

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2007

Attendees: Committee Members
Rhonda Sanders, Hollie Huckabee, Paula Smith, Dee Cox, Jan Richter, Richard Nugent, James Fasules, Steven Strode, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Sue Chambers, Carole Garner, Kathy McFetridge, Suzanne McCarthy

Absentees: Charlotte Davis and Joe Don Parris

Staff: JoAnn Bolick and Devon Thompson

Next Meeting June 14, 2007
Room 906, Freeway Medical Building
5800 West 10th St., Little Rock

Rhonda called the meeting to order. Minutes of the April 12, 2007 minutes were approved as read with the following changes made: Act 201(House Bill 1173) 10th grade was added. The four organizations under Senate Bill 861 (Act 719)- 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. Amended minutes were sent to Committee Members on May 11, 2007.

Staff Update- None at this time. JoAnn mentioned that we will be working on reappointment letters.

Health Division Update- Dr. Nugent talked about the demerging of the Division of Health (DOH) from the Department of Health and Human Services and becoming the Department of Health, effective July 1, 2007. The administrative procedures to change the rules and regulations for scoliosis screening and newborn screening are proceeding. The proposed implementation date for expanded newborn screening is July 1, 2008.

Educational Department Update- Dee Cox mentioned that ADE is in the process of looking at amending the physical activity portion and adding the BMI changes from the recent legislation to the Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards in Arkansas Public Schools. The Joint Public Health and Welfare Committee has asked that the vision screening report be put on hold until the legislative session is over. Paula Smith has been working with Arkansas Public School Computer Network (APSCN) regarding the School Reports. Paula has reported that 100% of schools have submitted

Eye and Vision Screening Reports. Kathleen Courtney and Joy Rockenbach have put together the parent modules on school health. Based on recent legislation, state employees will now be able to get one (1) hour to go to their child's school for parent teacher conferences in grades PreK through 12th. Licensed teachers are required to have 2 hours of Professional Development each year, and one of the Professional Development prepared this year is the module "healthy education = healthy children."

Child Nutrition Update – None at this time.

Hometown Health update-None at his time. Mary Wells, CHPS gave an update: CHNS & CHPS are getting ready for summer workshops to be held for their COOPS. They are busy facilitating the Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS) for DOH and Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) for ADE's Office of Coordinated School Health when needed. Several CHPS and CHNS helped with the May 8th, 2007 "Great Arkansas Workout" where elementary schools from around the state participated in various activities and information stations. The CHPS and CHNS attended the May 4, 2007 Flu Pandemic and School Preparedness Conference.

Coordinated School Health- Laura McDowell stated that the schools gave a brief summary of success stories and information about what they were doing. Coordinated School Health is getting ready to write for their new five year application grant. Three (3) of the Pfizer Schools- Paragould, Harrison and Dollarway had a Health Fair. Harrison will hold their Health Fair in the fall. The Health Fairs at Paragould and Dollarway were extremely effective and brought in a lot of people and Dollarway basically ran the Health Fair themselves with the help of students, faculty and the community. Harrison started parenting classes which will focus on anger management, nutrition and physical activity to work with children. On May 31, 2007, Pat Cooper will be talking to the community of Harrison and the surrounding schools within the Ozark COOP area on the ramifications and positive effects of a Coordinated School Health Program. They also did a big physical activity in the community called Walking Team Work. They divided the participants and staff, and every week they did something with physical activity for a total of 9.5 miles. Mrs. Jennifer Sisco took the time to do conversion charts for other activities to meet the same goals of 9.5 miles (examples: bicycling, swimming. etc.) Since January, they had 92 out of 196 employees participate and were surveyed again at the end of April and 92 members are still participating in physical activity. Harrison is building a new junior high school and is putting a Wellness Center in the school. A pediatrician is already on board. Forrest City is collaborating with local pediatricians for their Wellness Center underway in the school district and plan to have a Pediatrician at that site everyday of the week. Hot Springs had a change in coordinators. On October 26, 2007, Dr. Cooper will be in Hot Springs to hold a Staff Development training with their staff. Monticello held a Strong Women's Program. On June 30, 2007, school data and evaluations will be due. There is a new Coordinated School Health website: ([www. Arkansascsh.org](http://www.Arkansascsh.org)). Beverly Browning- writer of Grant Writing for Dummies and Grant Writing for Educators will provide a training on August 1, 2007 for schools.

Joy Rockenbach and Debbie Woods prepared a resource list for Physical Activity and Nutrition Linked to Academics sites. . Also included in the handouts were information on: The Learning Connection; Nutrition, Physical Activity and Academic Achievement; and The Future of Children-Are Obesity, Nutrition, and Physical Activity Linked with School Performance. The Summer Institute is scheduled for July 16, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Presidential Suite.

Key Resource Group- Rhonda stated that she would like to add Dr. Betty Lowe to the Key Resource Group List. The CHAC agreed and Rhonda will send her a letter of recommendation. It was suggested that Margaret Bogle (Nutritionist and sister of Dr. Lowe) also be contacted to determine if interested in being as on the Key Resource Person List.

Joy Rockenbach – May 1, 2007 was the deadline date for the BMI data collection and 83.5% of schools completed their data entry. They extended the deadline until May 15, 2007 for those who didn't complete. Community Health Nurses and CHPS have been encouraging the schools to complete their data.

Public Comment:

Reauthorization of SCHIP (State Child Health Insurance Program) was discussed. The CHAC agreed that Suzanne McCarthy would draft a support letter from the CHAC supporting reauthorization of SCHIP and send to Rhonda for review. Rhonda will send review the support letter and send it onto the CHAC for approval.

Adjourned- 12:10 p.m.