

*BOE Nurses Update on CDC Community Clinical Linkages Grant*

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**Just to refresh your memory on this Grant, in the fall of 2013, school nurse Cindy Hayes, RN applied for and obtained a grant through KDE and the CDC. The grant runs for 5 years. The ultimate goal of the grant is to increase attendance in students with chronic health conditions that may have frequent absences related to their condition. The primary health condition that this grant focuses on is asthma since it is a condition that affects a large number of students and results in frequent missed school days.**

**Progress made in SCPS:**

- All school nurse office visits at SCES, TES and SCMS are now entered into IC. The data entry enables us to pull reports related to health office visits such as: number of office visits, number of students sent home, referrals to physicians, numbers of asthma care plans we send home or numbers of phone calls made to parents. These are just a few examples of reports we are able to run. We are using these reports to aid us in tracking contact with parents and/or physician for students with known or suspected conditions such as asthma.
- The school nurses are working with information we obtain from an IC Ad Hoc report titled, "Health Conditions and 6 or more absent events". We have come up with an Attendance Monitoring Form that we use to analyze student absences that aids us in our decisions related to each student. We were asked to share this form with the other school district grant recipients for their use. (Form Attached)
- The school nurses are working toward monthly meetings with Todd Russell where we discuss progress at each school related to those students with the lowest % in attendance with a noted health condition.
- I have completed a 2<sup>nd</sup> year work plan template and submitted it to Karen Erwin, Education School Nurse Consultant at KDE (she is our grant coordinator).
- Karen Erwin will be meeting with school nurses before the end of the school year to tour each school's health office and review our submitted work plan.
- Based on a District School Health Services Self-Assessment completed by the school nurses in conjunction with recommendations from Karen Erwin we have addresses several areas where changes were needed to be made within the district or health offices.

Policy or procedure implemented include:

Teachers at SCES, TES, and SCMS are required to complete a Health Referral Form for any student they send to see the nurse. This procedure aids in data entry into IC.

Only the nurse or an administrator at SCES, TES or SCHS can send a student home for illness.

Written a district AED policy

Printed and laminated posters for teachers to post in their classrooms titled: Steps to Follow for an Asthma Episode in the School Setting When a Nurse is Not Available

Started sending home an Annual Health Information Update Form at the start of each school year to all SCPS students

Initiated a midyear, second return demonstration for Emergency Medication Administration for staff that received the initial medication delegation training at the start of the school year

Initiated the monitoring of attendance

Initiated the BOE monthly reporting of health office visits

- We have used grant funds to purchase 3 printers and replacement print cartridges for each of the health offices, a cot for SCHS, scales for TES and SCMS, asthma pamphlets that we pass out at school events, a peak flow meter for asthma monitoring, asthma related posters, and a new laptop for Nurse Cindy. Funds are being used toward continuing education, allowing us to attend the 2014 KY School Nurses Association Summer Conference (2 days) and the IC health related update held in Louisville in December 2014. Cindy Hayes will be attending a KY Asthma Symposium in Louisville on May 20, 2015 and all 3 school nurses will attend the 2015 KY School Nurses Association Summer Conference July 19-21 in Lexington. School nurses have completed the National Association of School Nurses- Managing Asthma Triggers online training in August 2014.
- This month we were informed that our district will be receiving an additional \$1000 to be used toward continuing education for our school nurses.

Thank you for your time reviewing this information and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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