

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2007

Attendees: Committee Members
Rhonda Sanders, Paula Smith, Jan Richter, Hollie Huckabee,
Rosemary Rodibaugh, Kathy McFetridge, Suzanne McCarthy, Sue
Chambers, Barbara Kumpe (sitting in for James Fasules)

Absentees: Joe Don Parris, Dee Cox, Richard Nugent, Steve Strode, James
Fasules

Staff: Shaun Addison, Pamela Henry

Next Meeting August 09, 2007
Room 906, Freeway Medical Building
5800 West 10th St., Little Rock

Rhonda called the meeting to order. Minutes of the June 14, 2007 minutes were approved as read with the following changes made: *Dee Cox announced that the Abstract 147544 on the Coordinated School Health entitled "Coordinated School Health in Arkansas: Partnering to Improve Health" has been selected for Oral presentation during the American Public Health Association 135th Annual Meeting & Exposition. Disease Association Management - Obesity Management Summit.* Amended minutes were sent to Committee Members on July 20, 2007.

General Business-Sue Chambers moved to select Kathryn McFetridge by acclamation as Chairman of the Child Health Advisory Committee, effective August 1, 2007. The decision by the Child Health Advisory committee was unanimous.

Staff Update- Rhonda Sanders stated that JoAnn Bolick is currently in Houston, Texas attending the "ABCD Screening Academy Learning Session". Rhonda Sanders stated that she is waiting for information on appointments from the Arkansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, College of Public Health, and the Arkansas Heart Association. The projected completion date for the appointment/re-appointment letter is August 1st.

Health Division Update- Eydie Abercrombie stated that the position number has been approved for the position of Children in Schools Section Chief, Life Stage Health Branch.

Educational Department Update- Paula Smith stated that the revised Rules for Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards to include changes in BMI and physical activity are in process. The Public Hearing was held on June 28, 2007.

Child Nutrition Update – No Update.

Hometown Health Update- Cheryl Lindly gave the following updates on the CHPS/CHNS:

Southwest/Southeast Region

*The CHNS in the Southwest Region completed the workshop in all four co-op sites entitled “Teen Health”

*The CHNS/CHPS in the SW region are currently presenting Staff Wellness workshops at three of the four co-ops and Food Service Staff training at each of four sites during the months of July and August.

*Delta Institute annual event was held at ARESC. The Institute provided professional development hours for the following school districts: Arkansas, Jefferson, and Grant counties.

*Two Health Promotion Workshops for Staff were held in June.

*Dr. Blair Dean gave her Academics+Motion=Academotion presentation and a Wellness, Academics & You (WAY) Training.

Northeast/Northwest Region

*Mary Wells is the new CHP for the Northeast Region

*The NW region currently has two CHPS vacancies.

Central Region

*Central Region staff has been assisting schools on completing their School Health Indexes (SHI). The Central Region staff has been providing technical assistance to Wellness Committees.

*Central Region staff has scheduled workshops with the Little Rock School District.

Coordinated School Health Program Report- Laura McDowell provided copies to the CHAC committee of the agenda and a brief overview of the scheduled speaker(s) for the Coordinated School Health Summer Institute. The School Health Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Presidential Conference Center July 16th & 17th. Laura also provided copies of the Coordinated School Health brochures to the Child Health Advisory Committee.

Dr. Martha Phillips, Director of Center for Public Health Practice provided a presentation to the Child Health Advisory Committee on “Year Three Evaluation: Arkansas Act 1220 of 2003 to Combat Childhood Obesity”. A summary of Dr. Phillip’s presentation can be accessed at www.uams.edu/coph, click the link to “reports”. The power point presentation will be forwarded to each member of the Child Health Advisory Committee.

Rhonda Sanders asked for public comment.

Eydie Abercrombie announced that The Southern Regional Health Consortium, in collaboration with the Public Health Institutes in Texas and Arkansas, The Texas Health Institute and Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, the Directors of Health Promotion

and Education (DHPE), the National Society of Physical Activity Practitioners in Public Health (NSPAPPH), and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD), will be hosting a conference, "Promising Obesity Prevention Strategies in the Southern States," on August 26-28, 2007 in Little Rock, AR.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15p.m.