

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2007

Attendees: Rhonda Sanders, Steven Strobe, Charlotte Davis, Hollie Huckabee, Joe Don Parris, Carole Garner, Sue Chambers, Suzanne McCarthy, Dee Cox

Absentees: Richard Nugent, Paula Smith, Kathy McFetridge, Rosemary Rodibaugh, James Fasules (Barbara Kumpe), Jan Richter (Rebekah Craig)

Staff: JoAnn Bolick and Devon Thompson

Next Meeting: May 10, 2007
Room 906, Freeway Medical Building
5800 W. 10th St., Little Rock

Rhonda called the meeting to order. The committee members reviewed and approved the minutes of the CHAC meeting on February 8, 2007 that were approved through email.

Staff Update - JoAnn stated that Coordinated School Health Brochures have been ordered and are available if any of the committee members need any for workshops or exhibits. Committee members mentioned that the exhibit will need to be updated due to recent legislation.

Health Update - None at this time.

Educational Update: None at this time.

Child Nutrition Update- Sheila Brown inquired if changes need to be made in the Rules and regulations due to changes in maximum proportion sizes. Rhonda suggested checking with ADE attorneys.

Hometown Health – Cheryl Lindly- The CHNS/CHPS Regional Supervisors are pleased to announce that we are fully staffed. The newest addition to our team is Emily Lyons, CHPS at Dawson Co-op in Arkadelphia. Emily has a nutrition background, and came on board in late February.

Our staff has been very busy planning summer workshops at the co-ops and school districts. Topics include: Health Promotion for Staff, Wellness Committee Development, Community Acquired MRSA, Pandemic Planning, Diabetes, Teen Health and workshops for food service personnel designed to help them meet new staff development requirements. The CHNS/CHPS newsletter is in full production, and a list of upcoming workshops across the state will be included with the April newsletter. After the

announcement of the school-based tobacco grantees, CHNS/CHPS anticipate requests for technical assistance on the School Health Index and other related Coordinated School Health topics for the new grantees.

A workgroup from DOH and ADE will convene soon to discuss and plan for the new mandates resultant from changes in the BMI legislation that impacts the CHNS's role in monitoring school district's BMI process and protocol. As this policy is developed, CHAC will be updated accordingly.

Coordinated School Health – Tamara talked on the following:

A. Last Year's Accomplishments

Coordinated School Health (CSH) had a very successful year last year. First of all, by July 2006, every position was filled for the first time. The 4th year progress reports were submitted to the CDC as well as the fifth year work plan and logic model. Nine school districts were awarded \$10,000 each to support efforts in Coordinated School Health. Many presentations were conducted to educate and inspire participants and stakeholders regarding the Coordinated School Health model. At least 1,000 people in Arkansas attended a CSH presentation. An evaluation instrument was developed to be used to collect base-line outcome data. DHHS/DOH leadership support for CSH has been paramount in nurturing a networking partnership with other organizations and agencies, predominantly Arkansas Department of Education.

B. Current Activities

The nine model CSH schools are implementing CSH workplans and collecting baseline data for evaluation. The state team is working on the progress report due by the end of May, and the state level CDC grant workplan activities. These activities are training teachers and other staff about CSH, building an Action Team comprising of major state level stakeholders, marketing CSH to the community and forming a cadre of speakers and providing CSH expertise to DOH Tobacco Prevention on CSH subgrant applications for next year. CSH continually works with the director's office on CSH issues such as EPSDT in schools potential and Systems of Care.

C. Plan for the Coming Year

CSH plans to apply for the next five-year grant from CDC/DASH to continue funding. A two-day summer institute training is scheduled to assist the new CSH schools. Success stories from the previous nine model schools and how-to tools for success are on the agenda for the July training. An Arkansas CSH website is planned to be up in the near future. Continued marketing efforts are planned as well as collecting data for the CSH evaluation instrument each year, in each CSH school.

Dr. Strode- Provided brochure and registration forms on the 4th Annual Arkansas Statewide Preparedness Conference that will be held July 26-27, 2007.

Legislative Update – Rhonda gave updates on the following Bills(Refer to Handouts provided)

Act 201 (House Bill 1173) – This Act provides an opt out for parents for the BMI and children in grades K, 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th and 10th will receive a BMI screening. The bill

also requires that protocols be established for conducting BMI and the CHNS to provide quality assurance.

Interim Study- An interim study to study the viability of requiring annual child health screens upon school registration. To determine the best mechanism to insure that all students are screened and results are reported to parents with minimal interruption of the school day and minimal burden on school resources. This study will be conducted by the Joint Interim Committee on Education.

Act 719 (Senate Bill 861) – An act to change membership of the child health advisory committee; to amend the powers and duties of the child health advisory committee; and for other purposes. The CHAC membership was increased from 15 to 20 members. A member was added to represent the office of Minority Health and Health Disparities at DOH and four (4) more education organizations will be represented: One (1) member to represent the Arkansas School Boards, One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Association of School Business Officials, One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Association for supervision and Curriculum Development; and One (1) member who is a classroom teacher.

Act 317(House Bill 1039) – An act to increase academic instruction time in public schools; to limit physical activity requirements for public school students; and for other purposes. Students in grades K-12th grades are to receive 90 minutes of physical activity each calendar week of the school year. The Physical Activity requirement was removed for middle school/ junior high and high school.

House Bill 1522 – Did not pass. An act to permit public schools to develop a policy allowing the use of candy and gum in the classroom; and for other purposes.

Senate Bill 897 – Did not pass but was sent to interim study. An act to provide guidelines for healthy vending beverages in public schools; and for other purposes.

Public Comments –

- Starting May 1, 2007, First Lady Ginger Beebe will be traveling across Arkansas
- visiting with families of children with mental health issues trying to find out their needs.
- Rebekah Craig announced the Act 1220 three year evaluation is available on the College of Public Health website.
- May 17, 2007 Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families will host Post Legislative Conference.

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm