

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2007

Attendees: Committee Members  
Rhonda Sanders, Paula Smith, Dee Cox, Jan Richter, Richard Nugent, Steven Strode, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Kathy McFetridge, Suzanne McCarthy, Charlotte Davis, Barbara Kumpe (sitting in for James Fasules)

Absentees: Sue Chambers, Joe Don Parris, James Fasules, Carole Garner

Staff: JoAnn Bolick, Pamela Henry

Next Meeting July 12, 2007  
Room 906, Freeway Medical Building  
5800 West 10<sup>th</sup> St., Little Rock

Rhonda called the meeting to order. Minutes of the May 10, 2007 minutes were approved as read with the following changes made: *Pfizer (grammatical error). 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.* Amended minutes were sent to Committee Members on June 18, 2007.

Staff Update- JoAnn Bolick introduced Brad Planey as the new Associate Branch Chief of the Family Health Branch and the resignation of Devon Thompson as the Executive Secretary for Act 1220. JoAnn stated that she and Rhonda Sanders are currently working on appointments based on Act 719 and re-appointment letters. JoAnn stated that the agenda for the July 12<sup>th</sup> CHAC meeting has been finalized. Dr. Martha Phillips is on the agenda to speak to the Committee on the Year Three Act 1220 Evaluation Report.

Health Division Update- Dr. Richard Nugent stated that the demerging of the Division of Health (DOH) from the Department of Health and Human Services would officially become the Department of Health, effective July 1, 2007. Dr. Nugent stated that new Department would not be reorganized.

Educational Department Update- Dee Cox stated that the revised Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity to include changes in BMI and physical activity have gone out for Public Comment. The date scheduled for the Public Hearing is June 28, 2007 at the DOE Auditorium. Dee stated that she has received several questions/comments from parents and teachers regarding BMI confidentiality. Dee provided a presentation to sixty superintendents on the Health Focus – Parent Involvement Modules. Dee stated that updates to the School Health Report Card are in

progress. Dee announced that the Abstract 147544 on the Coordinated School Health entitled “Coordinated School Health in Arkansas: Partnering to Improve Health” has been selected for Oral presentation during the American Public Health Association 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Exposition (November 3-7,2007) in Washington, DC. The Coordinated School Health Program staff was also accepted to speak at the Disease Association Management - Obesity Management Summit on September 18<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas. Dee stated that Human Services workers would continue working in the schools although some reorganization is taking place. Dee announced the dates and location of the CSH Summer Institute: July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn Presidential Conference Center, LR, AR.

Child Nutrition Update – Charlotte Davis stated that the Managers Nutrition Certification Training was in progress. Charlotte stated that the Healthier U.S. Challenge Workshop recently took place.

Hometown Health update- Christy Davenport introduced Denise Potts as the new Community Health Nurse for the Western AR Co-op Branch. Christy provided handouts that included information on the Summer 2007 Workshops & Trainings, and the CHNS and CHPS Monthly Newsletter.

Coordinated School Health Program Report- Joy Rockenbach stated that Dr.Pat Cooper is on the agenda for the Coordinated School Health Summer Institute, Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The School Health Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Presidential Conference Center July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Deborah Biddle, DOH provided a presentation to the Child Health Advisory Committee on Flu Pandemic Planning for Schools. A summary of Ms. Biddle’s presentation is below.

A Pandemic is defined as virulent, highly contagious and widespread. We don’t know when this Pandemic will take place; our charge is to prepare for it. We will have limited to no resources from the federal government and surrounding states. Suffering will be inevitable. According to CDC the dismissal of students in schools could effectively disrupt a significant portion of influenza transmission within the age groups. On May 4, 2007, 130 people (health professionals, DOE personnel) met to discuss Flu Pandemic Planning. The purpose was to define stakeholders for school planning. The target audience was superintendents. Deborah stated that basic components should be used in Flu Pandemic Planning.

SCHIP Reauthorization Letter

Reauthorization of SCHIP (State Child Health Insurance Program) was discussed. Each committee member received a copy of the SCHIP Reauthorization letter that was approved by the CHAC and therefore mailed.

Rhonda Sanders asked for public comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45p.m.