

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2005

Attendees: Committee Members
Marilou Brodie, Charlotte Davis, James Fasules, Martha Hiett, Suzanne McCarthy, Connie Meeks, Jan Richter, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Susanne Tullos

Staff
Mary Gaither, Nancy Green, Ann Thompson

Absentees: Sue Chambers, Bobbie Davis, Blair Dean, Kathy McFetridge, Rhonda Sanders

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 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 March 18, 2005, meeting were approved.

Mary Gaither called the Committee's attention to the notice in their packets regarding a workshop on Physical Education in Springdale on April 21, 2005. Rosemary Rodibaugh reported on comments made at the Public Hearing in Little Rock regarding the Rules being developed by the Department of Education based on the Committee's Recommendations.

Suzanne McCarthy gave a BMI report. She said that as of March 31st, 76% of schools had submitted their data. She said passwords for the cd's would be going out to Superintendents during the next week. The cd's with the child health report would be going out during the next week to 10 days to the School Nurses via the Community Health Nurses. She also reported that training for the pilot schools would be on April 13th in North Little Rock and Watson Chapel.

Martha Hiett reported that she had talked to Dr. Keller Noggle, Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of Education Administrators and that he would officially designate the three existing Key Resource Group members and would also designate someone to represent the Association of School Administrators. She said she would follow up with the other organizations that the Committee had agreed to contact.

Andi Ridgway reported that the local Nutrition and Physical Activity Committees are meeting.

Martha Hiett reported that the Healthy Arkansas Highlights/Summaries of the County Plans were in the Committee packets and would be on the web sometime in the near future.

The Committee discussed development of a Clearinghouse/Task Force for Best Practices. They also discussed funding for the Clearinghouse. The Committee agreed to the appointment of a Task Force to report at the next meeting. The members appointed were: Suzanne McCarthy, Jan Richter, and James Fasules.

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A motion was approved to use part of the 5% set aside for a CHAC exhibit at the Obesity Conference in August. There was also discussion regarding sponsoring a scholarship and generating interest by using examples of programs such as Rogers Schools or El Dorado. Andi Ridgway will work with Community Health Promotion Specialists to get recommendations of schools to participate as part of the exhibit. Martha said she would report at the next meeting

The Committee divided into Nutrition and Physical Activity Subcommittees to work on official comments on the proposed Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards before the Board of Education. The Committee agreed to email comments to Mary Gaither to be compiled and forwarded to the Board of Education before the April 25th deadline.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.