

**CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

September 13, 2007

- Attendees: Committee Members  
Kathy McFetridge, Charlotte Davis, Christine Patterson, Diane Vibhakar, Dee Cox, Paula Smith, Hollie Huckabee, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Carole Garner, Carla Coleman (sitting in for Steve Strode), Jan Richter, Richard Nugent, Karen Young, Suzanne McCarthy, Rhonda Sanders
- Absentees: Steve Strode, Tyrone Harris, James Fasules, Joe Don Parris
- Staff: JoAnn Bolick, Pamela Henry
- Next Meeting: October 11, 2007

Kathy McFetridge called the meeting to order. Introductions of all attendees were made. Minutes of the August 09, 2007 meeting were approved as read with the following changes made: *Mary Wells is a CHP for the Northeast Region. A spelling correction was made to Joy Rockenbach name.* The revised minutes were sent to the committee September 17, 2007.

General Business-A motion was made and seconded to approve the election of Suzanne McCarthy as Vice Chair of the Child Health Advisory Committee. The vote by the committee was unanimous.

Jennifer Cisco, Green Forest School District presented a power point presentation entitled, "High Impact". Jennifer's focus was on the Green Forest School District and their commitment to Coordinated School Health. The 2007-2008 activities include the development of the Well Student Campaign that consists of providing immunizations for students K-12. This is a partnership with the Vaccines for Children Program, and the establishment of the nutrition services "Breakfast On the Go Program". Jennifer stated that the goal is working to improve each student's health and academic performance.

Staff Update- JoAnn Bolick gave an update on the appointments and re-appointments to the Child Health Advisory Committee as follows: Director of the Department of Health Appointments and Re-appointments: Chris Patterson-Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities, Dr. Karen Young-Arkansas Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. Steve Strode-Arkansas Academy of Family Practice, Dr. Jan Richter-Arkansas College of Public Health, Rhonda Sanders-Arkansas Advocates for Children & Family. Dee Cox provided an update on the Department of Education Appointments and Re-appointments: Tyrone

Harris-Arkansas Association for Supervisor & Curriculum Development, Patsy Smith-Arkansas Association of School Business Officials, and Diane Vibhakar-Arkansas School Boards Association. JoAnn stated that information is pending on the appointment from the American Heart Association and a member who is a classroom teacher is needed. Also, JoAnn stated that she along with Kathy McFetridge would attend the Winning Against Childhood Obesity Conference, October 1, 2007 and exhibit for the Child Health Advisory Committee.

Department of Health Update- Dr. Nugent stated that Governor Beebe has asked Dr. Halverson suggestion's on the following items that he is currently working on: Newborn Screening Expansion, Infant Mortality (three areas of concern are birth defects, premature deaths, and sudden infant death syndrome) and Folic Acid Awareness. Chris Patterson stated that Public Awareness month for SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) would begin with the "Back To Sleep" campaign on October 1, 2007.

Educational Department Update-Paula Smith provided a written report from Dee Cox. Dee Cox wanted to commend her staff members on their efforts. Paula Smith stated that twenty-seven Human Service workers are in the schools. Paula stated that work is in progress for funding to get an additional sixty Human Service workers that will assist the Coordinated School Health Program, School Nurses, School Counselors. Paula stated that Coordinated School Health is going strong. Laura McDowell is scheduled to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada to attend the Obesity Summit Management Conference and the APHA & Disease Prevention Conference in Washington, D.C. A report will be made on both trips. Paula stated that the second report to the legislature on the Eye and Vision Screenings was made to follow along with the requirements in the law. Paula stated that this is the second year for the Eye and Vision Screenings according to the new law. This will be the first year that data on Vision Screening will be entered into APSCN-Arkansas Public School Computer Network. Paula stated that more Medicaid billing is done on Vision & Hearing Screenings in order to generate more income for the school districts to be able to have money to support the school nurses. Paula stated that all subcommittees are in place working on the School Health Services Manual for the school nurses. Paula stated that the Rules for BMI Physical Activity Act 1220 are final. The Rules have been approved by the State Board of Education. These Rules are accessible on the Arkansas Department of Education website. Paula stated that the Coordinated School Health website is [www.arkansascsh.org](http://www.arkansascsh.org). Dee Cox wanted to express thanks for all the partnerships and collaboration efforts with education.

Child Nutrition Update-Sheila Brown stated that the questions they are receiving are in reference to special diets for students and fund raising questions.

Hometown Health Update-Nancy Green explained to the new committee members about who the CHPS and CHNS are and their roles. Nancy stated that the CHNS are involved in conducting workshops for the school nurses on Vision Screening and Scoliosis Screening. Nancy stated that the CHNS would have a new BMI Certification workshop on October 2, 2007. Nancy stated that the CHPS are continuously involved in Wellness School Activity. Nancy stated that there are two vacant CHP positions in the Northwest

region. Nancy stated that the following staff would be attending National Conferences during the month of October:

Becky Lamb-National Action For Healthy Kids, Chicago, Illinois, Mary Wells-Michigan, Nancy Marsh-National Tobacco Conference, Minneapolis, MN and Rosemary Withers-State of California School Wellness Conference, Anaheim, CA.

Coordinated School Health Program Update-Tamara Baker stated that a local Coordinators Meeting was held on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Tamara stated that an Evaluation Meeting would be held with agenda items of collecting data and other policy issues. Laura McDowell announced that the Action Team Meeting would be held October 3, 2007 at 1-3pm. in the Cox Building. The topic of the discussion will be the School Health Conference for next summer. Tentative dates for the conference are June 24, 25, and possibly 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Laura stated that Coordinated School Health is partnering with Connect Care for a workshop with the Human Services workers to familiarize themselves with each other, find out their needs, and etc. Laura stated that more details regarding this workshop would be provided at next month's meeting. Laura stated that she would attend the National Nutrition Summit sponsored by the National School Board Association in Philadelphia, PA on October 10, 2007. Laura stated that this Policy Summit would review policy in the state of Arkansas surrounding nutrition information in our schools. Other attendees include, Dee Cox, Wanda Shockey, Jared Cleveland, Superintendent of Lavaca School District; Dr.Knight, Arkansas State School Board Association, Mr. Perry, President of Arkansas School Board Association.

Act 1220 Coordinator Update-Paula Smith stated that the BMI Rules for Physical Activity Act 1220 are final. Amanda Philyaw announced that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference "Winning Against Childhood Obesity" would be held October 1, 2007 at Ferndale.

History of Act 1220 & 2007 Legislative Changes - Martha Hiett gave an overview of the history of Act 1220 to the committee members. Rhonda Sanders gave an overview of the 2007 Legislative changes: Act 719, Act 317, Act 201, and Act 29 of 2003. Rhonda stated that the various changes of the law can be accessed through the state of Arkansas website under Arkansas Code Section 20-7-133. Each Child Health Advisory Committee member was provided a copy of Act 1220 of 2003 and Act 29 of 2003 and a copy of the 2007 Legislative changes: Act 719, Act 317, and Act 201.

Kathy McFetridge asked for ideas/action items from the committee on what the Committee's next step should be. It was agreed upon by Kathy and the Committee members to email suggestions, ideas, etc. to the Chairman.

Kathryn McFetridge asked for public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.