

Santa Clara County School Nurse Coordinator's Meeting
Columbia Community Center – Sunnyvale
November 19, 2014

Introductions

Preschool discussion on vision and hearing for special education students:

Who is doing the vision and hearing in other districts and what screening tools are used? One district (?) reported that the district nurse is doing them and using a functional vision kit from the County Office of Education. SJUSD reported that they have a full-time nurse assigned to the special education pre-school that does all of the vision and hearing using mainly the sure sight and functional vision for vision screening and the eroscran and functional hearing for the hearing screenings.

Lions Club/Vision Discussion

Does anyone have information on Lions Club coming out to schools to do vision using a photo screener and asking the nurses to interpret the results?

Oak Grove reported she is starting discussions with the South San Jose Lion's Club. Melinda Landau reported that according to the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Strabismus the photo screener is not approved for children over 5 years of age.

There was also discussion around whether or not vision re-screening was necessary. The *Guide For Vision Screening In CA Public Schools* indicates that re-screening is necessary. Melinda Landau reports that a new law has gone into effect since the guidebook was written and the law that states re-screening is not necessary if a credentialed school nurse did the initial screening.

Computerized Vision Software Report from Dagmar

There is a computerized program titled *20/20 Vision* that is available for \$30 per month. You only pay for the months that you actually use the program. There is a version available for Mac and PC and the program has both near and far capabilities. The program can be downloaded for free and then you pay the monthly fee as you use it.

Near Vision Screening Discussion

Chris Quick asked for a show of hands for how many nurses are doing the near vision screening using the Titmus. SJUSD reported that they use the Titmus sometimes but have been using the plus lens for all mass mandated screenings. The question was asked as to how they clean the plus lens in between students. SJUSD reported they use tissue and wipe them off between each student. SCUSD reported they use the Titmus for secondary vision screening. Question came up: With the new law do we have to go back and screen near vision on every student this year? The consensus of the group was no.

Breathe CA presentation

Overview of services and resources provided:

Asthma management classes for elementary schools (flexible with class size)

- 1 session per week for 4 weeks – each session 30-60 minutes

Indoor quality assessments – free and confidential

Parent Education

Contact Anna at: Anna@lungsrus.org

Melinda Landau reported that a publication from the EPA stated, "School nurses are essential." This publication went out to Superintendents.

Diabetes Workshop at Stanford

Several nurses reported nothing new was presented. Discussion was initiated around inviting diabetes providers to our group, SNASCC or Bay Coast. Debra Knott reported that she is looking into a speaker on diabetes and eating disorders. Melinda Landau reported that Bev Bradley, a professor in San Diego wants to talk to all groups to gather data on diabetes and training programs for nurses and staff.

ASPIRE

Lauren from ASPIRE presented to the group and handed out resources. An overview of the program was given and she offered to be a resource. Her contact info is in the folder she handed out.

Report from Linda Martinez at Public Health

Requested that schools streamline their calls to the appropriate departments. A phone directory was handed out to the group. Also requested cooperation from schools in providing class schedules and immunization records to Public Health when requested. A handout on Ebola was also given out.

Stock EpiPen Discussion

Palo Alto is the only district to date that has found a supervising physician to sign off on the EpiPen orders. Linda Martinez reports that Public Health will not be doing it. Several nurses clarified that it is district admin that is responsible for finding a physician.

Katy Waugh reported that there is a group at the state level working on training protocols. Request was made for nurses to inform the group when they find a physician to sign off on epipen orders. Linda Lenoir agreed to share names of physicians that expressed an interest in Palo Alto

Group members shared various resources for stock epipen protocols:

- Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA)
- CSNO website
- EpiPen For Schools website

Oral Health Report

Chris Quick reported that the website used in the past for the oral health reporting is no longer working. No other nurse was aware of this yet. Recommendation was to check with the Dental Association at the state level for more information

Announcements

Go to CSNO and vote

Early Bird registration for the CSNO conference is December 15th

Santa Clara Unified has 2 FTE nurse positions open (one is grant funded)