

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2006

Attendees: Committee Members  
Suzanne McCarthy, Dee Cox, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Sue Chambers, Steven Strode, Jan Richter, Charlotte Davis, Joe Don Parris, Jim Fasules, Richard Nugent, Rhonda Sanders

Staff  
JoAnn Bolick, Pamela Henry

Absentees: Blair Dean, Kathy McFetridge

Next Meeting: May 11, 2006  
Room 906, Freeway Medical Building  
5800 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Little Rock

Chair Rhonda Sanders called the meeting to order. Minutes of the March 9, 2006 meeting were approved as read.

General business was discussed by the committee. Rhonda Sanders stated that it has been recommended to include the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education into one of the resource groups. The Child Care and Early Childhood Education Division is actively involved in a lot of health initiatives with children. Rhonda stated that Early Childhood will be a useful tool in looking at various things such as Coordinated School Health. A motion was made/seconded and approved by the committee to include the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education as one of the resource groups. Rhonda stated that a letter would be sent to Tonya Russell/Director, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood, requesting the name of an individual that will represent their organization.

Joe Don Parris made a suggestion to include a middle school principal/administrator as a key resource group. A motion was made/seconded and approved by the committee to include a middle school principal/administrator as a key resource group. Rhonda stated that she will consult with Dee Cox on getting a middle school administrator as a resource group.

Health Division Update – Dr. Richard Nugent stated that the interviews for the Coordinated School Health position are complete, and a recommendation was made to Human Resources. Interviews are currently taking place for the position of State School Health Nurse Consultant. Dr. Nugent stated that a new Early Childhood health initiative was being launched.

Education Department Update – Dee Cox stated that Early Childhood has been placed under special programs, and that the number of early childhood programs has increased. Dee stated that professional development is now offered for staff in Coordinated School Health.

Child Nutrition Unit/Questions Update – Shelia Brown stated that the Wellness Policy Training was continuing with good support from the co-ops. Shelia stated that a topic of interest that has come up is the “School Improvement Process”.

Rhonda Sanders stated that she spoke with Dennis Farmer regarding vending contracts. The committee had the discussion regarding vending contracts at a previous meeting. Dennis Farmer stated that access to contracts could be granted with certain information deleted out. To obtain this information, they will tell the local administrator that they have permission to share their vendor contracts with certain proprietary information deleted. The vendors will not give them the information but will make sure the school administrators will know to provide the information.

Suzanne McCarthy agreed to develop a vendor template for the next meeting utilizing various means of how to report. It was suggested that the CHPS and the CHNS could possibly educate the Nutrition and Physical Activity Advisory Committee (Wellness Committee).

The CHCA Sub-committee on Coordinated School Health met and discussed developing a position statement around Coordinated School Health. Based on the input from this sub-committee, Rhonda developed a draft position statement and passed out copies to share with the CHAC. Based on feedback from the CHAC, Rhonda will make modifications to the position statement. It was agreed to share this revised position statement at the next meeting and vote on it.

Rosemary Rodibaugh provided a power point presentation to the committee on Nutrition and Physical Activity Programs for Youth. Rosemary provided information on the Body Walk, the Food Stamp Nutrition Education, Delta H.O.P.E., My Pyramid and the Kids Walk Across Arkansas, which is designed to promote physical activity and encourage parental involvement.

The committee received introductions and updates from the CHPS and CHNS that were present. Carol Garner gave an update regarding Childhood Obesity, the topic was regarding: Federal Lawmakers Introducing Legislation to Ban Unhealthy Food Sales in Schools Nationwide, and Bill Strikes at Low-Nutrition Foods in School.

Rhonda Sanders asked for public comments, other business for discussion/agenda items for next month’s meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.