**Ore City ISD School Health Advisory Council**

**Minutes from October 12, 2021**

The Ore City ISD SHAC met on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 4:00pm in the Boardroom. Those present included: Mindy Hamilton, Chad Miller, Madeline Anderson, Rebecca Williams, Elyse Peterson, Christy Williamson, and Rita Clawson.

* The OCISD Wellness Plan and the SHAC Vision and Mission were reviewed for any needed updates. Minor updates to the Wellness Plan were made by the Council and will be sent to Mr. Heflin for review before being submitted to the School Board for approval.
* Nicki Capaldo, Disaster Program Manager for the American Red Cross, presented information about the Smoke Alarms Program. OCISD will notify community members through emails, phone calls, flyers, and Facebook about this program, which provides FREE smoke detectors to anyone who needs them, whether the resident rents or owns their home. Those interested will call or text 903-483-7211 to sign up for smoke alarms for their home. They will be given a time to pick up the smoke alarms at the local fire department.
* A COVID-19 district report was given. There have been 133 positive cases of COVID so far this semester: 104 of them have been students, and 29 of them have been staff. The nurses now have the ability to test students and staff for COVID-19 in their offices through the K-12 COVID-19 Testing Program, which provides free testing kits to schools.
* Reports were given on health events that have taken place this semester so far. A Back to School Shot Clinic was offered to students on August 16. Approximately 19 students were able to get required shots for the school year. Smiles of Tomorrow Mobile Dental Unit screened and cleaned 24 students/staff in September, and they will be back again in March. B12 and Lipo-C shots were offered to staff June 16, July 14, August 16, September 15, and October 13. Approximately 25 staff members in the district have taken advantage of these clinics. On September 21, the OCHS StuCo hosted another blood drive, collecting 24 units of blood. Finally, staff members and their families were able to get flu shots on campus on October 13.
* All campuses announced they will be emphasizing Red Ribbon Week the week of October 25-29. Each day will have a theme, and staff and students will be encouraged to participate to promote the fight against alcohol and drugs.
* Tonya Waite from the ESTEEM Journey curriculum shared information about the curriculum, which addresses topics such as self-esteem, sex, drugs/alcohol, and nutrition, as well as sample workbooks geared at middle school and high school students. Council member, Madeline Anderson, who is OCISD Curriculum & Instruction Director, took the information and will be working with the campus principals and health teachers to evaluate adoption options.
* Upcoming events were announced, including: Student Flu Shot Clinic 10/29/21, UT Health Mammogram Mobile Unit 12/3/21, Staff B12 Shots 11/17/21 and 12/15/21, and Carter Blood Drive 12/14/21, 2/10/21, 4/11/21, COVID-19 Shot Clinic in Gilmer and Breath of Life Mobile Asthma Clinic on campus in November.

**The next SHAC meeting was set for Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 4:00pm in the Boardroom.**