

## CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2007

Attendees: Committee Members  
Rhonda Sanders, Joe Don Parris, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Richard Nugent, Sue Chambers, Kathy McFetridge, Dee Cox, Carole Garner, Steve Strode, James Fasules, Paula Smith, Charlotte Davis

Absentees: Hollie Huckabee, Suzanne McCarthy and Jan Richter

Staff

JoAnn Bolick and Devon Thompson

Next Meeting: February 8, 2008  
Room 906, Freeway Medical Building  
5800 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Little Rock

Rhonda called the meeting to order. Minutes of the November 9, 2006 meeting were approved as read.

Devon Thompson discussed information that was placed in the CHAC Committee folders and informed the Committee that if they needed information copied for the meeting, to please contact her.

A statement was asked on who Chairs the two Public health and Welfare Committees. Rhonda mentioned that on the Senate side Jack Grincher was the Chairman and Tracy Steele was the Vice Chair. On the House side, Eddie Cooper was the Chairman and Johnny Key was the Vice Chair. Rhonda will be setting up a meeting with Representative Eddie Cooper. Dr. Halverson, Dr. Thompson and Dr. Zincky will be making a presentation on Public Health in Arkansas at the House Public Health and welfare Committee in January.

Rhonda discussed the HB1039 filled by Representative Wells. According to the Bill, it is an act to increase academic instruction time in public schools; to limit physical education requirements for public schools students; and for other purposes. Rhonda stated that this Bill limits physical activity and basically roles back the regulations that were put in place by the Committee under recommendations to comply with Tracy Steele's Bill. She discussed with the Committee about writing up a proposal to address this Bill. After discussion, the following motion was made:

"As a committee we oppose any legislation or rules that weaken or rescind any of the rules enacted from recommendations of the Child Health Advisory Committee or ACT 1220."

The Committee approved the motion with the following members abstaining from voting: Joe Don Parris, Dee Cox, and Charlotte Davis.

Staff Update- None at this time.

Health Division Update- Dr. Nugent reported that the Center for Health Advancement is continuing to build its leadership. Dr. Carolyn Dressler has been hired as Chief of the Tobacco Control Branch.

Educational Update- Dee – Dee Cox reported that on December 12, 2006 a Health Fair was conducted for the Department of Education by Pfizer. They used bandaids that were red, white and blue. Blood sugar and cholesterol screenings were done. Dee introduced, Joy Rockenbach who has recently been hired as the Act 1220 Coordinator for the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). A Memorandum of Agreement between DHHS, DOH and ADE regarding this position is under development. Dee stated that they have completed their staffing. The Coordinated School Health Team is working on the evaluation model with the model schools. They are collaborating with a lot of state agencies gathering data. DHHS, DOH has released the Request for Applications (RFA) for the school-based Coordinated School Health & Tobacco Prevention Programs. Also, within a year or year and half, ADE wants to have the School Health Report finished to make one big health report. Regarding School Nurse funding, ADE has been meeting weekly.

Lynda Lehing discussed the New Tobacco Prevention RFA, entitled School-based Coordinated School Health & Tobacco Prevention Programs. She talked about the purpose: to provide schools with funding to implement School-Based Coordinated School Health incorporating tobacco prevention efforts. She provided information about the purpose of the Program Overview, Funding Requirements, Application Submission and Deadlines. (Refer to Handout)

Child Nutrition Update- Recent Projects and Activities:

- Local program reviews required by USDA. These reviews are called Coordinated Review Effort (CRE).
- Expanded state Verification Reporting requirements by USDA.
- Expansion of the "3 Steps" pre-analyzed menu planning system.
- Preparation underway for summer training of Child Nutrition Managers and Directors.

Hometown Health Update- Nancy Green introduced the new CHNS: Edith Greenwood, Southwest-Hope; Tommie Rogers, Johnson Coop-Arkadelphia and Cheryl Byrd, DeQueen/Mena. All the positions are filled with the exception of the Community Health Promotion Specialist in Arkadelphia at the Dawson Educational Co-op.

Coordinated School Health- Tamara Baker and Laura McDowell reported that 40 plus invitations have been sent to potential Coordinated School Health (CSH) stakeholders inviting them to attend an informational/networking meeting January 30. This meeting will identify state level action team members for Arkansas CSH effort.

ADE will provide additional physical activity workshops in response to current demand to clarify and assist schools with recent mandates regarding physical activity.

Automating the BMI- Joy spoke about automating the BMI in schools. Ninety percent (90%) of school nurses have been trained. Joy discussed measurements techniques and that training may be needed in this area.

JoAnn asked for public comments, other business for discussion and agenda items for next meeting.

-Mary Gather announced that she is working as the Section Chief for Connect Care.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm