

**CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

April 10, 2008

Attendees: Committee Members  
Barbara Kumpe, Carole Garner, Richard Nugent, Michelle Justus,  
Paula Smith, Charlotte Davis, Chris Patterson, Jada Walker, Steve  
Strode, Karen Young, Joe Don Parris, Kathy McFetridge (by  
phone), Amy McClelland (sitting in for Rosemary Rodibaugh)

Absentees: Dee Cox, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Sherry Ratliff, Dianne Vibakhar,  
Hollie Huckabee, Tyrone Harris, Patsy Smith

Staff: JoAnn Bolick, Pamela Henry

Next Meeting: May 08, 2008

Carole Garner, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order. Introductions of all attendees were made. Minutes of the March 13, 2008 meeting were approved as amended with the following correction made: *Jane Walker was changed to Jada Walker.*

**School Food Service Association-Child Nutrition Funding-** Delores Sutterfield, Harrisburg School District. Ms. Satterfield provided a map with free and reduced price school meal student eligibility totals for SY 06/07 for each county in the state of Arkansas. The focus of the discussion was on the reduced students. Ms. Satterfield stated that Representative Adcock has been very supportive in the expectation of trying to eliminate the co-pay for the reduced students. Ms. Satterfield stated that Representative Adcock has a Bill drafted entitled, "An Act to Create a Program to Eliminate Breakfast and Lunch Co-pay for Reduced Price Lunch Eligible School Children". The basis of the bill state that the State Board of Education will administer the program to provide co-pay for breakfast and lunch meals. Funds will be administered to us the same way that federal funds are administered for children K-12.

Any remaining funds will be distributed pro-rata based on the numbers of reduced price students, it is to be used strictly and exclusively for operating and equipping public school food program. The cost of the program is \$5.7 million for 2009-2010, \$5.9 million for 2010-2011. A source of funding for the program has not as yet been identified.

**Bylaws** – The Child Health Advisory Committee agreed to amend the Bylaws by addition of the official title the following organizations as well as specifying the joint representation noted below:

Arkansas Department of Health  
Arkansas Academy of Pediatrics (Official title is American Academy of Pediatrics-  
Arkansas Chapter)

Arkansas Heart Association (Official title is American Heart Association) American Cancer Society, and American Lung Association (Represented Jointly)  
Arkansas School of Public Health of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (Official title is Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health)

These Revised Bylaws will be placed on the May CHAC agenda for approval by the Committee.

Statewide Obesity Plan-Joy Rockenbach stated that last summer ACHI along with other southern states hosted an Obesity Summit. One of the outcomes from that Summit was a work group that came together to discuss having a Statewide Obesity Plan. Joy stated that the group has met three times and then the workgroup decided that the work of the group fell parallel to the work of the Arkansas Department of Health Chronic Disease plan. work in the group has decided to become under the Arkansas Department of Health Chronic Disease plan. The Arkansas Department of Health is acting staff for the team. The team is currently working in five groups that include: access to healthy foods, healthcare and insurance, early childhood and schools, worksites and built environment. Joy stated that the work group has been involved in planning meetings working on goals, objectives, and strategies. Joy stated that one thing that they looked forward to adding to this is a level of accountability and responsibility. A writing team will be put into place within the next couple of months so that the plan is concise, and structured. Joy stated that they are also in the process of establishing leadership and developing bylaws with the goal of becoming a 501(C)3 organization that could search for funding via grants, etc.

Staff Update – JoAnn Bolick stated that she and Kathy McFetridge will be attending the School Health Conference in June.

Child Nutrition Unit Update- Charlotte Davis stated that the Portion Chart has been sent out.

Act 1220 Coordinator Update-Joy Rockenbach asked Michelle Justus to report on the numbers for data entry on BMI. Michelle stated that as of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 80% of the schools are entering some information into the system, 71% of schools have entered 90% or greater of their information and 83% of the students have been entered in a required group. Joy stated that the official cut off date for data entry is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Health Department Update- Dr. Nugent deferred his report until the meeting in May. It was mentioned that Dr. Halverson and Dr. James have been talking with the Governor about the development of School Wellness Centers.

Educational Update- Paula Smith stated that the School Health Conference will be held June 24-26, 2008 and encouraged everyone to register and there is a need for exhibitors. The Interim Study on School Screening met again last week and comments from the focus groups from the different cooperatives throughout the state are being evaluated at the COPH.

Hometown Health Update- Nancy Green stated that Cheryl Roland, ADH Workforce Development provided four regional trainings to the Health Nurse Specialists and Community Health Promotion Specialists on the new procedure for applying for nursing CE's through A-TRAIN. Nancy stated that the CHNS played a role in assisting with the presentation at Grand Rounds on "APSIRE" - A Smoking Prevention Interactive Experience Training. This is a web-based program for Tobacco Prevention & Cessation. Nancy stated that the School Nurse Manual Committee is still in place and each of the Co-op's are charged with developing a chapter in the manual. Nancy stated that the CHPS and CHNS are working on summer nutrition and physical activity workshops. The CHNS are still working on Flu Surveillance; this should end at the end of April. Nancy Green made the following announcements: 1) Mary Wells, CHPS was nominated for the Recognized Young Dietician of the Year award from the Arkansas Dietetic Association. 2) The Poinsett County Partner's in Health Coalition recently received the Public Health Hero Award for their efforts of getting fluoride in the water. Laura Cook, Harrisburg CHNS played an active role in that committee. 3) Kim Hooks is in the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health obtaining her masters. Kim has developed a Staff Wellness Policy as part of her Integration Project. Kim presented it to the Dollarway School Board on April 8<sup>th</sup>. It was passed unanimously. 4) Joy Rockenbach met with a group from London that was interested in the BMI system. Joy contacted Nancy Marsh of Northwest Arkansas to coordinate some visits for the group to make to the following schools: Elkins, Rogers, Eureka Springs, Fayetteville and Farmington. Nancy Green stated that it was a great success.

#### Public Comments:

Announcements: Carole Garner announced that Mary Glascock, CHNS will be presenting her Integration Project on April 28, 2008 on the topic of providing the BMI Health Report and accompanying information through a web based system. Paula Smith announced that the School Nurse Conference will be held July 29-31, 2008 at the Agora Conference Center on Conway Arkansas.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45p.m.