

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2006

Attendees: Committee Members
Steve Strobe, Kathy McFetridge, Suzanne McCarthy, Rhonda Sanders, Richard Nugent, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Paula K. Smith, Dee Cox, Jan Richter, Charlotte Davis, James Fasules.

Staff
JoAnn Bolick, Pamela Henry

Absentees: Joe Don Parris, Marilou Brodie, Blair Dean, Sue Chambers.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2006
Auditorium, Division of Health Central Office
4815 W. Markham St., Little Rock

Rhonda Sanders called the meeting to order. Minutes of the July 13, 2006 meeting were approved as read.

Rhonda Sanders stated that letters would go out to organizations for re-appointment of committee members. Rhonda asked committee members to refer to the Bylaws. A motion was made/seconded for Rhonda Sanders to serve another year as chairperson. The committee approved this motion. A motion was made/seconded for Kathy McFetridge to serve another year as Vice-Chair. The committee approved this motion.

Staff Update – JoAnn Bolick expressed her appreciation to Summonia Daniels and Suzanne McCarthy for their efforts on the exhibit panel and gave an update on the final changes made to the exhibit panel. JoAnn and Summonia exhibited August 3-4, 2006 at the Fourth Annual Conference on Nutrition and Physical Activity in Hot Springs. JoAnn will exhibit October 2, 2006 at the 2nd Annual Conference, Winning Against Childhood Obesity. JoAnn stated that Summonia Daniels and Sharlette Frazier with Connect Care will begin working on Coordinated School Health Program brochures.

Health Division Update – Dr. Nugent gave a report on the Division of Health Agency organizational chart.

Education Department Update – Dee Cox stated that the legislative committee approved the Eye and Vision Rules and Regulations. Currently there are 7-8 trainings in area COOPS. Dee stated that there will be a State School Nurse Conference on October 6, 2006 in Conway. Laura McDowell was named Coordinated School Health Coordinator for the Arkansas Department of Education. Dee stated that the Department of Education would be working with JoAnn Bolick to advertise the Act 1220 position for ADE.

Child Nutrition Update – Sheila Brown stated that the Wellness Policy is on file. Information regarding the poster contest related to Nutrition Promotion will be distributed among schools. Congressman Snyder and Sen. Lincoln awarded Charlotte Davis’ school district for “*Fighting Hunger and Promoting Wellness*” initiative.

Hometown Health Update – Toolkit update-Andi Ridgeway stated that the Toolkit revisions were finalized on August 9, 2006. Suggestions were taken from the CHPS and CHNS. Andi provided a copy of the revised version of the toolkit that included information involving Coordinated School Health, Core Team Relationships, Support, Collaboration and Communication. Andi and JoAnn will research options to get this information available: CD’s, website, hard copies, etc.

Cheryl Lindly gave a presentation on *The Role of the Community Health Nurse Specialist – “A Fresh Perspective for School-Based Public Health”*. Ms. Lindly stated that funding for Community Health Nurse Specialist comes from tobacco settlement dollars. Cheryl stated that the school districts, community grants, U of AR Coop. Extension Service, and Prevention Resource Centers are educational and community partnership.

Ms. Lindly stated the strengths and future goals of Community Health Nurse Specialists:

Strengths

School nurses, community involvement, agency support, educational experience, HHI team-support staff, partnership with educational cooperation.

Future Goals

Technical assistance to school with CSHP programs, strengthening relationship with ADE, pandemic planning with schools.

Ms. Lindly elaborated on working within the frameworks of Coordinated School Health which includes; health education, physical education, health services, nutrition services, counseling, psychology and social science, healthy school environment, healthy promotion for staff, and family/community involvement.

Rhonda Sanders spoke regarding the comparison of Alliance for Healthier Generation recommendations with Arkansas Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards in Arkansas Public Schools. Rhonda stated to the committee things to consider; ramifications, revenue/how its spent, etc.

JoAnn announced that the Child Health Advisory Committee Meeting for September 14,2006 will be held at the Division of Health Central Office – Auditorium.

Rhonda Sanders asked for public comments, other business for discussion, and agenda items for next month’s meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15p.m.

