

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2006

- Attendees: Committee Members
Rhonda Sanders, Joe Don Parris, Kathy McFetridge, James Fasules, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Suzanne McCarthy, Hollie Huckabee, Jan Richter, Charlotte Davis, Steve Strode, Sue Chambers, Carole Garner
- Absentees: Dee Cox, Richard Nugent, Paula Smith
- Staff: JoAnn Bolick, Devon Thompson
- Next Meeting: November 9, 2006
Freeway Medical Building
5800 W. 10TH St., L.R.

Rhonda Sanders called the meeting to order. There were introductions of Committee Members. Minutes of September 14, 2006 were approved with these changes made. Under Attendees: Carole Garner present for Jan Richter. On paragraph three, change Arkansas Coordinated School Improvement Program to "Arkansas Consolidated School Improvement Plan (ACSIP)".

Staff Update—JoAnn Bolick gave an update on two exhibits on October 2, 2006 "Winning Against School Childhood Obesity" and October 6, 2006 "New school Health Orientation." Paula Smith coordinated this later event for new school nurses. Implementation and Beginning Toolkits were handed out.

Health Division Update—Dr. Nugent Absent JoAnn mentioned that she and Dee Cox were interviewing for the Act 1220 Coordinator for the Department of Education on October 20, 2006.

Education Department Update—Dee Cox Absent

Child Nutrition Unit Update—Shelia Brown gave a brief update on the parent Involvement Program in Hot Springs. The Safe School Action Kit will be handed out in schools.

Hometown Health Update—Andi Ridgeway was absent. Cheryl Lindly mentioned that the CHNS were providing training to the school nurses on vision screening, hearing screening scoliosis training and asthma triggers.

Alliance for Healthier Generation - Suzanne McCarthy briefly discussed three handouts entitled "Alliance for a Healthier Generation", "Guidelines for Competitive Foods For K-12

Schools' and 'Comparison of Alliance Recommendations with Act 1220 of 2003 and ADE Rules.' New vending ideas are being given on how to better feed the children outside of the cafeteria and how to control eating on athletic trips home and away.

Early Childhood Health Initiative (ECHI)—Martha Hiatt stated that the ECHI will be in five sites (Monticello, Paris, Batesville, Hope and North Little Rock-Redwood). These sites were selected based on the large percentage of children who are overweight or at risk of becoming overweight, strength and support of local wellness committees established under the Act 1220 and strong school administrative support and sufficient preschool population (40 or more students) to assess the impact of interventions. The ECHI sites, the Arkansas Better Chance (ABC) programs will receive the following: Technical assistance and support from Child Care Health Coordinators to link community resources, providers, classrooms and families, classroom-based assessment and curriculum to increase physical activity and provide nutrition education for children, and support for mental health screening using tools such as the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA) program. (Refer to handout) Tonya Russell spoke on the Headstart Pre-K Program expansion under Act 49 with an 18-month pilot program.

Rhonda asked for public comments, other business for discussion and agenda items for next month's meeting. Suggestions for agenda items included: Discussion on expanding membership of CHAC, Discussion on menu labeling in schools, Discussion with physical activity sub-committee, Discussion on curriculum on health and physical activity, and Discussion on standardized format for reporting on vendor contracts. Rhonda suggested and the Committee agreed to allow sub-committee time on the next meeting agenda for the groups to discuss these issues and report back to the Committee at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.