

**Child Health Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 19, 2015**  
**Teleconference Meeting**

**Attendees:** Aaron Strong, Angie Drummond, Barbara Kumpe, Brett Stone, Carole Garner, Charlotte Davis, Cindy Hogue, Don Johnson, Elton Cleveland, Heather Rouse, Joanne McLendon, Marquita Little, Michelle Smith, Pamela Dixon, Paula Smith, Rosemary Rodibaugh

**Absentees:** Connie Whitfield, Steve Anderson

**Substitutes:** Martha Phillips (Elizabeth Taylor), Patricia Scott (Alan Mease)

**Staff:** Brittany Johnson, Joy Rockenbach

**Next Meeting:** March 19, 2015

**Meeting Called to Order**

- ❖ Barbara Kumpe, Chair, called the meeting to order and roll was called.
- ❖ Paula Smith made a motion to accept January minutes, and was seconded by Carole Garner. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Legislative Update**

- ❖ **HB1138** – Appropriation bill for the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation program with the ADH. This bill includes the funding for CHAC. Joint Budget bill
  - Barbara stated that this bill includes CHAC funding. CHAC receives up to 5 percent of this funding because it also includes funding for the CHPS and CHNS.
- ❖ **SB391** – redistributes Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement funding from the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program (TPCP) to the Medicaid Expansion Program Account. The percentages for TPCP MSA funding would change from 31.6% to 27.2%. MSA funding for TPCP is based on estimates and projections of future payments, making a very complex budget process. The details concerning funding for specific programs cannot be determined until final legislation is passed and the funding estimate from the Department of Finance and Administration is received by ADH.

The current estimate for the reduction is about \$2 million. This is a preliminary figure based on the state fiscal year 2015 funding. In anticipation of the potential reductions, the TPCP program has begun assessing their current budget and talking with Health Department programs potentially affected by a reduction. We expect to be able to continue our tobacco prevention priorities including preventing initiation of nicotine use among youth and young adults.

- ❖ **SB378** – Appropriation for the Breakfast and Nutritional Programs in Public Schools. Sponsor Senator Bobby Pierce
  - This bill is to amend the current language in the law that will allow appropriation of the budget yearly instead of bi-annually. Also, there is \$1 million dollars for grants for Breakfast and Nutritional Programs.
- ❖ **HB1346** – Diverts funds to Highways and take it from key service programs for children and families. Sponsor Rep. Dan Douglas
  - Marquita explained that this bill diverts a certain amount of state general revenues and dedicates it only for the use of highway improvements. The concern is that it could potentially impact programs that are generally funded by these state revenue dollars. That puts a lot of the programs dealing with children and families at risk.
- ❖ **SB218** – Prohibits Schools/School Districts from uploading to the State, any student information that not already required by law
  - Carole’s concern is that this bill prohibits the upload of juvenile delinquency records, criminal records, health records, and student biometrics. This is the only law that affects BMI and requires schools to report to Parents.
- ❖ **HB1395** – This bill is being revised by the American Diabetes Association to include allowing unlicensed care providers in the school to be the care provider for children with diabetes and give insulin and manage their diabetes.
  - Paula’s concern is what type of training will these care providers have? Also, there is no definition of who these healthcare professionals will be. She is also concerned with some of the verbiage included in the bill.

### **Announcements/Updates**

- ❖ Heather Rouse, from the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement (ACHI), gave an update on the information that was requested at the last CHAC meeting. She stated that Carole and Katie had been doing some research on how other states are collecting and using BMI data. They have also looked into other programs and initiatives utilized in schools and communities. They
- ❖ Heather also asked the committee for a letter of support on some research being done by Judy Webber on the types of physical activity and nutrition activities relating to BMI changes in children. This will assist with stronger recommendations. There is a funding opportunity to support some of this research. She is asking CHAC to provide a letter of support to go after this funding that will be provided by the US Department of Agriculture. It will help to collect data from children 4<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents regarding their home environment, physical activity at home and school, diet, and nutrition. Rosemary Rodibaugh made the motion to send the letter of support and was seconded by Brett Stone. The committee unanimously agreed to provide the letter of support. Barbara will work with Joy to get the letter to Heather.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.M.