

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2003

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

Staff
Mary Gaither, Ann Thompson

Absentees: Paul Finnicum, Kathy McFetridge

Next Meeting: December 4, 2003, 10:00 a.m., Room 906, Freeway Medical

Chair Martha Hiett called the meeting to order and the minutes of the 10/02/03 meeting were approved. The NGA Staff members Michael Fierro and Melissa Byrd, NGA Chronic Disease Policy Academy Team Members and other guests were introduced, including Donna Yutzy, a consultant working with ADH staff on committee support.

The Committee drew for positions on the Subcommittees for Nutrition and Physical Activity, as established by motion at the October meeting. She advised that Paul Finnicum had been asked to Chair the Physical Activity Subcommittee and Rosemary Rodibaugh had been asked to Chair the Nutrition Subcommittee to get things started and that the Subcommittees could elect different Chairs if desired. Each subcommittee will focus on all appropriate components in Section 6-7-118 of Act 1220, and members are as follow:

<u>Nutrition</u>	<u>Physical Activity</u>
Rosemary Rodibaugh, Chair	Paul Finnicum, Chair
Charlotte Davis	Sue Chambers
Rhonda Sanders	Martha Phillips
Connie Meeks	James Fasules
Marilou Brodie	Steve Singleton
Kathy McFetridge	Susanne Tullos
Bobbie Davis	Suzanne McCarthy

Chair Hiett introduced Becky Adams, ADH Living Healthy Leader, who will work with the Subcommittee on Nutrition and Nancy Green, ADH Governor's Council on Physical Fitness Leader, who will work with the Subcommittee on Physical Activity.

It was decided that the Subcommittee voting members will be only Child Health Advisory Committee Members.

The three additional Key Resources Group Members were announced as follow:

Wanda O'Quinn, Principal, Louisa E. Perritt Primary School in Arkadelphia, who was absent; Dr. Arthur Tucker, Principal Warren High School, who was absent; and, Joe Don Parris, Principal, Kraus Middle School in Clarksville, who was present.

Mary Gaither reported to the Committee on her meetings with Community Health Nurses and advised that trip reports will be e-mailed as trips/meetings are completed. She advised that their packet contained a copy of Act 603, the parent involvement act, which ties in with the goals of the Committee. She also reported that an ADH Child Health Advisory Hot Line number should be ready the week of November 17th. The number is 1-800-ark4health and will have a voice-mail message. Incoming calls will be monitored twice daily. Mary advised that she is still working on the website and that she would contact Rosemary and Marilou in the next few weeks for assistance.

James Fasules asked how vending machine data is being gathered by the Department of Education and Mary Gaither said she would get with Bobbie Davis on his request.

Committee Members were asked to share recent experiences as they relate to the Child Health Advisory Committee. Rosemary Rodibaugh reported that as a result of a nutrition education project, one school is now serving skim milk instead of whole and one PTA is now serving fruit juice and fruit muffins instead of soft drinks and cupcakes.

Arkansas Center for Health Improvement Director, Dr. Joe Thompson, presented a BMI update. He reported that five pilot schools have been completed and passed out a draft of the data collection form. He said another 20 schools would be done by December and reported experiences during the pilots that have been completed.

William Potts-Datema, Director of Partnership for Children's Health at Harvard School of Public Health, made a presentation on the national perspective for school based initiatives to prevent overweight. This presentation was a result of technical assistance received from the National Governor's Association and their Policy Academy process.

Janey Pirnique and Superintendent Bob Watson made a presentation on El Dorado's experience with vending machines.

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