**School Counselors 2015-2016 School Year**

**Focus on the Why**

**August 27, 2015 | 8:00am-11:00am   
{Note the slightly earlier time. We know the third day of school may be a struggle, so we will work to have everyone in and out early.}**

**Central Office: Meeting Room 4**

To do in advance:

* Ask your principal for access to your school’s Assist data- your principal will need to share this with you and you will have to download it as it is only available for a short number of days once they share it
* Annual Agreement (as complete as you can, but feel free to bring questions. We will have a working session.)  
  Remember that goals should be targeting Attendance, Achievement, and/or Behavior.  
  2-3 SMART Goals

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| WHAT | TIME | Facilitator | NOTES |
| Welcome and Get to Know You | 8:00am | Brittany Norman | What You Do…How You Do It…Why You Do It  Remember to Register with PD for CEU credits |
| Why Before the How | 8:15 | Shawna Augherton and Michael Elder | Discussing our focus on why before how for the year.  How could this impact your students???  Some initiatives this year and How do these things connect to our Why…  Rachel’s Challenge; Lifelines (suicide prevention); Mental Health First Aid |
| ASCA Mindsets and Behaviors  NC Essential Standards for School Counseling | 8:25 | Beth Atkins  Possibly Cynthia Floyd Virtually  Michelle Chadwick | New Standards or way of communicating them  Article: <https://schoolcounselor.org/asca/media/asca/home/MindsetsBehaviors.pdf>  Search for a Competency: <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors-members/about-asca/mindsets-behaviors>  Planning Tool: <http://www.ascanationalmodel.org/Ascanationalmodel/media/ANM-templates/M-BProgramPlanningTool.pdf>  DPI Resources: Listserv; Wiki Space; Google Community  <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/guidance/scos/> (Brief reminder-bookmark) |
| School Focus |  | Beth Atkins | What is or are the main areas of focus for your school this year?  School Climate Surveys- Assist Surveys  How do these areas of focus connect to the Big Three: Attendance, Achievement, Behavior |
| Annual Agreement |  | Tiffany Ward  Michael Elder | Maybe a Level of Comfort 1-5 Line Up Activity  Why have an Annual Agreement?  Focus on Three Big Areas: Attendance, Achievement, Behavior  {Again, connecting school’s areas of emphasis to these three which are part of a RAMP school}  How are the areas of emphasis for your school and the district reflected in your plan?  Sharing and Collaboration |
| Sharing Out |  | Shawna Augherton | You Area(s) of Focus |
| District Focus  (School Counseling) | 10:00 | Michael Elder  Michelle Chadwick  Brendan Gartner | Transition Character Education Military Transition  RAMP  Intervention Suicide Prevention Support  MTSS Advocacy (Cards and Process) |
| Student Services | 10:30 |  | Gather Questions and hopes for our group time this year:  Online Link: <http://bit.ly/legalquestions>  Legal and Ethical (Guardianship; McKinney Vento; Enrollment; FERPA; Subpoena; Social Media)  Field Trip- Brynn Marr; OCLC; Towers; others?  <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors-members/legal-ethical/legal-ethical-faq> |
| Solution Focused | 10:50 |  | Online Link: <http://padlet.com/michael_elder/schoolcounselors>  What are you doing well and how can we highlight this?  Counselor Led Sessions: Strands- Attendance; Achievement; Behavior |
| Next Steps | 10:55 |  | P.I.E.- Passion, Intentionality, Excellence  Scholarships- developing a comprehensive way to share with parents and students  Those applying for RAMP certification this year (due October 2015) or 2016 may stay for the afternoon for a writing and/or support session. Otherwise, all counselors will be able to return to campus at 11:00am. |

*Upcoming Dates: The general structure will be mornings with all counselors and afternoons with those working toward RAMP certification during this or next school year.*

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| Date | Time | Location |
| Thursday, September 17 | 8:00am-11:00am RAMP 12:30pm-4:00pm  \*Video- How to build a bully from Scratch  \*Four Agreements | Meeting Room 4 |
| Coastal Carolina? | 8:00am-11:00am RAMP 12:00pm-4:00pm | Meeting Room 4 |
| Thursday, October 15 | 8:00am-11:00am RAMP 12:00pm-4:00pm | Meeting Room 4 |
| Thursday, January 7 | 8:00am-11:00am RAMP 12:00pm-4:00pm | Meeting Room 4 |
| Thursday, February 11 | 8:00am-11:00am RAMP 12:00pm-4:00pm | Meeting Room 4 |
| Thursday, March 10 | 8:00am-11:00am RAMP 12:00pm-4:00pm | Meeting Room 4 |
| Thursday, April 7 | 8:00am-11:00am RAMP 12:00pm-4:00pm | Meeting Room 4 |
| Thursday, May 12 | 8:00am-11:00am RAMP 12:00pm-4:00pm | Meeting Room 4 |

Other Dates: September 14: CACRAO in Greenville; September 18 College Board Workshop in Greenville; October 12 CFNC workshop in Greenville; November 3 ACT Workshop at UNCW; November 11-13 NCSCA conference in Greensboro; July 9-12 ASCA in New Orleans

\*Please remember that the priority is to be on your school campus.