

## HISTORY AND PURPOSE

The Louisiana School Health Advisory Council (LA SHAC) was established in 2017 by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). The LA SHAC provides regular guidance on the implementation, expansion, and sustainability of Louisiana Healthy Schools' goals. In addition, the LA SHAC advises on the coordination of the Healthy Schools Collaborative, a statewide action-oriented coalition that promotes the adoption of policies, processes, and practices that support student health and academic achievement. The work of both groups will ultimately strengthen support for school health councils across the state so that children develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to become healthy, successful adults.

## 2020 – 2021 MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, September 30, 2020
- Wednesday, December 9, 2020
- Wednesday, February 17, 2021
- Wednesday, May 12, 2021

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**LDOE Coordinator:** Stephen Guccione, Education Program Consultant, Healthy Communities Section

**LDH Coordinator:** Stephanie Jodeir, School Health Manager, Well-Ahead Louisiana

### Aaron McDonald

[Alternative School, Calcasieu Parish School Board](#)

The Calcasieu Parish School Board (CPSB) is committed to the optimal development of every student. The School Board believes that for students to have the opportunity to achieve personal, academic, developmental and social success, we shall strive to ensure positive, safe and health-promoting learning environments at every level, in every setting, throughout the school year. It is CPSB's desire to ensure environments and opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day while minimizing commercial distractions.

### Andrea Ferguson

[Beauregard Parish Schools and Louisiana School Nurse Organization](#)

Beauregard Parish School Board places healthy children as a priority, with a school nurse on every school campus, every day. The Louisiana School Nurse Organization aims to stimulate increasingly effective School Nursing Services, thereby strengthening Louisiana's educational process through the improvement of the health status of students.

### Barzanna White

[Caddo Parish Schools](#)

Caddo Parish School System recognizes the need for all students to have a strong start physically, emotionally, socially, and nutritionally in order for them to have optimum success academically. Through collaborative partnerships and common vision, Caddo is taking great strides in reducing risk factors through outreach and by providing protective factors such as strong role models, effective mentors, innovative programs, and positive school climates.

### Cathy Carmichael

[Pennington Biomedical Research Center](#)

Pennington Biomedical Research Center (PBRC) is working to further understand the root causes of childhood obesity and its related conditions such as diabetes. PBRC also partners with the Louisiana Department of Education's Division of Nutrition Support.

### Donna Crawford

#### [Alliance for a Healthier Generation](#)

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation believes that every child deserves a healthy future. Through collaboration with schools, youth-serving organizations, community partners, the healthcare community and families, the Alliance works to create healthier environments where kids learn, play and grow. The Alliance provides resources, tools and expertise wherever they are needed.

### Donna Newton

#### [The Health Enrichment Network](#)

EatMoveGrow (EMG) engages with schools as members of the community and as equals. The organization works to empower the schools through capacity building and adjusting programming to meet schools' needs. EMG helps schools realize their own potential to create a culture of health and wellness for the children they serve.

### Joaquine Maxim

#### [Bayou Blue Elementary School, Lafourche Parish Public Schools](#)

Bayou Blue Elementary utilizes community partnerships and resources to bring physical activity and health education to students.

### Kerri Lee

#### [Louisiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance \(LAHPERD\)](#)

The aim of this organization is to improve the quality of life through health and fitness and recreational activities. LAHPERD is an affiliate of SHAPE America (Society of Health and Physical Educators), providing support, professional development, and resources to health and physical educators, recreators, and dance teachers.

### Kristen Sanderson

#### [Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health](#)

The Bureau of Family Health (BFH) focuses on risk factors connected to youth violence. One major focus is working with professionals involved with youth to elevate the understanding and the importance of mitigating the impact of adverse childhood experiences through the Bureau's ACE Educator Program. Work has centered around building partnerships working to improve the approach to resilience for youth, creating connections to caring adults, commitment to school, restorative approaches, and improving social-emotional learning to solve problems non-violently. Additionally, curricula are implemented in schools that promote pro social norms to counter negative gender roles and aggression norms in collaboration with the BFH's Rape Prevention Education program and partners.

### Madeline Malbrough

#### [Youth Advocacy Team](#)

The Youth Advocacy Team is a by-students-for-students organization that advocates for projects, legislation, and policies to improve the world in which they are growing up.

### Michael Tipton

#### [Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation](#)

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation is a grant-making foundation supporting non-profits and sharing best practices across the state. The Foundation primarily supports community groups, but also partners with public institutions to meet the needs of kids and communities related to health.

### Shannon Howard

#### [Louisiana Parent Teacher Association](#)

The Louisiana Parent Teacher Association (PTA) supports healthy children and adolescents in Louisiana by advocating at the state and national levels in support of legislation to improve student health and wellbeing. Members are encouraged to use the tools available through the parent organization, National PTA, to apply for grants and receive training on strategies to improve the health and wellness of the students in their school and their community.