

**ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
AGENDA ITEM**

DATE: January 24, 2012

SUBJECT: Provision of School Nurse Services

CATEGORY: Operations

INITIATED BY: Aldo Jackson

DESCRIPTION:

There were inquiries to the Bureau of Career & Technical Education into the part-time CTC responsibilities regarding certified school nurses (CSN). Working with the Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is able to provide some guidance.

Comprehensive career and technical centers are required to have a full-time CSN on staff. Part-time career and technical centers can meet this requirement in one of three ways:

1. Hire a certified school nurse;
2. Develop an agreement with the school district in which the CTC building is located for school health services; or
3. Hire an RN or LPN to provide first aid care and medications while serving as a supplemental school nurse under the supervision of one of the school district's certified school nurse.

In consultation with the superintendents and Atty. Sennett, a memorandum of understanding has been developed with each of our participating school districts to provide school nurse services. The arrangement with each district avoids issues with HIPPA regulations, meets the mandate issued through PDE and allows ECTS to provide first aid services in a manner very similar to current practice.

MOTION:

Motion to approve a memorandum of understanding, as attached, with each of the participating school districts for the provision of school nurse services.

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AGREEMENT FOR NURSING SERVICES

WHEREAS, several school districts have constructed an area vocational-technical school known as the Erie County Technical School and entered into the Erie County Vocational-Technical School Articles of Agreement for Operation (the “Participating Districts”);

WHEREAS, the operation of the Erie County Technical School has been delegated to the Joint Operating Committee;

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Public School Code at 24 P.S. § 14-1402(a.1) requires that every child of school age be provided with school nursing services by each school district or joint school board; and

WHEREAS, the Participating Districts and the Joint Operating Committee wish to identify and agree to the provision of school nursing services for the students at the Erie County Technical School as follows.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed to as follows:

1. School Nursing Services. The Participating Districts shall designate a school nurse to be the school nurse responsible for each child from said Participating District attending the Erie County Technical School and the provision of school nurse services. The Erie County Technical School shall report to the designated school nurse for medical and health information or records and other school nursing services.

2. Section 14-1410 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code permits school districts or joint school board to employ a licensed registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse to certified school nurse or other appropriate medical professionals. The Participating District’s designated school nurse shall be responsible to coordinate and supervise the first aid and health services provided by the supplemental medical professionals at the Erie County Technical School as provided by the Operating Committee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Participating Districts hereinafter named have caused this Agreement for Nursing Services to be executed by their appropriate representative of the Operating Committee and the Participating Districts.

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