

**CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

November 08, 2007

- Attendees: Committee Members
Kathy McFetridge, Richard Nugent, Charlotte Davis, Patsy Smith, Christine Patterson, Joe Don Parris, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Suzanne McCarthy, Tyrone Harris, Karen Young, Jada Walker (sitting in for Jan Richter).
- Absentees: Hollie Huckabee, Steve Strobe, Jan Richter, Barbara Kumpe, Dee Cox, Paula Smith, Diane Vibhakar, Rhonda Sanders, Carole Garner.
- Staff: JoAnn Bolick, Pamela Henry
- Next Meeting: January 10, 2008

Kathy McFetridge called the meeting to order. Introductions of all attendees were made. Minutes of the October 11, 2007 meeting were approved as read with the following changes made: *Kim Hooks title as a CHN was added.* The revised minutes were sent to the committee December 10, 2007.

Staff Update- JoAnn Bolick stated that Barbara Kumpe would be appointed to the Child Health Advisory Committee to represent the Arkansas Heart Association. The appointment of a classroom teacher representative from the Arkansas Department of Education is currently pending.

Health Department Update- Dr. Nugent stated that July 1, 2008 is the start date for the expansion of Newborn Screening. Dr. Nugent stated that negotiations are currently taking place with UAMS Department of Pediatrics setting up leadership meetings to define an action plan to do the professional educational public awareness in order to develop medical relationships with Arkansas Children's Hospital. Dr. Nugent announced that Dr. Joe Bates would be speaking to Rush Medical College in Chicago, Illinois. The topic of his presentation will be "What Arkansas is doing to Address Chronic Disease: Obesity".

Child Nutrition Update-The Child Health Advisory Committee discussed the Nutrition Standards for Food and Beverages Bill. The following action was taken by the Committee, *Be it resolved, the Arkansas Child Health Advisory Committee opposes any legislation that would have the effect of precluding states and local school districts from establishing or continuing nutritional standards in schools that are more restrictive than the National School Nutrition Standards.*

A motion was made by Dr. Nugent and seconded by Joe Don Parris with a unanimous vote by the Committee to forward this information in letter format to the entire Arkansas Delegation, member of Chief of Staff, and Health Liaison.

Hometown Health Update-Cheryl Lindly stated that since the previous Train the Trainer workshop that was held on October 2nd, and the CHPS and CHNS have conducted twenty-one BMI trainings at Co-op sites, twelve BMI trainings have been conducted at school sites, and one at a university to train nursing students. Also thirty-one upcoming BMI trainings are scheduled at school campuses.

Act 1220 Coordinator Update-Joy Rockenbach stated that putting a quality assurance piece in place. This will ensure that everyone that conducts BMI Screening and/ or recording and reporting information will go through BMI training again, and they will receive certification to keep on file. The community health nurse will provide this training to school nurses. Joy stated that she will have access to this information if questions arise about proper protocol. Joy stated that she attended a Public Law Summit at the Indiana School of Law. Joy stated that the Indiana Secretary of Health attended the Policy Summit that issued a blue print for Indiana the following week. The recommendation was that the schools do Body Mass Index screenings and physicians follow up with regular BMI Screenings in their offices. Joy stated that the first Obesity Planning Meeting was held after the Public Law Summit to begin to process the work of developing a statewide obesity plan. Joy stated that forty-one organizations were present.

Act 1220 Advisory Council-Joy Rockenbach stated that the Obesity Planning Group does not have a statewide guide; however does have pieces of guides from different places such as, Chronic Disease Plan, Hometown Improvement Plan etc. Joy stated that there are some people that also worked hard to revise the Rules and Regulations for Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards to include BMI Screening to ensure that the State Board of Education signed off on it. Joy stated that the BMI Screening Manual, developed by Judy Webber of Arkansas Children's Hospital, has been revised to standardize and clarify the BMI screening procedure.

Other- Senator Prichard reviewed the changes in BMI and CHAC membership that occurred in the 2007 Legislative session.

Future: Next Step Discussion – Kathy McFetridge provided each committee member a copy of “Discussion of Possible Recommendations” containing the following information: Review of previous CHAC Recommendations (2003-2004), review of previous CHAC Recommendations for Future Consideration, and CHAC Committee Discussion from October 11, 2007. The Committee discussed the following eight components of the CSHP Model:

CSHP Eight Components

- 1) Nutrition Services
- 2) Health Educations
- 3) Health Services

- 4) Physical Education
- 5) Health Promotion-Staff
- 6) Healthy School Environment
- 7) Family Community
- 8) Counseling & Psychological

The Committee made the following Recommendations:

- *Panel of experts on each component to present to CHAC.
- *Develop recommendation for advancing Pre-K (extend CSH to include Pre-K, wait on report from Martha Hiatt).
- *Invite School Wellness Committees to present to Child Health Advisory Committee.

The Committee made the following Suggestions:

- Break down action items proposed and place under appropriate CSHP component.
- Legislative package developments.

The Child Health Advisory Committee voted unanimously to cancel the CHAC meeting scheduled for December 13, 2007. The CHAC meetings will resume January 10, 2008. Orientation for new Committee members will be held prior to the meeting beginning at 9a.m.

Kathryn McFetridge asked for public comment.

Rosemary Rodibaugh announced the School Health Conference is scheduled for June 24-26, 2008.

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