

Child Health Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2014
Freeway Medical Building
Room 906

Attendees: Aaron Strong, Brett Stone, Carole Garner, Charlotte Davis (via phone), Don Johnson (via phone), Elton Cleveland, Joanne McLendon, Michelle Smith, Patricia Scott, Paula Smith

Absentees: Barbara Kumpe, Connie Whitfield, Martha Phillips, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Steve Anderson

Substitutes: Cindy Hogue (Jerri Clark)

Staff: Brittany Johnson and Joy Rockenbach

Next Meeting: January 8, 2015

Meeting Called to Order

- Brett Stone, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order and had introductions.
- October minutes were reviewed. Due to lack of a quorum, minutes were tabled until January's meeting.

Vacancies/ Attendance Policy

- Brett stated that there are currently four vacancies and some members that have not been attending regularly. According to the CHAC bylaws, in the event a member is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, the committee will notify the sponsoring organization and request a review of the member's attendance record. Joy and Brittany will send out letters to the organizations that have vacancies. They will also contact organizations that have had continuous absentees.
- Joy asked Jerri Clark from Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) to assist with contacting organizations appointed by ADE.

10 Year Plan

- Barbara, Brett, and Joy will develop an outline on the history of CHAC. Members will be asked to fill in information to create a 10-year report. This will be the priority for the New Year.
- Barbara Kumpe has some ideas that CHAC could work on moving forward.
- Joy will invite Heather Rouse from Arkansas Center for Health Improvement (ACHI) to discuss BMI data at the January meeting.
- Joy will contact someone from the Whole Child and Early Childhood Commission groups to come and talk with CHAC about their missions.

Changing Meeting Date

- It was decided that the Child Health Advisory Committee meetings will begin meeting on the third Thursday of each month beginning in February 2015. The time and location will remain the same. The change was made to accommodate members that are currently obligated to attend the State Board of Education meetings that are held on the second Thursday of each month.

Commitment to Re-invigorate CHAC

- Brett stated that he is on a committee with the American Heart Association, who is currently in the process of developing language proposing policies at the national level for next term specific to physical activity and physical education. The committee has been charged in four areas that they would like for CHAC to look at:
 1. What policies would CHAC recommend as a group, most important pieces of drafting language and proposing to consider for physical activity and physical education?
 2. Should physical educators be held accountable for physical fitness scores?
 3. Should physical fitness testing be required in all public schools?
 4. If so, what should that look like?

Announcements

- Kaye Murry announced that Dr. Patricia Scott has accepted a position as the new Director for the Center for Health Advancement with the Arkansas Department of Health. She will now be housed at the Markham Street building.
- Paula Smith reported there has been a varicella outbreak, and that two schools have reported 20% of their student population out with the flu. Also, the Public School Health Advisory Committee will be having their last meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2014. Julie Mayberry, Vice-Chair, has already drafted 3 pieces of legislature as a result of the report. This report was given to the Joint Education Committee in September. She also announced that the American Diabetes Association is pushing legislation that will make school nurses responsible for training unlicensed care providers on how to care for students with diabetes with the parent's permission.
- Carole Garner reported that the federal appropriation bill was holding firm on keeping school meal standards. They will let states have the option of allowing waivers for individual schools/district that are having problems with the whole grain component. The waiver will have to be approved by the state.
- Michelle Smith reported that their office is working with Family Health on a campaign called *Say Yes to the Breast*. It will be targeting Desha County. They are encouraging women to say yes to best practices that reduce infant mortality.
- Audra Walters announced that the CSH Coordinator's meeting was held on last Thursday. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned.