

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2005

Attendees: Committee Members
Marilou Brodie, Sue Chambers, Bobbie Davis, Charlotte Davis, Martha Hiett, Suzanne McCarthy, Don Johnson (sitting in for Kathy McFetridge), Connie Meeks, Jan Richter, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Susanne Tullos

Staff
Mary Gaither, Nancy Green, Ann Thompson

Absentees: Blair Dean, James Fasules, Kathy McFetridge, Rhonda Sanders

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 7, 2005, 9:00 a.m.
Room 906, Freeway Medical Building
5800 W. 10th Street, Little Rock

Chair Martha Hiett called the meeting to order. Minutes of the February 18, 2005, meeting were approved.

The Committee discussed future meeting dates. A motion was approved to change future meeting dates to the second Thursday of each month except the April meeting, which will be held the first Thursday.

Martha Hiett reported that written comments had been sent to the Board of Education on the Rules as directed by motion at the February 18th meeting. She also recognized those who received awards at the Governor's Council on Fitness Annual Leadership Awards Ceremony:

A motion was approved to adopt the bylaws as revised.

Mary Gaither advised that Attorney Robert Brech said Act 1220 does not allow for reimbursement for Key Resources Group Members nor does it allow voting power for those members. She said the current members representing Elementary, Middle and Secondary Schools had been contacted and each one agreed to continue serving on the Key Resources Group. The Committee discussed a list of prospective organizations that could be contacted for representatives. Motions were approved to add the following to the current list:

- Three teachers to represent k-4, 5-8 and 9-12, working through AAPHERD to provide assistance in selecting members to be geographically dispersed
- Arkansas Rural Education Association (approved by motion at February 18, 2005 meeting)
- Arkansas School Board Association (approved by motion at February 18, 2005 meeting)
- Higher Education, working through the ACT Council

The following were approved at the February 18, 2005 meeting.

- Elementary School Principals Association (Wanda O'Quinn currently serves)
- Middle School Principals Association (Joe Don Parris currently serves)
- Secondary School Principals Association (Danny Spadoni currently serves)

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- Rural School Administrators
- Arkansas School Board Association (Dan Farley)

It was agreed that Key Resources Group Members should sit at the table with the Committee and participate in all items of business/discussions. Martha asked the Committee to bring recommendations for additional Key Resources Group Members to the April 7th meeting. She advised that she would call the selected organizations and follow up with a letter.

Andi Ridgway reported that community resources are now on the web and reminded everyone of the 3rd Annual Conference on Nutrition and Physical Activity to be held August 4 –5, 2005. She advised that a mini grant on nutrition and physical activity in schools had been awarded by HHI to Stone County and Faulkner County.

Martha Hiatt reported that the Healthy Arkansas Highlights/Summaries of the County Plans are now complete and that they have been printed and will be on the web sometime in the near future. She said the target audiences are children in schools, adults in worksites and the aging population. She also reported that Act 1220 is the core of the plan for children in schools. A printed copy of the Highlights will be mailed to those who requested one.

Nila King gave a BMI report. She said that ACHI had revised the BMI report to parents. There was discussion regarding communication to schools and support by the Department of Education on deadlines for reports. She said password protected CD's would be sent to school superintendents by May 1st.

Martha Hiatt said Understanding BMI, A Toolkit for Parents is now on the Healthy Arkansas website, www.arkansas.gov/ha,

Suzanne McCarthy reported that Best Practices would be recognized during Public Health Week. She said the Committee could serve as a clearinghouse for best practices. A motion was approved to establish a task force to collect best practices/discuss a clearinghouse. Martha Hiatt said a taskforce could be developed at the April meeting.

Bobbie Davis gave a Department of Education report. She advised the Committee on the status of their Recommendations to the Board of Education and explained the formatting of the Rules. She said committees are being formed to develop age-appropriate nutrition standards. Bobbie also handed out a memorandum listing dates for public hearings on the Recommendations still under Rules development. She said that Dr. Dianna Julian, Benton School Superintendent, will be the replacement for Steve Singleton and that the Committee should receive confirmation soon. She also said that under the Department of Education reorganization, there is a health services unit. Wanda Shockey advised that all the nutrition information could be accessed on the web at www.cnn.k12.ar.us.

The Committee discussed legislation relating to the Child Health Advisory Committee.

Martha Hiatt reported that Martha Phillips and a committee are in the process of developing protocol for vending machine reporting and pilots related to vending machines. Protocols should be finalized soon

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and reported to the Committee. She said the Department of Health and the Department of Education have committed to put the pilots in place for a two-year period starting with the next school year.

Dr. Judy Weber, UAMS College of Medicine, shared information with the Committee regarding a project she is conducting whereby implementation of the Committee's Recommendations are being tracked. She said the study would also assist some schools in implementing the Recommendations and merely make documentation of schools that are already implementing the Recommendations. Dr. Weber said the project would take lesson plans and redo them to include physical activity and nutrition education. She also said adults would be on the same program that students were.

Kim Mason, K-12 PE Director for Rogers Public School District, made a presentation on the "PE4life" program that is being implemented in Rogers' schools. She invited the Committee to Rogers to observe the program in action. She also advised that details are being worked out so they can be a training center for the program.

The Committee agreed that subsequent to individual review of the Department of Education's proposed Rules and Regulations developed from the Child Health Advisory Committee's Recommendations, they would develop official comments at the April 7, 2005 meeting. It was also agreed that another agenda item would be a clearinghouse opportunity for the Committees

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