

AMENDED

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2004

Attendees: Committee Members
Marilou Brodie, Sue Chambers, Bobbie Davis, Charlotte Davis,
James Fasules, Martha Hiett, Suzanne McCarthy, Don Johnson
(sitting in for Kathy McFetridge), Connie Meeks, Martha Phillips
Rosemary Rodibaugh, Steve Singleton, Rhonda Sanders, Susanne Tullos

Staff
Mary Gaither, Nancy Green, Ann Thompson

Absentees: Blair Dean, Kathy McFetridge

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 1, 2004, 10:00 a.m.,
Room 906, Freeway Medical Building,
5800 W. 10th Street, Little Rock

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the 05//06/04 meeting were approved.

Martha Hiett advised that letters had gone out requesting submission of information for appointments/re-appointments to fill the original one-year terms that will expire July 31st. All subsequent terms will be for three years. She also advised that new or re-appointed members are expected to attend the August meeting.

The Committee agreed to change the convening time of future meeting times to 10:00 a.m., and to change the September meeting date from September 2nd to September 9th. The meeting location will be announced later.

Suzanne McCarthy reported that Dr. Joe Thompson, ACHI Director, would hold a national press conference at 2:15 today, in conjunction with the TIME/ABC News Summit on Obesity to present initial data on the state's BMI assessments of public school students.

Andi Ridgway reported that a Health Conference entitled Moving toward the 'Natural State' of Health, would be held August 10 – 11, 2004. As a follow up to last year's conference, this one will address solutions to obesity.

Martha Hiett informed everyone that the Health Department had just received a \$1-million grant for Cardiovascular Health.

Dr. Fay Boozman, Director of the Department of Health gave a presentation on Governor Huckabee's Healthy Arkansas Initiative.

Martha Phillips updated the Committee on the Robert Wood Johnson Project and advised that grants for an additional two years might be forthcoming. She reported that there had been an overwhelming response to the baseline survey to Principals and Superintendents and that key informant and telephone

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interviews would be conducted with parents, legislators, Department of Health, Child Health Advisory Committee members, etc. She advised that on-site inspections of school vending areas would be conducted. Martha asked the Committee Members to notify her of additional items for the survey.

Martha Hiatt reported on her appearance before the Public Health Committee on May 20, 2004. She advised that the main concerns were:

- That a comparison of the recommendations with current laws and practices be made, as previously requested to the Department of Education.
- That recommended time frames be adhered to.

Suzanne McCarthy and Rhonda Sanders, who attended the meeting, reiterated the concerns and discussion followed.

The Committee reviewed and discussed final changes to the draft Recommendations and Preface. There was discussion regarding wording of the last paragraph of the Preface relative to the need for adequate funding. A motion was made, seconded and carried, with one vote in opposition, by Steve Singleton, to change the last paragraph of the Preface. Motions were made, seconded and carried to adhere to time frames proposed in the Recommendations. Motions were made, seconded and carried to approve the Final Recommendations for 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007.

Next steps and action to be taken by the Board of Education were discussed and Bobbie Davis agreed to advise the Committee of all necessary steps and timeframes. She also agreed to arrange a meeting with the Director of the Department of Education and Martha Hiatt and other Committee members, if necessary.

The Committee discussed having several members to meet with Public Health Committee Members regarding the Recommendations.

It was agreed that the July 1st meeting would be utilized for planning, and Andi Ridgway agreed to compile information on resources and/or programs already in place at the local level to present at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm.