

**CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 13, 2009**

- Attendees:** Dee Cox, Charlotte Davis, Carole Garner, Pam Jones, Michelle Justus, Barbara Kumpe, Christine Patterson, Patsy Smith, Paula K. Smith, Brett Stone, Jada Walker, Bob West, Constance Whitfield, Karen Young
- Absentees:** Elisabeth Burak, Elton Cleveland, Margaret Harris, Tyrone Harris, Kathy McFetridge, W. Tony Thurman
- Substitutes:** Amy Moses (Margaret Harris) and Don Johnson (Kathy McFetridge)
- Staff:** Joy Rockenbach, Mary Wells, Lynette Bryant
- Next Meeting:** September 10, 2009

- ❖ Carole Garner explained that according to the CHAC bylaws all officers' terms of office ended July 31 and a chair pro tempore would need to be elected in order to call the August 2009 meeting to order,
- ❖ Paula Smith nominated Mary Wells for chair pro tempore. The motion was seconded by Barbara Kumpe and passed unanimously.
- ❖ Mary Wells called the meeting to order. The new members were introduced. Those present were Pam Jones (Classroom Teacher), Brett Stone (AR Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance), Constance (Connie) Whitfield (AR School Boards Association).
- ❖ Mary Wells opened the floor for nomination of chair. Carole Garner was nominated by Barbara Kumpe and seconded by Patsy Smith. There were no other nominations. A motion was made to close the floor to nominations by Karen Young and seconded by Patsy Smith. The motion passed unanimously. Carole Garner was elected as the new chair for the CHAC unanimously.
- ❖ Carole Garner opened the floor for the nomination of a vice chair. Patsy Smith nominated Karen Young for vice chair. Bob West seconded the nomination, however, Karen Young declined the nomination. Paula Smith nominated Jada Walker for vice chair. Michelle Justus seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. The motion to close the floor was made by Barbara Kumpe and seconded by Dr. Bob West. Jada Walker was elected the new vice chair unanimously.
- ❖ A motion to approve the minutes for May 14, 2009 was made by Paula Smith and seconded by Karen Young. The May 14, 2009 minutes were approved as written. A motion to accept the June 11, 2009 CHAC minutes was made by Barbara Kumpe and seconded by Christine Patterson. Corrections were made to the minutes and they were approved as corrected.
- ❖ A motion to accept the July 9, 2009 CHAC Minutes made by Paula Smith and seconded by Barbara Kumpe. Corrections were made and the minutes were approved as corrected.
- ❖ The Act 1220 Evaluation Results for 2008 were presented by Martha Phillips, PhD, MPH, MBA, an Assistant Professor at UAMS.

**Guiding Principles Discussion**

- ❖ A motion was made by Barbara Kumpe and seconded by Karen Young to review each recommendation for all components in the small work groups. The recommendations are to be divided into actual recommendations and potential strategies to advance the recommendations. The recommendations will be pushed forward to the appropriate Board or agency. The motion was approved unanimously.
- ❖ The small groups will work on the recommendations in the September 10, 2009 meeting.

## Reports

### Staff Update

- ❖ Mary Wells and Joy Rockenbach are working on the annual update for the legislators with regards to the activities of the CHAC. The plan of action and update shall be completed by September 10, 2009 meeting.
- ❖ Joy Rockenbach reported that Growing Healthy Communities, a project developed by the Arkansas Coalition for Obesity Prevention, is moving forward.
- ❖ Mary Wells, Joy Rockenbach, Michelle Justus and Shelia Brown are working with Heifer Project on the November 12, 2009 Farm to School Conference to place local produce in schools.

### Health Department Update

- ❖ Bob West reported on the number of new H1N1 (swine flu) virus cases in Arkansas. The H1N1 vaccine development is underway including studies of the safety and efficacy of the vaccine. Dosage requirements and availability is currently unknown. It has not been determined how much of the vaccine Arkansas will receive. It is currently unknown when the vaccine will be available and the quantities. The H1N1 vaccine is not a part of the seasonal vaccine program the State is providing for school age children. The mutation of the H1N1 virus is unclear which could cause a more severe reaction. Presently, the symptoms and duration of the H1N1 virus has been relatively mild and short lived. Overall case mortality has been low for the state. There has been one death from the H1N1 virus. Precautions are being taken to decrease the incidence of the H1N1 virus; teaching good personal hygiene, early recognition and separation of a sick child, posting school assignments on their websites and staying home at least 24 hours post fever. Cancellation of schools is not being recommended.

### Educational Department Update

- ❖ Paula K. Smith reported on seasonal flu efforts for school children. Activities include development of media, release forms, a training power point for the CHNS, a Dear Parent Letter, and consent forms. The school nurses are being encouraged to have their volunteer nurses provide copies of their nurses' license and picture ID information in case they are needed for future activities. Most all the schools have scheduled at least one mass flu shot clinic. Children under eight should be given two immunizations. Arkansas is the only state that is giving the seasonal vaccine to school age children at this level. Paula attended the National Association of School Nurse Conference this summer. The State School Nurse Consultants in attendance wanted further information on Arkansas's work. The ADH ordered 683 thousand doses of the seasonal flu vaccine for the estimated 456 thousand school children. A reminder to have housekeeping involved was noted. School closure is typically based on more than 20% absence of the school population. Most school closures are determined by the individual school district. Schools are being asked to place their pandemic flu plans on their school websites.
- ❖ Paula Smith reported for Dee Cox. A new partnership between the National School Board Association and Coordinated School Health (CSH) has evolved. Coordinated School Health will begin to give a quarterly report to the Arkansas Board of Education. A Board of Education member will be appointed to work with the CSH support team. Conversations have begun with regards to the new tobacco tax, the community health wellness centers, joint facility use agreement and school nurse technology support.
- ❖ Tamara Baker reported on the Tobacco Commission's obesity prevention grant project for K-8 schools.. A call for proposals has been developed which requires the schools to incorporate a certain amount of hours per week of physical education for their students. Forty eight schools will be able to participate. Total funding for the grants are \$700,000.

### Hometown Health Update

- ❖ Anna Haver stated CHNS/CHPS are working with the schools on new school nurse training and flu prevention efforts. Pulaski County Special School District is training all their physical education teachers on BMI screening.

### Child Nutrition Update

- ❖ Sheila Brown stated part of the stimulus money will be used for school kitchen equipment. There were more applications than funds. Once invoices for the equipment are in, if funds have not been fully used they are anticipating funding additional schools. Forty seven schools will receive funding for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable

Snack Program. Team Nutrition Grant activities are continuing with several training components: school food service staff to incorporate whole grains; Planet Health; and adults as good role models for children. The IOM will be releasing the change to the meal pattern soon.

#### **Act 1220 Coordinator Update**

- ❖ There is not an update on BMI information. Arkansas Center for Health Improvement and Joy are meeting with programmers and the Department of Education data collection service on expansion and working to improve data collection.

#### **Additional member comments**

- ❖ Barbara Kumpe reported on meetings at the state capitol concerning the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA). Act 1220 receives 5% of the MSA dollars. She reminded members this money is different than the tobacco tax passed in the last legislative session.

#### **Action(s) Required:**

- ❖ Set aside Group time for the Guiding Principles at the next CHAC meeting in September.
- ❖ An email will be sent to members providing guidance on Guiding Principles and their recommendations to prepare for September's meeting.

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