

**CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 11, 2013  
Freeway Medical Building  
Room 906**

**Attendees:** Andrea Martin (via phone), Barbara Kumpe, Brett Stone, Carole Garner, Don Johnson, Elton Cleveland, Jada Walker, Joanne McLendon, Michelle Justus, Paula Smith, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Steve Anderson

**Absentees:** Anna Strong, Charlotte Davis, Connie Whitfield, Laura Bednar, Michelle Smith, Robyn Keene

**Staff:** Brittany Johnson, Joy Rockenbach, Taniesha Richardson

**Next meeting:** May 9, 2013

**Business**

- ❖ Carole Garner made a motion to accept the February minutes with changes and was seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- ❖ Brett Stone made a motion to accept the existing Maximum Proportion Size List and was seconded. The Maximum Proportion Size List was unanimously approved.
- ❖ Members were previously asked to give input on the possibility of meeting occasionally by teleconference or videoconferencing capabilities. Members discussed their concerns on not having monthly face-to-face meetings. It was decided that the members would continue to meet in person on a monthly basis.

**Wellness Committee Tool Kit**

- ❖ Taniesha Richardson gave a brief power point presentation on the new wellness tool kit. Members were asked for feedback. Changes and suggestions were noted. Taniesha will send an electronic copy to the committee as well as Kim Hooks for distribution to the CHNS and CHPS. All feedback should be submitted to Taniesha.

**Recommendation Prioritizing**

- ❖ There was a discussion on prioritizing the recommendations to ADE. Jada will work on the recommendations focusing only on the components dealing with physical education and nutrition. Further discussion will occur during the May CHAC Meeting.

## **Childhood Obesity in America: A Community-Based Approach**

- ❖ Mara D'Amico, Angela Bukenya, Christine Sumner, and Jillian Underwood, Graduate Students at The Clinton School of Public Service, gave an informative presentation on the factors contributing to childhood obesity, policy alternatives, cost effectiveness of these alternatives, and recommendations for this epidemic on a national level. They shared data suggesting that community-based interventions ranked 1 out of 3 when compared to advertising and school-based interventions, and were also the most cost effective in regard to savings in future health expenditures and decreasing BMI point reduction. Their findings suggest creating more Childhood Obesity Task Forces and supporting Community-Based Initiatives. Brittany will email a copy of their presentation to members.

## **Member Announcements**

- ❖ Andi Ridgeway announced that CHAC member Charlotte Davis was named Outstanding Dietetic of the Year. Dr. Elton Cleveland made a motion that the committee writes a letter of commendation to Charlotte and was seconded. The vote was unanimously approved.
- ❖ Taniesha shared the process of submitting the recommendations to the Arkansas Department of Education.
- ❖ Joy reported that 65.77% of the schools reporting BMI data is 85% completed. All data should be submitted by May 1, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.