

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2006

- Attendees: Committee Members
Rhonda Sanders, Joe Don Parris, Kathy McFetridge, Hollie Huckabee, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Richard Nugent, Suzanne McCarthy, Paula Smith, Dee Cox
- Absentees: Charlotte Davis, Jan Richter, Sue Chambers and Carole Garner
James Fasules (Barbara Kumpe), Steve Strode (Carla Coleman)
- Staff
JoAnn Bolick, Devon Thompson
- Next Meeting: December 14, 2006
Room 906, Freeway Medical Building
5800 W. 10th St., Little Rock

Rhonda called the meeting to order. Minutes of the October 12, 2006 meeting were approved as read.

Arkansas Surgeon General- Dr. Joe Thompson handed out two handouts on “National and Arkansas Childhood Obesity Trends” and “Comparison of Alliance Recommendations and CHAC Regulations.” Dr. Thompson talked about the epidemic among the US Children and Adolescents of being over weight and being obese. He talked about the BMI Report for school year 2005-2006, and said that data indicated the halting of the progression of the obesity epidemic in Arkansas. He also talked about vending issues in the school district and on how the vending machine limitations in the rules and regulations have resulted in drawing the student body back to eating in the school cafeterias. Dr. Thompson discussed the handout on the “Comparison of Alliance Recommendations and the Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards in Arkansas Public Schools, and mentioned that the Alliance recommendations were not intended to supersede local restrictions.

Staff Update- JoAnn Bolick gave an update on the interviewing process with Dee Cox on the Act 1220 Coordinator position for the Department of Education in October. It is currently under review.

Health Division Update- Dr. Nugent talked about three new programs and the relevance of the programs in the overall children’s health perspective: 1) Newborn Screening 2)

Mental Health System of Care and 3) Arkansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems.

Educational Department Update- Dee Cox spoke about a Parental Involvement Module and that it was legislated 2 years ago and will be up and running in March. On October 6, 2006, there was a School Nurses Conference with the help of Coordinated School Health Members and 150 nurses attended.

Coordinated School Health- There is officially eight sites that are Coordinated School Health Model School Districts The CSHP staff—is working with these Model School Districts to implement coordinated school health. Pfizer had a press conference introducing their CSHP in three schools (Dollarway, Paragould and Harrison). These three schools are a part of the eight CSHP Model sites. Pfizer plans on having a health fair involving these three schools. On November 14, 2006, there will be a Physical Activity Conference to see how schools can integrate physical activity into the curriculum instead of adding on other classes. They are asking for an administrator and a classroom teacher to attend. Currently, they have 150 registered and 100 on a waiting list.

Child Nutrition Update-

Hometown Health Update- Andi stated that the Toolkit is available on the Act 1220 website, and printed copies of the Toolkit will also be available. Andi stated that positions are being filled for vacant CHPS and CHNS.

Rhonda Sanders discussed previous subcommittees appointments and previous work on the subcommittees.

Sub- Committee Work- The CHAC Advisory committee decided to discuss some of the topics and issues from Dr. Joe Thompson's lecture. Rhonda announced which Members were on the Sub-committees for Nutrition and Physical Activity. New CHAC Members were asked to sit on one of these committees.

Rhonda asked for public comments, other business for discussion and agenda items for next month's meeting. Rhonda will develop talking points on access and content regarding the Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards in Arkansas Public Schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.