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Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee

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Microsoft Office Teams Live
Friday, October 15, 2021
10:00 a.m.

FINAL DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Table 1: Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee member attendance at the October 15, 2021, meeting

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Bethea, Louise, MD	X		Gonzalez-Reyes, Erika, MD		X
Bird, Drew, MD	X		Jeffrey, Douglas, MD	X	
Bostic, Natalie, RN	X		Varshney, Pooja, MD	X	
Davis, Carla, MD	X		VACANT		
Dilley, Kelsii	X		VACANT		
Freeman, Theodore, MD		X	VACANT		

Agenda item 1: Welcome/Call to Order/Introduction of members and staff
The meeting of the Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee (SEAC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 15, 2021, by Dr. Drew Bird, committee chair. Dr. Bird welcomed committee members and members of the public and asked Ms. Kelsii Dilley to introduce DSHS staff and she asked committee members to introduce themselves.

Mr. Eric Owens, HHSC Advisory Committee Coordination Office, announced the meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Mr. Owens conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum of the Committee was present.

Agenda item 2: Approval of the minutes for the October 16, 2020, Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee meeting.
Dr. Drew Bird, Chair called for a motion to approve the October 16, 2020, meeting minutes.

Motion: Dr. Louise Bethea moved to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2020, meeting with edits as noted. Dr. Carla Davis seconded the motion. The Committee members unanimously approved the minutes by voice vote, with seven approvals, no disapprovals, and no abstentions.

Agenda item 3: Discussion and recommendations related to resources for the SEAC Allergies and Anaphylaxis webpage.

Ms. Kelsii Dilley led the discussion regarding recommendations related to resources for the SEAC Allergies and Anaphylaxis webpage. Highlights of member discussion included:

- Dr. Bird suggested adding the AAP Allergy and Anaphylaxis emergency plan, FARE free training resources, and American Academy of Pediatrics and FARE emergency plans.
- Dr. Varshney recommended adding FARE resources under the parent recourses section.
- Dr. Davis recommended Code Ana epinephrine training program.
- Dr. Bird and Varshney recommending adding FARE as a bullet point under general information and resources header.
- Dr. Davis recommended having a resource on how schools can get access to epinephrine auto-injectors and Dr. Davis stated that she is willing to work on that with the state.

Agenda item 4: Update from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Ms. Kelsii Dilley and Ms. Rachel Wiseman provided an update from the Texas Department of State Health Services and referenced a PowerPoint entitled "Uses of Epinephrine Auto-Injector and Asthma Medication in Texas Schools." Highlights of update and member discussion included:

- Ms. Dilley thanked the members for the Committee's guidance and recommendations over the years.
- Ms. Dilley stated that the rules for House Bill (HB) 2243, 86th Legislative Session, which is the stock asthma medication for school nurses, and HB 1849 , 86th Legislative Session, can be found in Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 40. Subchapter B, EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR POLICIES IN CERTAIN ENTITIES, went into effect February 9, 2021. Subchapter C, EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR POLICIES IN YOUTH FACILITIES, went into effect February 9, 2021. Subchapter D, MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF ASTHMA MEDICATION, went into effect February 18, 2021.

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- Ms. Dilley stated that the Guidelines for the Care of Students with Food Allergies have been posted to the DSHS School Health webpage in December 2020.
- Ms. Wiseman provided an overview of the 2020-2021 Epinephrine Auto-Injector Use in Texas Schools Report and Asthma Medication Use in Texas School Report. Ms. Wiseman emphasized that data for both reports could have been affected by COVID-19 school closures. She also stated that the Asthma Medication Use in Texas School Report went into effect of February 2021.
- Dr. Bird expressed the importance of the data considering that some schools don't have epinephrine auto-injectors.
- Dr. Bethea ask if there was any data collected from higher education institutions on stocking unassigned epinephrine auto-injectors and how those compared to the K-12 reports. Dr. Bethea also expressed concern that parents may not be sending epinephrine auto-injectors to school because the schools have unassigned epinephrine auto-injectors.
    - Ms. Wiseman stated that the reports will be shared with the committee after the meeting.
    - Ms. Dilley stated that DSHS did not receive any high education reports during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Dr. Varshney wanted to know trends of epinephrine auto-injector use from previous years compared to this year. She supported the unassigned epinephrine auto-injectors policies to ensure coverage for students.
- Dr. Davis stated that it may be important to have a comparison of epinephrine auto-injectors use to previous years to show the impact on anaphylaxis policies/laws.
    - Wiseman stated that she will speak with DSHS Chronic Disease Epidemiology to pull that data and share with committee.

Agenda item 5: Review of school asthma and epinephrine laws and reports from other states.

Ms. Kelsii Dilley presented data on school asthma and epinephrine laws from other states and referenced a PowerPoint entitled "Review of school asthma and epinephrine laws and reports from other states." Highlights of presentation and member discussion included:

- Dr. Jeffery voiced concern that children aren't at least evaluated by EMS/healthcare providers after administration of epinephrine injections.
    - Dr. Davis agrees on comments to transport via EMS. She asked if DSHS collects data on students transported via EMS.
    - Ms. Wiseman confirmed that DSHS collects that data and stated 75% were transported in the 2020-2021 school year.

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- Dr. Bethea asked Ms. Bostic on nursing policies after epinephrine auto-injector administration
    - Ms. Bostic stated that her school policy requires EMS notification so they can do an evaluation, but parent have the decision on if the student goes to the hospital. The policy of EMS notification is shared with nurses, teachers, and parents.
- Dr. Bird asked how we can encourage EMS notification after epinephrine auto-injector administration.
    - Ms. Wiseman clarified that DSHS does not lobby for changes to laws and Ms. Dilley stated that she will take this idea back to DSHS leadership.

Agenda item 6: Discussion of SEAC Bylaws.
This agenda item was tabled for the next SEAC meeting.

Agenda item 7: Public comment.
No public comment was offered.

Agenda item 8: Adjournment.
Dr. Drew Bird, Chair, provided closing remarks and thanked committee members and members of the public for their attendance. Dr. Drew Bird, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Below is the link to the archived video of the October 15, 2021, Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee meeting.
(To view and listen to the entirety of the meeting click on the link below)

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