

**CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
January 10, 2008

Attendees: Committee Members  
Kathy McFetridge, Christine Patterson, Patsy Smith, Sherry Ratliff, Joe Don Parris, Dee Cox, Paula Smith, Hollie Huckabee, Charlotte Davis, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Carole Garner, Jan Richter, Richard Nugent, Michelle Justus (sitting in for Suzanne McCarthy), Steve Strode, Rhonda Sanders, Deane Peck (sitting in for Karen Young).

Absentees: Barbara Kumpe, Diane Vibhakar, Tyrone Harris, Karen Young, Suzanne McCarthy.

Orientation Attendees: Christine Patterson, Sherry Ratliff, Patsy Smith, Jodiane Tritt.

Staff: JoAnn Bolick, Pamela Henry

Next Meeting: February 14, 2008

JoAnn Bolick conducted an Orientation for the new Child Health Advisory Committee members and current members who were interested in attending between 9:00am and 10:00am.

Kathy McFetridge called the meeting to order. Introductions of all attendees were made. Minutes of the November 08, 2007 meeting were approved as read.

Dr. Robert Hopkins, Jr. gave a presentation on Clinical Guidelines for Childhood Overweight and Obesity. The presentation handout included: *His recommended goals* for CHAC:

1. Provide references and tools to providers of healthcare for children to allow better identification, assessment, treatment, and prevention of childhood overweight and obesity.
2. Advocacy
  - a. Government
    - Increase physical activity requirements in schools for children of all ages.
    - Create school environments that support physical activity
  - b. Community
    - Support efforts to enhance and preserve parks, walking and cycling trails
    - Promote families' use of local physical activity options
    - Make suggestions/options for active family alternatives available in physician offices.

An electronic and hard copy of this information was provided to the Committee Members.

Lynn Treece, School Nurse and Director of Health Services for Paragould School District presented a power point presentation to the Committee on the Coordinated School Health Program in the Paragould School District. Ms. Treece reported on the positive results and the future involvement with Coordinated School Health.

Martha Hiatt -Early Childhood Recommendation –gave a power point presentation entitled “Arkansas Better Chance for School Success”. This information included the Background of the Acts, ABCSS eligibility requirements, enrollment opportunities to Partner and Recommendations to Child Health Advisory Committee. A copy of this presentation was provided to the Committee.

Child Health Screens Interim Study – Rhonda Sanders discussed the Interim Study on child health screens which would be looking at the school screens and see how these could be accomplished without disruption or with minimal disruption of the school day. She mentioned that Senator Broadway was at the first meeting of the Child Health Screens workgroup. Rhonda mentioned that this effort would bring opportunities to obtain information from local communities, local schools, physicians, family practice, pediatricians, and the health department on what could be done better in order to get some solid information that could be presented to the legislature. Rhonda stated that on February 8<sup>th</sup>, the community health nurse specialist (CHNS), COOP staff, health care providers, principals, and teachers will meet to brainstorm ideas/questions regarding health screens in the schools-how they are done, is there a better way of doing them, etc. The session on February 8<sup>th</sup> will involve all the COOPs and be conducted through a videoconferencing network. The CHNS will serve as facilitators at the COOP sites. There will be a facilitator training for the CHNS on January 29, 2008.

Staff Update- JoAnn Bolick introduced Sherry Ratliff as a new member to represent the classroom teachers on the Child Health Advisory Committee. JoAnn conducted an orientation for new members and existing members before today’s meeting. The orientation consisted of review of the Acts and other pertinent information. JoAnn stated that the bylaws will have to be revised to reflect the five new members. JoAnn introduced Dr. Olabode Olumofin as a College of Public Health student who will be doing his preceptorship with her on Act 1220/Child Child Advisory Committee between January and May 2008. Jo Ann will serve as his site preceptor.

Health Department Update- JoAnn stated that the Revision of the Rules and Regulations for Scoliosis Screening was completed as of December 28, 2007. Dr. Nugent stated that the Revised Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Testing of Newborn Infants will become effective July 2008. Dr. Nugent stated that July 1, 2008 is the start date for the expansion of Newborn Screening. Dr. Nugent stated that negotiations are currently taking place with UAMS Department of Pediatrics, setting up leadership meetings to define an action plan to do the professional education and public awareness and to develop medical relationships with Arkansas Children’s Hospital. Dr. Nugent stated there might be the possibility of making a single coordinated follow up clinic for all infants who have an abnormal screening. Arkansas Children’s Hospital lab is very interested in doing some of

the intermediate diagnostic lab testing. Dr. Nugent stated that the Department of Health WIC program has developed an electronic medical record (like database) for WIC patients. Dr. Nugent stated that Oral Health is continuing to work with communities who want to fluoridate the water supply. Also, there is a state pilot program where local dentists volunteer to examine children. Dr. Nugent stated that the intent is to take this statewide.

Educational Department Update - Paula Smith stated that she is giving the report for Dee Cox. Dee Cox expressed thanks to all the stakeholders and team members that have supported Coordinated School Health. Paula Smith gave the following updates:

- \*The Department of Education is bringing Coordinated School Health into all presentations around the state dealing with Special Programs
- a. presenting at AAEEA, AASCD, School Districts
- \*The Interim Health Study is February 8<sup>th</sup> at all cooperatives
- \*Received permission to improve/reformat the APSCN data information screen – vision screening.
- \*Coordinated School Health will be presenting at the Tobacco Settlement Commission Meeting January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- \*AR School Boards Association and CCSSO will have their conference focusing on Obesity and Health Related Issues in Arkansas, July 10-11, 2008.
- \*Dee Cox will be presenting at New Haven Connecticut on the Health and Early Childhood.
- \*May 1-2 meeting and addressing parent facilitators and addressing embedding Coordinated School Health into their parental involvement plan.
- \*The afterschool programs 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC are meeting and a session will be provided showing “how” to embed CSH into the afterschool program
- \*The Core Team is working together in planning the state Coordinated School Health conference June 24-26.
- \*Paula Smith is working with the CHNS and School Nurses and pleased with the communication progress and team work.
- \*Coordinated School Health Coordinators meeting is February 5<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Ginger Beebe will address the participants.
- \*The State Coordinated School Health conference is scheduled for June 24-26 at the Wyndham.
- \*Dee Cox stated that Coordinated Health Team is doing an awesome job!

Child Nutrition Update-. Sheila Brown stated that the Arkansas School Poster contest was in effect. Sheila stated that the contest is sponsored by the Food Services Association. Charlotte Davis gave an update on the Farm Bill and the concerns because of the pre-empt clause.

Hometown Health Update-Nancy Green stated that the CHPSs and the CHNSs will be facilitating the meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>. *The Southwest CHNSs are working on putting educational materials in the bathroom stalls.* Nancy stated that the target is one school per county. Nancy Green stated that on January 24, 2008 Mary Wells will present at

ADH Grand Rounds. Nancy Green stated that six of their staff will be attending a National Conference in Oklahoma.

Coordinated School Health Program Update- Tamara Baker stated that the evaluation piece will be completed by the end of the month. Plans are tentative for either May or June CHAC meeting to be able to report. Laura McDowell announced that Coordinated School Health quarterly meeting will be held February 5<sup>th</sup>; Mrs. Ginger Beebe will be the speaker.

Laura stated that thirty-one superintendents from Coordinated School sites will meet together on “Brain-based Learning” February 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jeff Perry of Colorado School District will be the speaker. Laura will send information regarding the “Brain-Based Learning” to Pamela Henry to distribute to the committee members.

Act 1220 Coordinator Update-Joy Rockenbach stated that schools are ready to enter BMI’s onto the website. Joy stated that ACHI sent data on twenty-seven made up children to put in the APSCN system to see if the BMI percentages/percentiles match.

Future: Next Step Discussion – Kathy McFetridge stated that she will add the information that Martha Hiatt presented to the possible recommendations from the November meeting and send the information out to the committee members for review and discussion at the February meeting.

Other-A subcommittee was formed to meet on January 31, 2008 at 11a.m. to revise the Bylaws for the Child Health Advisory Committee. The subcommittee consists of Kathy McFetridge, Carole Garner, and Richard Nugent.

Kathy McFetridge asked for public comment.

Eydie Abercrombie introduced Garrett Morgan as the new Coordinator for the Arkansas Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00p.m.