

**CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2009**

Attendees: Elton Cleveland, Charlotte Davis, Carole Garner, Margaret Harris, Michelle Justus, Kathy McFetridge, Joe Don Parris, Patsy Smith, Jada Walker, Bob West, Karen Young

Absentees: Elisabeth Burak, Dee Cox, Tyrone Harris, Hollie Huckabee, Barbara Kumpe, Christine Patterson, Sherry Ratliff, Paula Smith, Diane Vibhakar

Substitutes: **Connie Whitfield (Diane Vibhakar)**

Staff: Joy Rockenbach, JoAnn Bolick, Mary Wells, Pamela Henry, Vallee Phillips

Next Meeting: March 12, 2009

- ❖ Kathy McFetridge called the meeting to order. Minutes of the January 8, 2009 meeting were read and approved with the following corrections:

The following motion was made by Paula Smith and seconded by Christine Patterson and approved without opposition by the CHAC Committee for travel reimbursement.

Approval of corrections was made by Joe Don Parris and seconded by Charlotte Davis.

- ❖ Connie Whitfield was present for Diane Vibhakar.
- ❖ An “Action Required” section has been added as a reference point for all members to complete their tasks prior to the next meeting.

Policy Report – JoAnn Bolick provided a report from Barbara Kumpe

- ❖ The Tobacco Bill (House Bill 1204) passed the House of Representatives with a 75/24 vote. The bill will need 24 of the 35 Senators vote for it to pass. Money generated from this bill will go into a state general revenue account and the governor will send a letter to legislators on his designation on how money will be spent. This may be revised and then approved by the legislators. (*This bill passed both the House of Representatives and Senate.*)
- ❖ The Guiding Principles packets were delivered to the legislators.
- ❖ There are currently no Child Health Advisory issues being discussed among legislators at this time. Bills can be filed up to the 55th day of the legislative session (March 9). Legislative sessions are typically sixty days but may be extended an additional 30 days.
- ❖ A handout was provided of Governor Mike Beebe’s 2009 Healthcare Initiative.

Discussion-moving forward with guiding principles/Presentation of sub-groups objectives/action steps – Kathy McFetridge

- ❖ The Committee and audience were asked to set overall goals with boundaries and guidance when creating objectives and actions.
- ❖ They were asked to make “smart” (specific, measureable, attainable, realistic and timely.) objectives that would allow the Committee to be focused as a whole.
- ❖ All Committee members and the audience were asked to sign up for one of the workplan groups if they had not done so already.
- ❖ Each group was asked to delegate a spokesperson to explain objectives, discuss action steps, and justify actions and goals.
- ❖ The Committee and audience then entered into an open discussion and forum.
- ❖ It was determined during discussion that in order to keep within the scope of practice for the Advisory Committee, each workgroup would write recommendations and not actions steps i.e. The Child Health Advisory Committee recommends...
- ❖ The workgroups will discuss and develop their recommendations during the month and be ready to present at the March meeting.

Coordinated School Health – Laura McDowell

- ❖ There were 31 Tobacco/CSHP Grant Applications received – one from each school district.
- ❖ Currently, there are 24 active CSHP schools.
- ❖ An intern will work on development of a Success Story Book.
- ❖ There will be the Summer Institute on July 14, 2009. Dr. Pat Cooper will be a presenter.

Reports

Staff Update – JoAnn Bolick

- ❖ Joy, Kathy, Mary, JoAnn, Pam and Vallee worked together to prepare letters and the Guiding Principles for the legislators, Dr. Halverson and Dr. James.
- ❖ Kathy got the guiding Principles laminated.
- ❖ The Guiding Principles were also made available to all CHAC members to forward to their sponsoring organizations. Members were asked to write a corresponding letter to accompany the document. Kathy will develop a template and send to the Members.

