

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2003

Attendees: Committee Members
Marilou Brodie, Karen Young (sitting in for Sue Chambers),
Bobbie Davis, Charlotte Davis, James Fasules, Paul Finnicum,
Martha Hiatt, Suzanne McCarthy, Kathy McFetridge, Connie
Meeks, Martha Phillips, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Rhonda Sanders,
Steve Singleton, Susanne Tullos

Staff
Mary Gaither, Ann Thompson

Absentees: None

Next Meeting: November 6, 2003, 10:00 a.m., Room 902, Freeway Medical

Chairman Martha Hiatt called the meeting to order and the minutes of the 9/03/03 meeting were approved.

Mary Gaither advised the committee that she is working on the development of a web-page and asked for input as to what they would like included on the page. Rosemary Rodibaugh and Marilou Brodie volunteered to work with Mary on the development.

Chairman Hiatt advised that public comment will be limited to 15 minutes at the end of each meeting for comments on agenda related items only until the committee gets to the recommendation phase. A group made up of Suzanne McCarthy and Martha Phillips will develop a formal process for public comment, which will be used when the committee moves to the recommendation phase.

Arkansas Center for Health Improvement Director, Dr. Joe Thompson, presented a BMI update. He also advised that health assessments will not be done during March and April when semester testing is being done. He said that pilot testing of several of the first six schools will be completed by the November committee meeting. Dr. Thompson suggested that hot-line calls are growing into areas other than BMI and requested the committee consider how to address this issue.

Discussion was held concerning calls versus e-mail for questions relating to Act 1220. Dr. Fasules suggested that the Health Department develop a mechanism for responding to questions. Suzanne McCarthy suggested a monthly news briefing or news conference regarding committee activity. Chairman Hiatt offered Health Department assistance to

handle calls or e-mails. She and Bobbie Davis will get together and have a number and a system/structure at the next meeting that can be used in the future.

Chairman Hiatt announced that through the National Governors Association Technical Assistance Opportunity, William Potts-Datema, Director of Partnerships for Children's Health at Harvard School of Public Health, will make a presentation at the next meeting on the national perspective for school based initiatives to prevent overweight. This presentation is a result of technical assistance received from the National Governor's Association and their Policy Academy process.

The committee agreed to invite Janie Parnique, of El Dorado, to the next meeting to share their experience with vending machines in schools.

Committee Members shared recent experiences as they relate to the Child Health Advisory Committee.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to place one member each from the Elementary, Middle and Secondary School Principals Association on the Key Resources Group. Chairman Hiatt stated that she, Bobbie Davis and Steve Singleton will work on getting names of those representatives.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to establish two subcommittees; one on nutrition and one on physical activity. Each subcommittee will focus on all appropriate components in Section 6-7-118 of Act 1220.

Bobbie Davis advised that she needs committee recommendations by April 2004.

Martha Phillips made an initial presentation, with handouts, on national data on vending machines.

Other business included a decision to e-mail everything that can be and to provide an updated copy of Dr. Boozman's slide presentation.

The committee received informal public comment.

Chairman Hiatt announced the next meeting on November 6, 2004.

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