

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2004

Attendees: Committee Members
Carole Garner (sat in for Marilou Brodie), Sue Chambers, Charlotte Davis, Blair Dean (sat in for Paul Finnicum), Martha Hiett, Suzanne McCarthy, Kathy McFetridge, Connie Meeks, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Steve Singleton, Joe Don Parris (sat in for Steve Singleton in the afternoon), Susanne Tullos, Bobbie Davis, Rhonda Sanders

Staff

Mary Gaither, Ann Thompson, Nancy Green, Becky Adams

Absentees: James Fasules, Martha Phillips

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 1, 2004, 9:00 a.m., Room 906, Freeway Medical Building, 5800 W. 10th Street, Little Rock

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m., and the minutes of the 02/05/04 meeting were approved.

Arkansas Center for Health Improvement Director, Dr. Joe Thompson, presented a BMI update. He recognized Wanda O'Quinn, Key Resources Group member, and Mary Taylor, both with the Louisa Perritt Primary School, in Arkadelphia, which was the first pilot project school. He advised that the Abstract Forms had been printed and shipped to schools and scales had been shipped for each school. He demonstrated a model of the stadiometers that are being built by the Department of Corrections and distributed to schools by the Co-ops. He said the Draft of the Child Health Report has been developed for pilot testing.

Martha Hiett advised the Committee that Representative Herschel Cleveland had invited the Department of Health to make a presentation on the progress of the Child Health Advisory Committee to the Public Health Committee, March 18, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., Room 130, State Capitol.

Mary Gaither handed out a Tool Kit/ Resources Draft, requested by a motion at the February meeting. She asked the Committee to provide feedback, changes, or corrections.

Rosemary Rodibaugh and Sue Chambers gave preliminary reports of the Nutrition and Physical Activity Subcommittee's recommendations, respectively. The Committee agreed that the Subcommittees or a representative would meet again prior to their meeting on April 1, so that recommendations could be finalized. Attorney Robert Brech agreed to work with the Subcommittees on wording for the recommendations and differentiating between recommendations and mandates. Bobbie Davis said she would reserve a place on the Board of Education Agenda for the April 12th meeting.

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The Committee discussed amending the motion from the February 5, 2004 meeting that their recommendations include only grades K-4. Rhonda Sanders moved to amend the motion to include grades K-12. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 pm.