

# CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2004

Attendees: Committee Members  
Marilou Brodie, Sue Chambers, Charlotte Davis, James Fasules, Paul Finnicum, Martha Hiatt, Suzanne McCarthy, P.J. Reed (sat in for Suzanne McCarthy in the afternoon), Kathy McFetridge, Connie Meeks, Martha Phillips, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Steve Singleton, Susanne Tullos

Staff  
Mary Gaither, Ann Thompson, Nancy Green

Absentees: Bobbie Davis, Rhonda Sanders

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 5, 2004, **9:00 a.m.** (new time) Room 906, Freeway Medical Building, 5800 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Little Rock

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the 12/04/03 meeting were approved.

Arkansas Center for Health Improvement Director, Dr. Joe Thompson, presented a BMI update, including a training video that will be used. He advised that appropriate forms have been printed and appropriate equipment is now being built to accomplish BMI testing in time to get health reports mailed as required by Act 1220. Dr. Thompson also reported that Act 1220 has been amended to change SECTION 1. (c) (3) to read **a student health report** instead of the student health report card.

Mary Gaither updated the Committee on the web page contents.

Martha Phillips updated the Committee on the "Vending Machine Survey" draft. The draft was approved by the Committee, with the following changes.

Change Carbonated Beverages to **Beverages**

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Change Candy/Snacks to **Food**

Add the question "**Do you have an exclusive contract?**"

The Department of Education, working with the Department of Health, will send out the survey with a cover letter of explanation. The survey will be compiled by the College of Public Health.

Dr. James Fasules requested an update from the Department of Health on components of Act 1220 related to staff, at the February meeting.

The Committee approved changing future monthly meeting times from 10:00 am to **9:00 am.**

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Paul Finnicum reported on the activities of the Physical Activity Subcommittee.

Rosemary Rodibaugh reported on the activities of the Nutrition Subcommittee.

Carole Garner, College of Public Health, made a presentation on “Action For Healthy Kids”. Discussion occurred concerning linking activities of “Action For Healthy Kids” with activities of the Child Health Advisory Committee.

Wanda Shockey, Department of Education, made a presentation on Physical Activity in Schools and on Comprehensive School Health.

Nena Sanchez, Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care advised the Committee of an obesity assessment project being coordinated by the Foundation for two to five year-old children. She also advised that they are working with a Medicaid database to try and determine how much obesity is costing the Medicaid Program. Nena will furnish more detailed information on the cost analysis for obesity at the February meeting.

Steve Singleton requested and will arrange for one or more school principals to make a presentation on State Requirements for “The School Day” at the February meeting.

The Committee agreed to have Andi Ridgway make a 10-minute presentation on Hometown Health at the February meeting and instructed staff to send information on Hometown Health to them before the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 pm.