

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2011
Freeway Medical Building
Room 906

Attendees: Laura Bednar, Elisabeth Burak, Elton Cleveland, Charlotte Davis, Carole Garner, Michelle Justus (via phone), Barbara Kumpe, Andrea Martin, Paula Smith, Jada Walker, Bob West

Absentees: Margaret Harris, Pam Jones, Kathy McFetridge, Laura Sanders, Patsy Smith, Brett Stone, Tony Thurman, Connie Whitfield

Substitutes: Rashonda Williams (Michelle Smith)

Staff: Mary Wells, Joy Rockenbach, Brittany Johnson

Next meeting: May 12, 2011

Business

- Due to the weather-related cancellation of the February meeting and lack of quorum at the March meeting, it was necessary to approve the January minutes. Bob West moved to accept January minutes with changes. Motion passed.
- Charlotte Davis moved to accept the March minutes. Motion passed.
- Barbara Kumpe moved to amend the October 2010 minutes to reflect approval of the Maximum Portion Size List. Motion passed.
- Elton Cleveland moved to accept annual approval for member's travel. Motion passed.
- Committee members were asked if they would like to change the hours or dates of the meeting. There were concerns regarding meeting time and dates and the location of the meetings. It was suggested condensing the meetings to 2-3 hours and sending monthly reports by email prior to the meetings. The idea was also brought up about changing the location of the meetings to the Arkansas Department of Health's Central Office, but this idea was discouraged. Carole suggested taking a poll by email asking members for input on time changes and locations. This will give all members an opportunity to give their input.
- There was discussion on the status of the Child Health Advisory Committee's 2009-10 recommendations around the 8 components of Coordinated School Health. These recommendations were submitted to the Department of Education for review and transmittal to the Board of Education. Dr. Laura Bednar is following up on the status of those recommendations. A copy of the committee's recommendations will be sent to all CHAC members to assure new committee members are aware of the content. Membership was reminded to share these recommendations with their representative organizations. It had been determined that it was important for organizations to understand the role and the importance of collaboration between the Child Health Advisory Committee and their organizations.

Legislative Updates

- Senator Bill Pritchard introduced legislation that would have transferred some of the tobacco settlement dollars in order to fund youth drug courts. This legislation did not pass, however, there will be an interim study to determine how tobacco settlement funds are being utilized.
- Act 13 of 2006 that prohibits smoking in a car that contains a child under the age of 6, was amended to change the age restriction to apply if children up to the age of 14 are present.
- Senator David Johnson introduced and was successful in passing a fluoridated water bill.
- Legislation was passed to allow dental hygienists to perform preventive services in schools, nursing homes, and other locations.
- Legislation was passed to allow trained physicians and nurses with physician supervision to apply fluoride varnish to tooth enamel during well-child visits.
- Legislation was passed that would require Department of Human Services (DHS) to improve the required paperwork for enrollment/re-enrollment for AR KIDS First. DHS would check available state databases for income information before contacting parents for signatures.
- Legislation was passed that would limit school's ability to hold over more than 15% of the poverty money for schools each year. Current balances must be spent within 10 years.
- Legislation was passed that requires schools to have anti-bullying policies.
- Legislative Act 72 will allow items prepared in homes to be sold at farmer's markets.
- Legislation was passed regarding municipal regulation of farmer's markets'.
- Act 1214 requires specific professional development components for public school coaches, establishes a public school athletic trainer pilot program, and amends the responsibilities and duration of the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Athletic Training in Public Schools.
- Legislation passed that would not permit insurance carriers to deny children insurance coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

Post-Legislative Conference

- Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families will be hosting a post-legislative conference on May 12, 2011 in Little Rock. Elisabeth Burak offered on-site facilities for the May CHAC meeting. She will look into having conference registration fees waived for committee members, and lunch will be purchased for the committee members. Elisabeth will provide more information regarding the conference at a later date.

Coordinated School Health (CSH)

- Laura McDowell announced that intent request for proposals will be released April 15th for school based health centers (formerly called wellness centers). They hope to fund 2 or 3 additional centers. The deadline for joint use agreement grant applications was April 8th; Twenty-six applications were received. The CSH Conference will be held June 28th - 30th in Hot Springs at the Convention Center.

They have also started a new Breakfast in the Classroom program. There will be an informational meeting April 26th at the Embassy Suites for interested school districts. The locations should be posted by mid April on the CSH website.

Organization and Program Updates

Staff

- Mary Wells announced that Dr. Laura Sanders is representing the Arkansas Academy of Pediatrics. She replaces Dr. Karen Young.

Arkansas Department of Health

- Bob West reported that Title V's budget was not cut for this fiscal year. He also reported that Title X was only cut by about 5%. The WIC Program received a substantial cut.

Department of Education

- Laura McDowell reported that a Power Point is being created on common core standards for math and literacy in schools.

Child Nutrition Unit

- Sheila Brown reported that they will receive a little over \$2.3 million from USDA to fund schools for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grants. Award letters will go out to the schools around May 12th.

Hometown Health Initiative

- Sarah Brisco reported that all of the Community Health Nurse Specialists had gone through immunizations training and that the Community Health Promotion Specialists were preparing for summer workshops that would be held across the state.

Act 1220

- Joy Rockenbach reported that data entry was being finished, and there had been very few technical assistance calls.

Act 1220 COPH Evaluation

- Jada reported that they had begun calling selected principals for interviews, and they would continue interviewing principals over the next 6 weeks. She also reported that Dr. Phillips could be available to present evaluation results to the membership. The evaluation team has also been using a coding method to find out the content difference between wellness plans and policies and would like to share their findings with the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.