

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2006

Attendees: Committee Members
Kathy McFetridge, Suzanne McCarthy, Rhonda Sanders,
Richard Nugent, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Paula K. Smith
Charlotte Davis, James Fasules, Joe Don Parris,

Staff
JoAnn Bolick, Pamela Henry, Devon Thompson

Absentees: Steve Strode, Jan Richter, Sue Chambers and Dee Cox

Next Meeting: October 12, 2006
Freeway Medical Building, RM 906
5800 W. 10th St., L.R.

Rhonda Sanders called the meeting to order. Minutes of the August 10, 2006 were approved as read.

Rhonda Sanders asked Charlotte Davis to talk about some food services issues in relationship to the discussion at the Joint Public Health, Welfare Committee held at the Capitol this morning.

Wanda Shockey and Sheila Brown made a presentation on School Wellness Policies and the Arkansas Coordinated School Improvement Program (ACSIP). The Arkansas Coordinated School Improvement Plan goal is to improve the health and academic performance of the students, school staff members as well as parents and community networks. (Refer to handout) They provided information that can assist individual schools to come up with a curriculum improvement plan and referred to Act 1220 to enhance the school improvement plans with healthier nutrition in the schools so the students can be healthier, physically fit, get better grades and be able to cope with themselves and their peers. Wanda also presented the Summary of Sample Wellness Plan with the purpose, priority, required data, supporting details, goal statements, benchmark, intervention and actions of the program. Sheila Brown reviewed a sample "District Wellness Priority" to assist districts in the development of their required District Wellness Priority.

Tammie Harrell provided information on physical activity. She briefly discussed two handouts that were given ~~on~~ entitled "Health Safety Curriculum Framework" and "K-8 Physical Education and Health Curriculum Framework."

Staff Update – JoAnn Bolick announced that Devon Thompson is the new Executive Secretary for the Child Health Advisory Committee. Also, Jo Ann has contacted the Presidents of the Arkansas Dietetics Association and the

Arkansas Association for Health Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and received their recommendation for appointments to the Child Health Advisory Committee. These recommendations have been sent to Dr. Halverson. A draft of the Coordinated School Health Program Brochures were handed out to the committee for final review. The Act 1220 Coordinator position for Department of Education is being advertised. The hiring official listed is JoAnn Bolick.

Health Division Update – Dr. Richard Nugent announced the promotion of Carladder Parham to Regional Manager for the Central Public Health Region.

Child Nutrition – Sheila Brown announced that the poster contest has been released.

Hometown Health Update – Andi Ridgeway announced positions have been filled in the following areas: Cassie Lewis will be in the Southeast area –Helena, Sherrell Bird-DeQueen and Mena and Mr. Eackles in Northwest area.

Coordinated School Health Program – Laura McDowell talked about how the Department of Education and the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Health will be working with various school districts for the 2006-2007 school year.(Refer to list on handout) Other school districts will have the opportunity to apply to implement Coordinated School Health for the 2007-2008 school year. The information will be given through the Commissioner’s memo in spring 2007. All schools will be working on the following actions to develop a K-12 sequential comprehensive Health Education Curriculum, Collaborating with Community Hospitals to provide health assessments for staff, fitness challenges throughout the district, improve physical activity programs, provide healthy eating cooking classes, provide parenting classes for community and provide a health fair for families in the community with help from the local health agencies to do assessments and follow-ups. The Tennessee Department of Education will award grants to expand Coordinated School Health Program to other systems this year. All the schools are to implement a coordinated school health program by the 2007-2008 school year. The application is tentatively scheduled for release in mid-August with the anticipated date set for mid-October. (Refer to handout)

Early Childhood Health Initiative- Martha Hiatt talked about the Early Childhood Health Initiative being located in ABC Centers in 5 sites (Paris, Batesville, Monticello, Hope and North Little Rock-Redwood). David Cook will be working with Paris, Batesville and Monticello, and Christy Williams will be working with Hope and North Little Rock-Redwood. Sara Benjamin- NAP-SAAC Program representative of North Carolina will be here October 9, 2006 to provide an overview and discuss their evaluation program plans for the future.

Rhonda Sanders asked for public comments, other business for discussion and agenda items for next month’s meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.