

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2004

Attendees: Committee Members
Marilou Brodie, Sue Chambers, James Fasules, Martha Hiett, Connie Meeks,
Martha Phillips, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Rhonda Sanders, Susanne Tullos

Staff
Mary Gaither, Nancy Green, Ann Thompson

Absentees: Blair Dean, Kathy McFetridge, Bobbie Davis, Charlotte Davis,
Steve Singleton, Suzanne McCarthy

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 5, 2004, 10:00 a.m.,
Room 906, Freeway Medical Building,
5800 W. 10th Street, Little Rock

The meeting was called to order. The Committee discussed e-mail from Steve Singleton requesting that the minutes of the 06//03/04 meeting be amended to reflect his opposition to changing wording in the Preface to the Final Recommendations. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the 06/03/04 minutes with that amendment.

Mary Gaither reported on Committee re-appointments. She also reported on positions that have been filled. Martha Hiett reported that the current budget allows only six positions for Community Health Promotion Specialists to be geographically located throughout the state in each of the Health Department regions. The Department is moving forward to fill these positions to work with Community Health Nurses. She advised that the Department of Education has not yet filled the position required by Act 1220.

Andi Ridgway reported on Resources available at the local level and handed out Hometown Health Improvement County Profiles and a list of local contacts.

Joy Rockenbach gave a BMI update and handed out the Child Health Report letter that is going out to parents. She advised that a one-time gift from the Diabetes Association had enabled ACHI to mail the reports. She said they have also been asked to submit a proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for next year's BMI activities.

Bobbie Davis was not available to make the Department of Education Update, as listed on the Agenda. Martha Hiett advised that the final Recommendations had been sent to Dr. Kenneth James, Director of the Department of Education and that they would be shared with the Board of Health at their July 22 meeting. There was discussion regarding timeframes for public comment, etc. before the Recommendations could be implemented.

The Committee discussed options for promoting the Child Health Advisory Committee Recommendations, including the possibility of a press conference. They agreed to table for a future meeting.

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There was discussion regarding the Health Adequacy Committee. Martha Hiatt advised that staff would send a copy of the law establishing that Committee and a list of the members to the Child Health Advisory Committee. She also said she and other members of the Health Adequacy Committee would provide updates as necessary.

The Committee discussed the powers and duties set out in Act 1220, and the three areas that needed more attention. Based on that discussion, the Committee agreed on the following Work Plan:

- Systems to insure implementation of nutrition and physical activity standards at the August 2004 meeting
- Model Programs at the September 2004 meeting
- Monitoring and evaluating or results and reporting of outcomes at the October 2004 meeting
- Preliminary data on the College of Public Health's evaluation of Act 1220 at the November 2004 meeting

Additional discussion for next year's Work Plan will take place at the August meeting.

Rhonda Sanders suggested and the Committee agreed to have Martha Hiatt and Bobbie Davis co-sign a letter requesting appearance on various educational meeting agendas such as the Department of Education Coop Director's meeting in August. The purpose of these meetings would be to educate about Act 1220 and, particularly, the local Nutrition and Physical Activity Advisory Committees. Rhonda, Martha, Mary and Susanne Tullos will work with Bobbie on this.

There was a suggestion to have Jim Boardman speak to the Committee on the Department of Education's Data Collection System.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.