NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY

2015 Table Talks
Table Talks are intended to provide information, stimulate discussion, and offer solution-oriented strategies and opportunities for collaboration in regard to ESSA implementation and other important topics related to school health and safety. NCCSHS members were invited to submit abstracts, which were reviewed by the meeting planning team. Eleven abstracts were selected for presentation; they were presented in two rounds of small-group sessions, with each attendee selecting two presentations to attend. A brief description of each session follows.

1. **Implementing Innovative Strategies to Reduce Distracted and Impaired Driving through a Multi-State Community of Practice**
   Led by Ellen Schmidt, Children’s Safety Network; This session focused on the Children’s Safety Network’s Community of Practice on preventing distracted and impaired driving, which provides a sustained forum for states to learn about and implement evidence-based strategies for reducing injuries.

2. **The Changing Landscape of Professional Preparation of School Health Educators: A Call for Action**
   Led by Elaine Auld, Society for Public Health Education, and Susan Goekler, Directors of Health Education and Promotion
   This session focused on major changes in accreditation standards and the latest study of competencies for health education specialists, which are catalyzing a call for action in the preparation of future school health educators.

3. **Leading by Convening: A Blueprint for Authentic Stakeholder Engagement**
   Led by Joanne Cashman and Mariola Rosser, National Association of State Directors of Special Education
   This session focused on Leading by Convening, a blueprint for conceptualizing and undertaking sustainable practice change by engaging stakeholders.

4. **School Breakfast Improves Student Attendance**
   Led by Ellen Dillon, Action for Healthy Kids; This session focused on how breakfast, the most important meal of the day, helps to feed hungry bodies and bring students to school and the classroom.

5. **Let’s Chat! What’s Happening in the World of Managing Chronic Conditions in Schools and Communities?**
   Led by Melissa Fahrenbruch, CDC; This session focused on how NCCSHS members can work more collaboratively to address chronic conditions and explored existing resources available to help States and communities in health services and management of chronic conditions.

6. **Understanding the Role that State Public Health Agencies Can and Do Play in Bullying Prevention**
   Led by Ellen Schmidt, Children’s Safety Network; This session focused on the significant impact of bullying on children and youth in school, including increasing absenteeism, and how partnering with public health agencies can be advantageous in bullying prevention.

7. **Team Nutrition: Resources for Children, Parents, and Teachers on Healthy Eating**
   Led by Maya Maroto, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; This session focused on the U.S.
Department of Agriculture’s free Team Nutrition resources for educators, which can be used to integrate gardening experiences and nutrition education messages into English/language arts, mathematics, science, and health lessons.

8. School Oral Health Programs That Have an Impact: Models and Lessons Learned from the Healthy Teeth, Healthy School Project; Led by Theresa Anselmo and Tiffany Turner, Center for Oral Health; This session focused on the collective community impact, improvement in school performance, and reduction in absenteeism that can be achieved when oral health care services are delivered in a school setting.

9. Introducing a New Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice Led by Erin Maughan and Donna Mazyck, National Association of School Nurses; This session focused on the components of the Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice and how it can be used.

10. Moving Forward in Connecting Chronic Health Conditions with Attendance: Improving Data Collection and Use
Led by Amanda Martinez, National Association of Chronic Disease Directors' This session focused on content and key points presented in a recent webinar on improving data collection and use as related to chronic health conditions and attendance, along with needs identified among the webinar audience, and explored recommendations for further work in this area.