

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 09, 2006

Attendees: Committee Members
Marilou Brodie, Sue Chambers, Charlotte Davis, Dee Cox, Jennifer Dillaha, Don Johnson (sitting in for Kathy McFetridge), Suzanne McCarthy, Barbara Kumpe (sitting in for James Fasules), Rosemary Rodibaugh, Steve Strode, Rhonda Sanders

Staff
JoAnn Bolick, Pamela Henry

Absentees: Blair Dean, Kathy McFetridge, James Fasules, Joe Don Parris, Jan Ritcher

Next Meeting: April 13, 2006
Lab Training Room, Room 2508
Division of Health Central Office
4815 W. Markham St., L.R.

Chair Rhonda Sanders called the meeting to order. Minutes of the February 9, 2006 meeting were approved as read with the amended statement.

Health Division Update – JoAnn Bolick was introduced as the new Section Chief of Child and Adolescent Health /Family Health Branch, she will also serve as staff to the Child Health Advisory committee. Dr. Richard Nugent stated that Dr. Jennifer Dillaha has asked for the appointment of Dr. Nugent by Dr. Halverson for replacement as committee member on the Child Health Advisory Committee.

Education Department Update – Dee Cox stated that the commissioner memo release is currently in legal and the physical activity memo has been released. Dee Cox stated that the “physical activity” was included in their State Distance Learning calendar that has been recently completed. Dee Cox announced that interviews would take place on March 14th for the position of State School Health Nurse Consultant.

Child Nutrition Unit/Questions Update – Shelia Brown stated that the Wellness Policy Training was almost complete; Conway and Russellville are scheduled next. Shelia stated that support from the co-ops was good. The Ft. Smith school district had concerns about what process or clarification will be necessary to clear up some of the questions surrounding selling healthy products. Shelia stated that all fund raising issues should come from principals.

The Maximum Portion Size List was approved with no changes in the list after a motion was made and seconded by Child Health Advisory Committee members.

Presentation of Technology by ACHI – Joy Rockenbach gave a presentation of the web-based technology program. Joy Rockenbach stated that the program was piloted last year with only two school districts within Arkansas; North Little Rock school district (four of their schools) and Watson Chapel (five of their schools). Students from both school districts were weighed and measured, afterwards downloaded information into the web-based program. Joy stated that a total of sixteen school districts have been visited, at least 130,000 students will be entered through ACHI this year. Joy stated that at this point the pilot schools are sixty percent completed with weighing, measuring, and entering their students, which leaves the other thirty-four percent schools not part of the pilot.

Joy Rockenbach went through the steps to follow when accessing the ACHI program to enter and retrieve student data. Joy stated that the Robert W. Johnson grant funds the innovation and technology. Joy stated that the reports are expected to be online next month. Joy commented on how well this infrastructure is growing at the local level and how plans are in progress to expand this web-based program statewide over the next year.

The Coordinated School Health Program (CSHP) at the ADE in conjunction with the Paris/Magazine school district gave a presentation to the committee. The CSHP offered insight as to what Coordinated School of Health is - a process that focuses on how to reach children in the community. Kathy Carney stated that the Coordinated School of Health programs are the solutions to helping children to become better students ready to learn. This engages parents, teachers, students, with families and communities.

The goal of the CSHP is to help keep our children healthy, support learning and success in school, reinforce positive behaviors, help students to develop knowledge and skills to make smart choices. The Paris/Magazine School District provided success stories that are the results from implementing the eight components of the CSHP; health education, health services, faculty/staff wellness, counseling/psychological services/social services, physical education, family/community involvement, nutrition/food services, and healthy school environment.

Rhonda stated that the purpose of the CSHP presentation was to emphasize what takes place at the local level as well as to show how the Child Health Advisory committee is linked to at least five of the eight components. A motion was made to form a subcommittee /policy work group to report back to the Child Health Advisory Committee with a plan /efforts where the committee fits in to Coordinated School Health.

Ray Scott commented on all involved efforts with the Department of Health and Human Services. Ray Scott stated that removing the barriers would create opportunities to take advantage of existing resources. Ray stated that he is pleased to partner with the Department of Education.

Rhonda Sanders asked for public comments, other business for discussion/agenda items for next month's meeting. It was suggested that the Cooperative Extension Update would be moved to April 13th agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