Health Department Update – Bob West

- ❖ The Department had a carry forward of Act 1220 funds from last fiscal year. An RFP was developed and sent out to the 5 Public Health Region's Hometown Health Regional Leaders. RFP's were to be completed and returned by the end of December. There was approximately \$50,000 for each region. These monies were allocated to be spent on Act 1220 (nutrition and physical activity) programs or activities. The Regions had to submit a detailed proposal, write objectives and submit within a very brief time frame. This carry forward money must be spent by June 30, 2009.
- ❖ A needs assessment for the MCH Block Grant 2010 Application is in the process of being completed. This process occurs every 5 years. There are four working groups on this project in the areas of maternal/infant health, children with special health care needs, child health systems, and other women's issues such as breast and cervical cancer. Committee members may be asked to provide information and/or assistance.

Educational Department Update – Jo Ann Bolick and Laura McDowell provided a report for Dee Cox

- ❖ Representative Rainey has a House Resolution (HR-1013) that will support the Arkansas Whole Child Initiative. This resolution will provide an opportunity for Community School and Resource Centers. Persons interested in supporting this resolution may contact their legislators.
- ❖ The Education Department is partnering with 15 coops that have distance learning coordinators to sponsor virtual field trips.

Child Nutrition Update – Alicia Casteel (Sheila Brown)

- ❖ Applications for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program must be submitted by March 10.
- ❖ Child Nutrition received a grant that will allow training to districts on food/nutrition, dietary guidelines and curriculum.
- ❖ Farm to School is working on a pilot in Arkansas that includes 7 schools at this time. Local farmers and schools will communicate and decide which crops and products will benefit schools the most, grow them and have them processed for schools to use. There will be a Farm to School Conference on November 12th and 13th hosted by Heifer Project International where food service directors, teachers, policy makers, interested organizations, and farmers will meet.
- ❖ The Nutrition Education Poster Contest Deadline is March 13th. The state level winner will receive a \$300 scholarship. Other division winners will receive \$50.

Hometown Health Update – Cheryl Lindly

- ❖ There is a flu surveillance team that gathers flu data from one school in every county and random schools each week. There have not been many cases of the flu being reported based on the data collected.
- ❖ Mark Oliver is the new Community Health Promotion Specialist in the Northeast Region.

Documents Distributed:

- ❖ Arkansas Department of Education Memos – FIN-09-051 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program SY 2009-2010,
- ❖ Arkansas Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Application SY 2009-2010
- ❖ Coordinated School Health Fact Sheet
- ❖ Crossing the Finish Line
FIN-09-054 Distance Education, FIN-09-048 ACSIP Resource for Wellness Priority, FIN-09-039 Child Nutrition Unit 2009 Poster Contest
- ❖ Governor Mike Beebe's 2009 Healthcare Initiative
- ❖ Legislative Briefings - Expand ARKids First to More Uninsured Children, Expand Access to Quality Substance Abuse Treatment, Expand School Health Initiatives, Increase the Tax on Tobacco
- ❖ Tobacco Tax: A WIN for Public Health in Arkansas

Action(s) Required:

- ❖ Committee members will receive laminated copies of the Guiding Principles for their organizations.
- ❖ Governor Beebe will receive a copy of the Guiding Principles and a letter. Kathy will be responsible for this action.
- ❖ Coordinated School Health schools will receive a copy of the Guiding Principles.
- ❖ CHAC members are highly recommended to visit with their local Coordinated School Health committees.
- ❖ E-mail a list of anyone who would benefit from having a copy of the Guiding Principles to Joy Rockenbach.
- ❖ Dates will be provided for trainings provided by Jean Blaydes Madigan and e-mailed to all Committee members.
- ❖ A Committee member will present the Guiding Principles at the CSHP Summer Summit on July 14, 2009.

No public comment

- ❖ Jada Walker will provide a copy of the 5th year evaluation of Act 1220 at the next meeting – March 2009.
- ❖ Michelle Justus reported that ACHI will report the BMI this year using the new terminology for definitions of obesity and include the note recommended by the CHAC.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.