

**CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES (Amended)**

June 12, 2008

- Attendees: Committee Members
Kathy McFetridge, Barbara Kumpe, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Carla Coleman (sitting in for Steve Strobe), Jada Walker, Carole Garner, Dee Cox, Paula Smith, Diane Vibakhar, Charlotte Davis, Sherry Ratliff, Christine Patterson, Karen Young, Joe Don Parris, Richard Nugent.
- Absentees: Tyrone Harris, Steve Strobe, Hollie Huckabee, Patsy Smith, Michelle Justus.
- Staff: JoAnn Bolick, Pamela Henry
- Next Meeting: July 10, 2008

Kathy McFetridge called the meeting to order with a welcome and introduction of new member, Elisabeth Burak, Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families. Minutes of the May 08, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

Heifer Project – Rex Enoch, Manager of Adult Education Programs- Mr. Enoch discussed the types of programs that Heifer Project is involved in around the issues of food and nutrition.

Staff Update – JoAnn welcomed Elisabeth Burak as an official Child Health Advisory committee member representing Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families. JoAnn reminded committee members to sign the attendance roster at every meeting in order to adhere to the Bylaws.

Health Department Update – Dr. Nugent stated that the Newborn Screening Expansion is scheduled to begin July 1st. Dr. Nugent stated that efforts are continuing with a program called Arkansas Early Childhood Comprehensive System – a planning effort that targets working parents, daycare centers, and early childhood educators.

Educational Update- Dee Cox provided an update on the progress of the Child Health Interim Study Workgroup. There are four health screenings for public school students required annually. Dee stated that the concerns leading to the Interim Study centered on the school districts and the administrative support not against the screenings. Dee stated that several agencies came together and implemented this Study that included a statewide videoconference in February. Based on the information gathered at the videoconference the Interim Study workgroup has proposed a pilot project using volunteer schools this fall. These volunteer schools would pilot ways to achieve the screens on non-classroom

time. There will be a meeting on June 25th to discuss this with potential schools for the pilot.

Hometown Health Update- Nancy Green welcomed Christine Reifeiss as the new Community Health Promotion Specialist for the Northwest Region. Nancy stated that Paragould Coordinated School Health will present at Grand Rounds Thursday, July 17, 2008. Nancy provided a list of 2008 summer workshops and trainings held by the CHPS and CHNS.

Coordinated School Health Update – Laura McDowell stated that the Coordinated School Health Program has been refunded for the next five years. The Progress Report was developed during the month of May. An electronic copy of the Progress Report will be forwarded to Committee members. In April, Laura McDowell attended a CDC DASH meeting that involved strategic planning using the Coordinated School Health Plan work plan for Arkansas to develop what is called SLIM – School Level Impact Measures. Laura announced that the School Health Conference is scheduled for June 24th -26th.

Act 1220 Coordinator Update-Joy Rockenbach stated that the BMI database is officially closed. Joy reported 98% of all schools are complete, and 99% of schools entered data.

Reports from Sub-Committees

Physical Activity- Karen Young, Chairman

Recommendations:

1. Early childhood programs may be included in recommendations that will be made by the CHAC.
2. A higher education representative shall be included on the Child Health Advisory Committee. The next time Act 1220 is amended, it should be considered to add a higher education representative on the Child Health Advisory Committee.
3. Higher education college curriculum needs to reinstate separate degree programs for Health and Physical Education.

The Physical Activity Sub-committee charged themselves to visit and find programs where there are strong PE and classroom teachers that integrate physical activity into the classroom, especially showing quantifiable results with outcomes measures showing improvement in academic improvement. This will be lead by Act 1220 – Joy Rockenbach and Coordinated School Health – Laura McDowell.

Nutrition – Charlotte Davis, Chairman

Recommended eight focus areas:

1. Pre K
2. Caffeinated beverages, energy drinks etc.; check on maximum amount of caffeine in 8oz. beverages
3. Advertisement of soft drinks in the schools; look at any restrictions
4. Farm foods
5. Facilities' funding requirement

6. Effectiveness of pre-packaged food
7. Fundraisers
8. Afterschool activities and how much they incorporate or support what is done during the day as far as nutrition.

No Public Comment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00p.m.