

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2004

Attendees: Committee Members
Marilou Brodie, Sue Chambers, Bobbie Davis, Charlotte Davis, Blair Dean, James Fasules, Martha Hiett, Suzanne McCarthy, Kathy McFetridge, Martha Phillips, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Steve Singleton, Rhonda Sanders, Susanne Tullos

Staff
Mary Gaither, Nancy Green, Becky Adams, Ann Thompson

Absentees: Connie Meeks

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 6, 2004, 9:00 a.m., Room 906, Freeway Medical Building, 5800 W. 10th Street, Little Rock

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the 03/04/04 meeting were approved.

Martha Hiett updated the Committee on her meeting with the Public Health Committee on March 25, 2004. She advised that she was to report back to the Public Health Committee on the Child Health Advisory Committee's progress at today's meeting.

Arkansas Center for Health Improvement Director, Dr. Joe Thompson, presented a BMI update. He advised that all schools now have stadiometers, scales and abstract forms and 15% of all schools have reported their data back to ACHI. He said Data Entry personnel are now in place to work two shifts per day beginning the week of April 5th. He said most school principals reported that things have gone very smoothly. There was discussion regarding how the health reports would be disseminated to parents. Dr. Thompson advised the process would be confidential. There was also discussion regarding the format of the "health report" letter containing the BMI.

Rhonda Sanders said that she had met with 26 parents and presented them with four different letters for their input. She said some parents wanted a range so they could make a comparison of their child's BMI.

Mary Gaither updated the Committee on the Tool Kit/Resources Draft and handed out a revised version. Rosemary Rodibaugh will send additional information to Mary for another revision.

Robert Brech reported he had met with Scott Smith, Department of Education, regarding drafting the Committee's recommendations. He said the recommendations that relate to curriculum could not be implemented during the 2004-2005, school year because they would have to be submitted to the Curriculum Committee of the Department of Education. He said they had collectively agreed to continue moving forward with those recommendations that could be implemented during 2005-2006 school year.

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Physical Activity and Nutrition Subcommittee recommendations were discussed. The Committee agreed that they were not ready to finalize the recommendations at that time. The Committee agreed to adjourn to allow the Subcommittees to meet and reconvene at 1:00 pm to finish the meeting.

A Draft of combined recommendations of the two Subcommittees and the Texas recommendations was handed out. Martha Hiatt advised that Public Health Committee Staff had requested a comparison of the Child Health Advisory Committee's recommendations and Texas' recommendations. She said others had suggested the Committee consider Texas' recommendations.

The Committee met in separate Physical Activity and Nutrition Subcommittee meetings, then reconvened after a working lunch.

It was agreed that the two Subcommittees would coordinate and/or meet again, separately, and recommendations would be submitted to Mary Gaither by April 26th. It was also agreed that Martha Phillips and Suzanne McCarthy would work with Becky Adams to prepare a preamble for the recommendations.

Mary will combine, format and send the recommendations, with the preamble, to the Committee by April 27th so they can review prior to the May 6th meeting. The Committee agreed that final discussion and approval of recommendations would be accomplished at the May 6th meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 pm.