

Minutes for SHAC Meeting

February 12, 2016 @ 2:30pm

Members in attendance:

Kelli Hesse, Melanie Burris, Carma Spuhler, Michael Norman, Roger Chase, Clint Neill, Penny Crowley, and Kim Franke, PA

To begin the meeting, Kelli explained that Senate Bill 66 was passed during the last session allowing schools to have stock epinephrine auto-injectors available on school campuses, in transit to, or for off-school campus events. Kelli played the first approximate 3 minutes from a training video from epipen4schools.com. This video described anaphylaxis, the signs and symptoms, as well as common causes of anaphylaxis.

Next, Kelli reviewed Senate Bill 66 with the group. She explained the formation of an advisory committee, as well as what type of members will be placed on this committee and the duties of this committee. Kelli stated she was at a nursing conference earlier this week, and was told that this advisory committee hopes to have Stock Epinephrine guidelines out to schools by August 2017. Kelli reviewed Section 38.208 explaining how schools are now allowed to have stock epinephrine auto-injectors. And if a policy is adopted by the school, what the policy must include. The group discussed where these auto-injectors would be located. Kim Franke, PA, felt that they should be kept in the nurses office locked with the other student medications. SB 66 explains that they must be in a secured location easily accessed by trained staff and volunteers. Kelli explained the different people at the school who had access to this locked cabinet, and Kim felt that there would be enough people to access this cabinet in the need to use an auto-injector. The group also discussed how we were going to have the EpiPens available for off-campus use. This includes sporting events, field trips, etc. Kim explained that we would need to have at least 3 sets available. Two for on campus use, and one to be checked out from the nurses office for off campus use. Kelli asked what she meant by a set. She explained that the one to be checked out for off campus use would be one adult EpiPen and one EpiPen Jr. Kelli explained that sometimes two doses were required; however, the group felt that if a second dose were needed, the EMS would have had time to arrive by that time. Kelli explained that she is only able to get 2 EpiPen adult doses and 2 EpiPen Jr doses through the free website. Mr. Norman responded that it would be a small price for the school to pay to have this available for our students and staff. We next went through the process of reporting an auto-injector use as described in SB 66. Kelli explained the annual training required by this bill, as well as obtaining a prescription for the auto-injectors. Kelli explained that the school offers CPR/First Aid/AED training yearly to our staff, and that part of the First Aid training includes the use of epinephrine for anaphylaxis. Kim Franke stated that she felt it would be beneficial for all of our staff to receive some training on anaphylaxis; even if they are not chosen as a "trained" anaphylaxis staff member, they at least need to know the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis. Mr. Norman explained that this could become part of our annual staff development that takes place the week before school begins. Kelli explained that we could play a training video to all of our staff, and

have them sign a form or a sign in sheet showing they have viewed the video. Then the staff we chose to be “trained” in anaphylaxis would have more training. The group agreed that this is definitely a need. Next, Kelli explained the requirement for notice to parents of epinephrine auto-injectors on campus. This must be done before the policy is implemented and before the start of each school year. Mr. Norman stated that we could add this into the student handbook; the parents have to return a signed form stating they have read and agree with the contents of the student handbook. The group agreed that this would be the best way to notify parents. Kelli explained the Immunity from Liability to the group as well.

Next, Kelli explained that Frenship ISD has shared their current Anaphylaxis Guidelines. She explained that this is their “protocol” as well as their standing order for stock epinephrine auto-injectors. Kelli read through the causes and physical findings. Under Management, the group discussed whether we needed to include Benadryl in our guidelines. Kim Franke explained that you are going to know very quickly if the Benadryl is going to work or not. She explained that using the Benadryl is not going to cause any harm to the patient if it turns out that they are not really experiencing an anaphylactic reaction. But if it is used, you will know within 5-10 minutes if you need to continue with the use of epinephrine or if the Benadryl is going to work and not require the epinephrine. Kelli explained to the group that we will need to create a form to send home to the parents to authorize the use of Benadryl in an emergency situation. Trained staff would have to refer back to this form to see whether the parent has authorized the use of Benadryl for their child. Kim Franke brought up the topic of using oxygen at school. She asked Kelli if we have ever had oxygen at school; Kelli stated no. Kim explained all of the danger involved with oxygen tanks and how improper use could also result in danger to a patient. Kim explained that if it comes to a point where you have to provide ventilation to a patient, she would just rather use an Ambu bag to provide that ventilation. The group agreed, and Kelli stated she would look into ordering an Ambu bag. Upon completion of reviewing the FISD Guidelines, Kelli asked the group if this is something they think we need to pursue further or not. Everyone in attendance agreed that this is a definite need for our school. Kelli explained to the group that it takes approximately 25 minutes for an ambulance to get to our school, and that this is a major reason she has advocated for these auto-injectors. She explained that if we were in Brownfield where it would take much less time to receive EMS care, she wouldn’t be as concerned about this.

Kim Franke explained that she would like for Kelli to create an Anaphylaxis Guideline for Wellman-Union ISD. She would then review the guidelines and make any changes as needed, then would provide a prescription for the auto-injectors at that time. Kelli explained that once we have these guidelines approved by Kim, we would need to go through the school board to receive approval for the Anaphylaxis Guidelines and Policy.

Kelli explained to the group that she is looking into acquiring free EpiPens through epipen4school.com. She explained that she would look to see exactly how many EpiPens she would be able to receive for free, but that she would discuss further with the school board the need to purchase other sets if needed.

Kim Franke asked for the link to watch the training video in its entirety. Kelli provided the link, and asked Kim for feedback once she has a chance to view the video. Kelli and Kim agreed to work together in the future to come up with a training for our selected staff.

Kelli explained to the committee that we would meet back again if a need arised to further discuss this Anaphylaxis Guideline.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.