

# CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2004

Attendees: Committee Members  
Marilou Brodie, Charlotte Davis, James Fasules, Blair Dean (sat in for Paul Finnicum), Martha Hiatt, Suzanne McCarthy, Don Johnson (sat in for Kathy McFetridge), Connie Meeks, Martha Phillips, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Lori Loggains (sat in for Steve Singleton), Susanne Tullos, Bobbie Davis, Rhonda Sanders

Staff  
Mary Gaither, Ann Thompson, Nancy Green

Absentees: Sue Chambers

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 4, 2004, 12:30 p.m., Room 906, Freeway Medical Building, 5800 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Little Rock

Nutrition and Physical Activity Subcommittees will meet from 9:00 am to 12-noon, prior to the Full Committee Meeting, in the same area at Freeway Medical

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the 01/07/04 meeting were approved.

Arkansas Center for Health Improvement Director, Dr. Joe Thompson and Joy Rockenbach presented a BMI update. Dr. Thompson advised that a group of providers are working with each other as well as with the State Medicaid Program, Family Practitioners, the Academy of Pediatricians, and the College of Public Health to develop a mechanism to make sure providers are ready to help parents when they turn to them after receiving the Child Health Report. He said equipment is going out, data forms are going to the schools, providers are getting ready, and evaluations are being set up.

Mary Gaither gave a progress report on what has been accomplished toward the goals of Act 1220, including the status of positions listed in the Act.

Bobbie Davis made a presentation on how the Committee's recommendations might be integrated into the School Improvement Process. She emphasized the focus on improving accountability in public schools and explained how it is monitored. She handed out a Comprehensive Compliance Checklist, used in on-site school reviews, which could also be used by the Child Health Advisory Committee. There was discussion on how the Co-ops could assist with training if nutrition and physical activity standards are incorporated into the Compliance Checklist. Standards were discussed and Bobbie said she would e-mail them to ADH staff within a day or so.

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Nancy Green reported on the activities of the Physical Activity Subcommittee.

Rosemary Rodibaugh reported on the activities of the Nutrition Subcommittee, and requested that Becky Adams attend the Nutrition Subcommittee meetings. Mary Gaither stated that she would attend today's meeting (February 5<sup>th</sup>) in Becky's absence.

Robert Brech, ADH Attorney, agreed to assist the Committee with language in their recommendations, and Mary Gaither advised that ADH staff would work with Robert to move their recommendations through the appropriate process.

Nena Sanchez, Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, gave a presentation, with handouts, on "Obesity Cost to the Medicaid Program. She advised that she would send information to Ann Thompson to forward to the Committee.

Lori Loggains, Administrator, Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary, Mountain Home, gave a presentation, with handouts, on State Requirements for "The School Day."

Andi Ridgway, Hometown Health Leader, Department of Health, gave a presentation, with handouts, on Hometown Health Improvement. She explained how the HHI Team Leaders and Community Health Nurses might assist with implementation of the Child Health Advisory Committee's recommendations.

After discussion, Rhonda Sanders made a motion, seconded by James Fasules, directing Department of Health staff to compile a list of available community resources to assist the school districts with the development of local advisory councils, as mandated by Act 1220, and provide the list to the Department of Education to distribute to local school districts. Motion carried.

Martha Phillips updated the Committee on the Robert Wood Johnson grant to do a baseline assessment and evaluation of enacted policies and procedures related to nutrition and physical activity practices. She stated that funding has been approved for one year, and advised what will be accomplished in the first year.

Martha Hiatt suggested that some funds could be made available through the Department of Health to continue the College of Public Health's work related to the Robert Wood Johnson funded project.

The Committee agreed that the Nutrition and Physical Activity Subcommittees would meet on March 4, from 9:00 am to 12-noon, and the full Committee Meeting would convene at 12:30 pm., so that recommendations could be finalized. They also agreed that the initial set of recommendations would focus on K through 4 grades.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 pm.