

**Human Sexuality Advisory Committee
February 9, 2010, Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Mary Jo Andrysiak, Sherri Driscoll, Gary Hall, Ashley Kallgren, Garrett Scharns, Cole Williams, Don Jackson, and Ed terSteege.

With no public comment, the meeting was called to order at 1:50 P. M. by Mary Jo Andrysiak. The January 12, 2010, meeting minutes were acknowledged as presented.

HIV/AIDS Instruction - Mary Jo Andrysiak reported that JoDee Rolfe, Calhoun County Health Department, conducted a two hour AIDS/HIV workshop in the High School Auditorium with ninth grade students. The workshop was in conjunction with AIDS/HIV instruction all ninth grade students have received in their Freshman Biology classes.

Change and Program Options - At the January 12, meeting the committee members talked about the impact that scheduling, program changes, and graduation requirements have had on the Human Sexuality program; especially in grades 6 - 12. Continued conversations at today's meeting centered on the following items:

- Mary Jo Andrysiak and Barry Duckham, High School Principal, are in discussions regarding potential options with the assistance from outside agencies to "recapture" some of the human sexuality instruction that was lost due to all of the changes occurring at the high school. The preliminary thought is a venue comparable to the County Health Department's AIDS/HIV presentation to the ninth grade would work with other grades. It was noted that specific topics such as healthy choices, abstinence, safer choices, STI's, birth control, etc. could be targeted.

Don Jackson talked about the reality of personal choices, but stressed the importance of continually emphasizing abstinence as a priority choice. Additionally, he suggested that in terms of dealing with emotional issues we focus more on understanding the future impact as a result of personal choices and why it is a very viable option to "just say no". "We need to help students recognize and understand the impact of the emotional issues associated with choices and develop skills in terms of support and help as students look to the future." Given his training and background Don offered to be a resource speaker for the program.

It was noted that it is the responsibility of the school to notify parents regarding the content of any presentations dealing with the Human Sexuality curriculum. Parents have an opt-out option, if they so desire. All that is required is a written request and there is no penalty for being opted-out of any presentation.

- Mary Jo has contacted Dr. Cindy Cook at the Calhoun Intermediate School District and other school districts regarding how they are addressing the issues of less time and/or opportunity to teach the human sexuality curriculum. Additionally, Mary Jo indicated that she has a meeting with Kathy Block, Health Coordinator at the Lakeview School

District, regarding program options for students in grades 10 - 12. Mary Jo will share that conversation with the committee at the March 9, meeting.

- Ed terSteege reported that Christina Feneley, Middle School Principal, is reviewing program options in grades 6 - 8 and will share findings with the committee at the March 9, meeting.

Gardasil Presentation - The committee talked about the Gardasil presentation. Ed terSteege will contact Cindy Scharns regarding the feasibility of a community forum presentation, which would focus on learning about Gardasil so parents may make more informed decisions regarding the immunization option.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, at 1:45 pm in the High School Conference Room. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed terSteege, Recording Secretary

Committee Meeting
March 9, 2010
1:45 to 2:30
High School Conference Room

Agenda...

- Public Comments
- Middle School Program Options - Christina Feneley
- High School Program Options - Mary Jo Andrysiak, Barry Duckham, Don Jackson
- Gardasil Presentation - Ed terSteege
- Committee Membership and Parent Co-Chair - Mary Jo Andrysiak
- Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items