

**CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

August 14, 2008

- Attendees: Committee Members
Kathy McFetridge, Margaret Harris, Joe Don Parris, Patsy Smith, Jada Walker, Elton Cleveland (sitting in for Dr.Strode), Carole Garner, Chris Patterson, Michelle Justus, Diane Vibhakar, Paula Smith, Joy Rockenbach (sitting in for Dee Cox), Charlotte Davis, Elisabeth Burak, Karen Young.
- Absentees: Dee Cox, Tyrone Harris, Hollie Huckabee, Barbara Kumpe, Sherry Ratliff.
- Staff: JoAnn Bolick, Pamela Henry
- Next Meeting: September 11, 2008

Kathy McFetridge called the meeting to order. Welcome and introductions were made by the committee and the audience. Minutes of the June 12, 2008 meeting were approved as read. Amended minutes of the July 10, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

Kathy McFetridge opened the floor for discussion on the election of Chair. Kathy McFetridge and Carole Garner were nominated. The Committee members submitted their vote on a sheet of paper to Jo Ann and Pamela Henry. Jo Ann Bolick and Pamela Henry tallied the votes, and Kathy McFetridge was selected by majority vote to serve as Chair. Kathy McFetridge opened the floor for discussion on the election of Vice-Chair. A motion was made for Carole Garner to be Vice-Chair. The Committee unanimously voted for Carole Garner by acclamation for Vice-Chair.

ASCIP Plans-Kay Simpson, ACSIP Supervisor-Arkansas Department of Education
Kay Simpson gave a presentation to the Committee on ACSIP Requirements for Wellness. Ms. Simpson discussion included: Standards for Physical Activity, ACSIP Format with Priority, Interventions, Actions, and Resources. Handouts were provided to the committee members.

Reports:

Staff Update – JoAnn stated that she is currently working on the appointment/re-appointment letters for the Committee. JoAnn emphasized to the Committee the importance of signing the attendance roster at each meeting to adhere to the Bylaws. JoAnn stated that plans are tentative for a new member orientation to take place prior to the beginning of the meeting in September. JoAnn announced that Joy Rockenbach, Act 1220 Coordinator will begin to assist in coordinating the Child Health Advisory Committee meetings.

Health Department Update(Expanded NBS Program)- Bob West, MD,MPH Arkansas Department of Health- Dr. West gave a report on the Expanded Newborn Screening Program. Dr. West gave an overview on the twenty-two additional disorders that newborns in Arkansas are being screened for (since July 1, 2008), screening methods and preliminary Newborn Screening Results through August 1, 2008. A copy of the power point presentation was provided.

Educational Department Update- Paula Smith stated that the School Nurse Conference in July 2008 was a success, with over three-hundred in attendance and various speakers from Arkansas Children's Hospital and other state agencies. Joy Rockenbach stated that Dr. James, Department of Education met with the Game & Fish Commission regarding programs to take into schools. This initiative is part of their "No Child Left Inside" program. The Game & Fish Commission would like for the Arkansas Department of Education to recommend this resource to use for physical education (hunters education, boating safety, hiking, water programs etc.) and after school activities. Joy stated that training in conjunction with Coordinated School Health is scheduled for November 6, 2008.

Child Nutrition Unit Update – Sheila Brown stated that workshops and trainings were held from June through August. Sheila stated that USDA has money for pilot programs to promote Fresh Fruit and Vegetable. Sheila stated that the amount of money increased to 40M and will increase to 115M by 2012-2013. Sheila stated that this year with the Farm Bill, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program will be a permanent program in all fifty states. Twenty-five schools were selected in Arkansas. Sheila stated that the Team Nutrition Grant will be approved. This grant will be utilized for: educating food service on use of whole grains; community education-role modeling; and teacher & student nutrition education.

Coordinated School Health Program Update- Tamara Baker stated that a Coordinated School Health Program Celebration was held on Tuesday, August 5th, at the Governor's Mansion. Twenty-seven Coordinated School Health districts were presented with banners for being "Exemplary Models for Creating Healthy Schools of Excellence in Arkansas". Tamara discussed the partnership with Arkansas Game & Fish Commission and the "No Child Left Inside" program initiative. Tamara stated that a partnership is in the works with Early Childhood/Martha Hiatt-DHS PreK programs on how to add to Coordinated School Health plan. The next Action Team quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 24th. Tamara stated that a planning meeting was held in July and discussion included development of an outline and Coordinated School Health five year strategic plan including completing some of the components and including content in all components required.. Tamara will give an evaluation update soon. Tamara stated that the School Health Conference in June was a success.

Hometown Health Update- Nancy Green stated that the CHNS's attended the School Nurse Conference in July and the CHPS and CHNS conducted several Summer Workshops. The CHPS and CHNS are beginning work on Fall Workshops. Nancy stated

that the School Health Index Training is scheduled for September 18, 2008. Nancy stated that the CHNS position in the NE region is currently vacant.

Act 1220 Coordinator Update- Joy Rockenbach stated that analysis on the 2007/2008 BMI data is due to come out in September. Districts reports will be available online on the ACHI website in early September. Joy stated that revisions are being made to BMI data entry. Training on this will be available to the Community Health Nurses throughout the Co-ops. They are in the process of looking at new BMI data tools to give to schools. Joy stated that she will be traveling to Chapel Hill in North Carolina at the end of August to take a week-long course on “Obesity and Public Health”. Joy stated that the Obesity Coalition has been active for one year, with five working teams and is currently putting together a social marketing group.

Reports from Sub-Committees

Physical Activity- Karen Young, Chairman

Revised Recommendations:

1. Early childhood programs may be included in recommendations that will be made by the Child Health Advisory Committee.
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.

Dr. Young will email the link to the subcommittee on Physical Activity Guidelines Advisory Committee Report Link: www.health.gov/paguidelines/

Nutrition – Charlotte Davis, Chairman

Recommended focus areas:

1. Licensing requirements prior to recommendations as far as nutrition
2. Caffeinated beverages-gather more information
3. Effective Advertisement
4. Farm School – USDA clause
5. Facility Funding – kitchen equipment, freezers,coolers, etc.
6. Fundraisers
7. Afterschool programs

No Public Comment

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

