

## CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

February 09, 2006

Attendees: Committee Members  
Marilou Brodie, Sue Chambers, Charlotte Davis, Dee Cox, Carladder Parham (sitting in for Jennifer Dillaha), Blair Dean, Don Johnson (sitting in for Kathy McFetridge), Joe Don Parris, Suzanne McCarthy, Jan Ritcher, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Steve Strode, Rhonda Sanders

Absentees: Jennifer Dillaha, Kathy McFetridge, James Fasules

Next Meeting: March 9, 2006  
Room 906, Freeway Medical Building  
5800 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Little Rock

Chair Rhonda Sanders called the meeting to order. Minutes of the January 12, 2006 meeting were approved.

General business was discussed. The following Updates/Reports were given to the committee:

Staff Report – Dee Cox and Joe Don Parris were welcomed as new members to the Child Health Advisory Committee.

BMI Update – Suzanne McCarthy reported on going live with the BMI hand held device to record data. Suzanne stated that in Texarkana four stations were set up with 675 student's data being entered in five hours. Suzanne stated that to date 29% of schools sent data, 312 schools compared to 4% in 2006.

Previous Agenda Items Update – Toolkit Revision – Rhonda stated that she is working with Dr. Dillaha. Rhonda stated that Andi Ridgeway with Hometown Health put the original toolkit revision together. Hometown Health is currently meeting regarding various roles of Hometown Health and other initiatives and how they will be supporting this project. The plan is to have the revisions added into the toolkit by next month in order to get some level of approval.

Nursing Position Update – Dee Cox stated that Carladder Parham received ten applicants for the nursing position.

Dr. Steve Strode gave an overview of the AR Wellness Coalition. Dr. Strode stated that they are looking at including some goals and components around Childhood Obesity. Dr. Strode stated that since the first packet was a success, the decision was made not to limit it to diabetes, but Arkansas Wellness coalition as well. Dr. Strode

stated that drug companies came in and funded part of this and it has been in progress for three or four years now. He also stated that similar packets have been sent out for primary and secondary prevention cardiovascular diseases, adult immunization, and diabetes. The coalition decided what is the health challenge for 2006? Steve stated that the coalition considered following adult obesity with childhood obesity. It was determined by the coalition that childhood obesity would be a good project for this year. Steve stated that the product would be a packet to get out to the physicians that will be useful to the parents. This packet is aimed to gout in November.

Wanda Shockey led our discussion about the Vendor Survey by telling us what the Department of Ed is currently doing around data collection. The Department of Education developed a tool to use to capture information from the schools regarding their wellness policies. Wanda provided a copy of their tool for review. The main focus of the tool is; how is your school implementing the federal wellness policy? Wanda also mentioned that they are working on getting the wellness plans into the schools ASCIP process. This would give us a great way to measure outcomes. While not all of the data on our suggested tool is part of the survey, Department of Ed is using several components are being collected through it. Several ideas were discussed about how to standardize the reporting requirements in ACT 1220. We will need to have further discussion concerning the ACT 1220 requirements for reporting actual vendor contract revenues and expenses. Dennis Farmer agreed to provide vending contracts with identifying data removed.

Dr. Martha Phillips provided a presentation on ACT 1220 Data. Dr. Phillips reported on the evaluations of Act 1220. Dr. Phillips stated that primary questions had to do with the impact on policies/procedures had on school environment, knowledge attitudes, beliefs students and parents; self reported changes in our children and families. Dr. Phillips stated that this was accomplished by surveying every school district superintendent. Dr. Phillips stated that they are currently awaiting approval to do follow up assessment this spring.

Rhonda Sanders inquired about the special memo regarding the physical activity. Dee Cox stated that signatures are pending along with some questions and concerns of regulations and what the law states.

Shelia Brown was asked if the Child Nutrition Unite about the standards received any specific questions. She stated one of the various questions she had received that needed addressing. The question of whether or not sporting tournaments during the school hour was considered as one of the nine events? After discussion by the committee, this was declared as a non-issue, based upon the specifics of what time the tournaments should begin. The regulations allow for middle school, junior high, and high schools to sell foods during the declared school day thirty minutes after the last lunch period.

Rhonda Sanders asked for public comments, other business for discussion.

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