

Refugio ISD
School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Meeting
January 24, 2018

Welcome: Meeting started at 5:34pm

Introduction of Members, Guests, and Staff present: Twyla Thomas, Refugio Elementary Principal; Melissa Gonzales, Refugio ISD Superintendent; Tonya Williams, 3rd grade Science/SS teacher; Amy Waer, 6th grade Science/SS and parent; Vilma Ramirez, CNA; Chris Hawthorne, Algebra teacher; Katie Green, Biology teacher; Emilee Cox, RN; Debra Velasco, Texas Health Steps, STAR, and STAR plus Outreach Counselor.

Texas Health Steps (Presenter: Debra Velasco): Debra Velasco came to speak to us about the Texas Health Steps system and all the services they can provide to community members with Medicaid. Debra is an Outreach Counselor for the Texas Health Steps, STAR, and STAR plus systems under the company Maximus. Debra explained that they receive names from Austin of new enrollees into Medicaid and then outreach to these individuals about the services they can provide to them. They work with individuals setting them up with a primary care doctor and dentist. They will receive a checkup with the primary care doctor through Driscoll, Superior, or United Healthcare. They will check for things such as: height, weight, growth, mental health, TB tests, physical, and make sure they are up to date on their vaccinations. They also set up the clients with a dentist (MCA dental and Quest) starting at 6 months of age and are allowed a visit every 6 months for fillings, braces, or extractions. They also offer transportation to clients who do not have a way to their appointments, or they will even refund the client gas money after they attend the appointment. Debra stated that they work very closely with pregnant women with Medicaid making sure they are getting all the prenatal care they need. She stated that they have a rewards program for the pregnant women if they attend certain appointments they could receive gift cards, diapers, or even a car seat. Debra then stated that they can also set up clients with case management if they need special equipment or special services. Debra stated that if we ever have a client that we feel could benefit from their services to give them her card and she can help set them up with services.

Next Meeting/Topic Ideas: Amy Waer suggested a topic on child anger or anxiety. She is seeing lots of anger in her classroom from the hurricane and being displaced. Mrs. Gonzales stated that Crisis Counselling, or PTSD would be a very good topic.

Meeting adjourned: 5:51pm