quiz last year say that it may them think. ▪ Dr Bilger announced that the Health Department of Palm Beach County received funding for 5 years for the Tooth Fairy dental bus. 	

	<p><u>Upcoming events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ April 25 - #OK2TALK Conference – Community Solutions Revealed. Embassy Suites, 1601 Belvedere Road, WPB. Featured speaker – Paolo Del Vecchio, Director of the Center for Mental Health services at SAMHSA. Breakfast offered at 8:00am. Tickets \$25 EACH. Free conference to follow from 9:00 – 12pm. ▪ April 7 – 13, 2014: “National Public Health Week”. Every day celebrating a different theme: Eat Well, Clean Water, Clean Air, Being the Healthiest Nation. ▪ April 29, from 9:00 – 11:00am: The School District hosting breakfast with the ESE Director. ▪ June 12, 2014 – Student Mental Health and Wellness Conference. 	<p>Those interested in participating in the Student Mental Health & Wellness Conference, please contact Michael Kane.</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM. Next meeting is May 8, 2014.	