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Bay Area Alliance and CCISD Health Services Host Successful School Nurse Summit: Advancing Health and Education

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HOUSTON, TX – July 31, 2025 – The Bay Area Alliance, in partnership with Clear Creek ISD (CCISD) Health Services, proudly hosted the **School Nurse Summit: Advancing Health and Education**, presented by **Next Level Urgent Care**, on July 24, 2025, at **Clear Lake High School** (2929 Bay Area Boulevard, Houston, TX 77058).

The inaugural Summit brought together **over 340 school nurses from across Region 4**, providing a full day of **professional development, networking, and collaboration** while highlighting the essential role school health professionals play in student success.



Attendees were engaged with **more than 30 expert speakers** covering a variety of timely and practical topics designed to strengthen skills and enhance school health practices. Notable sessions included:

- **Scoliosis Assessment & Treatment** – Dr. William Phillips, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon, Shriners Children’s Texas
- **From Impact to Recovery: A School Nurse's Guide to Concussion Care** - Dr. Kenneth Podell Neuropsychologist and Director, Houston Methodist Concussion Center
- **Jurisprudence and Ethics for School Nurses** – Karen S. Schwind, Former Health Services Director and Past President, Texas School Nurse Organization



The event featured a **keynote “Lunch & Learn” session**, sponsored by **MyCHN Community Health Network**, with **Brandy Bowlen**, Regional Coordinator for School Health at Region 4 Education Service Center. **CCISD Superintendent Dr. Karen Engle** opened the Summit with a welcome address, emphasizing the district’s commitment to advancing student health and education.

Adding to the experience, the Summit hosted **over 25 vendors** and featured two interactive stations—the **Self-Care Bar** and **Clinic Bar**—where attendees could select free resources and supplies for personal wellness and their campus clinics.



“CCISD Health Services was honored to co-host the inaugural School Nurse Summit alongside the Alliance, welcoming over 350 school nurses from surrounding ISDs for a day dedicated to learning, collaboration, and professional growth,” said **Monica Veenstra, RN, BSN, Lead Nurse, CCISD Health Services**. “School nursing is a unique and specialized field, and this event provided a valuable opportunity to focus specifically on the challenges and innovations of being a nurse in an academic setting. The energy and enthusiasm from participants were truly inspiring, and it was exciting to see how engaged everyone was throughout the event. We are deeply grateful for the community sponsors and knowledgeable presenters who helped make the Summit a resounding success. Their support and expertise were instrumental in creating a meaningful experience for all attendees. Together, we are strengthening the future of school health—one nurse at a time.”

The **Bay Area Alliance** extends its sincere gratitude to **all sponsors, vendors, and presenters** who helped make the **2025 School Nurse Summit** a success.