



Child Health Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 17, 2022 · 9:00 a.m. – 9:42 a.m. · Zoom Only

Call to order: 9:04 a.m.

Zoom: Paula Rawls, Josh Phelps, Jerri Clark, Melinda Kinnison, Dan Breshears, Michelle Brown, Gary Williams, Dave Oberembt, Mike Motley, Cheria McDonald, Bala Simon, Patrick Casey, Lucas Harder, Sean Engle, Loretta Alexander **Absent:** Ashley Williams, Elaine Prewitt, Tammie Works, Carole Garner

Staff: Shannon Borchert, Shy Whitley

Guest: Brittany Rothwell, Lisa Mundy, Gwen Robinson, Ariel Rogers, Sarah Brisco, Kim Hooks, Kathryn Motsinger, Arkansas Citizens Access Network, ADH Minority Health Office

Review of January and February minutes- M. Brown moved to approve the minutes for January; M. Motley seconded motion. Motion passed. D. Breshears moved to approve the February minutes, J. Clark seconded motion. Motion passed.

Act 1220 & Coordinated School Health Reports- M. Kinnison moved to accept the reports; C. McDonald seconded motion. Motion passed.

Act 1220 Report:

School Wellness: School Health and Wellness Improvement Plan reviews are ongoing.

SWAG: No updates

CHAC: Expect to see updated digital binder in emails next week. Due to size, it will come in 3-5 emails.

CSH Report:

The final quarterly Coordinated School Health meeting of 2021/2022 school year will be May 4, 2022. It will be virtual.

Old Business

Nutrition Support Letters: (letters provided and content included in February meeting minutes)

Sent to staff of:

- Representative Crawford (1st District of Arkansas)
- Representative Hill (2nd District of Arkansas)
- Representative Womack (3rd District of Arkansas)
- Representative Westerman (4th District of Arkansas)
- Senator Boozman
- Senator Cotton

Representatives from the offices of Rep. Crawford and Rep. Hill confirmed receiving the letter for review.

New Business

Commissioner's Memo: [CNU-22-018](#)



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“The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has finalized Transitional Standards for milk, whole grains, and sodium for child nutrition meal pattern requirements for school years (SY) 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. **This rule will become effective July 1, 2022...**”

CHAC staff will reach out to ADE CNU to receive clarification on what this means for schools in relation to the Maximum Portion Size List, meal pattern, flavored milk, etc.

Member & Attendee Updates

Crystal Brown (School Based Health Centers): Technical Assistance webinar held 02/14/22; the webinar had 23 schools attended to be eligible to apply for SBHC Grant. Grant released on 1/24/22 in Commissioner’s Memo [LS-22-047](#). SBHC Grant applications are due 03/31/2022 by 11:59 p.m. Reviewers will meet on 04/04/2022, 04/11/2022, and 04/18/2022. Rubrics will be submitted upon completion on 04/18/2022.

Carole Garner (Arkansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics): The Omnibus funding bill passed last week included \$45 million for Summer EBT and \$30 million for school kitchen equipment grants. However, CEP expansion was not included in that funding package. There is a bill, [HR 6743](#), that would increase the lunch reimbursement rate and may be enough to encourage more CEP schools. The bill may move forward on its own or be incorporated into a larger Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill later in the summer.

Jerri Clark (Arkansas Department of Education, DESE): Arkansas Medicaid in the Schools has hired Jennifer Lane as the NEA Medicaid Advisor. SAMHSA updates regarding the “988” Suicide and Crisis Lifeline can be found [here](#).

Paula Rawls (Arkansas ASCD): The summer conference will be June 5th-June 7th. Click [here](#) for more information.

Mike Motley (Arkansas Center for Health Improvement): Find the [Assessment of Childhood and Adolescent Obesity in Arkansas: Year 18 \(Fall 2020-2021\) January](#) available. To see the blog post click [here](#).

Loretta Alexander (Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families): [Keeping Coverage: Medicaid and the End of the Public Health Emergency Virtual Discussion](#) will be March 31, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Information regarding other events can be found [here](#).

Adjourn: D. Oberembt moved to adjourn, D. Breshears seconded motion. Motion passed. 9:42 a.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting Only

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96682665672> Meeting ID: 966 8266 5672

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