**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 ItRemember 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 BehaviorsNC Essential Standards for School Counseling | 8:25 | Beth AtkinsPossibly Cynthia Floyd VirtuallyMichelle Chadwick | New Standards or way of communicating themArticle: <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 SurveysHow do these areas of focus connect to the Big Three: Attendance, Achievement, Behavior |
| Annual Agreement  |  | Tiffany WardMichael Elder | Maybe a Level of Comfort 1-5 Line Up ActivityWhy 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 ElderMichelle ChadwickBrendan Gartner | Transition Character Education Military TransitionRAMPIntervention Suicide Prevention SupportMTSS 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, ExcellenceScholarships- developing a comprehensive way to share with parents and studentsThose 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.