

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

Attendees: Charlotte Davis, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Paula Smith, Tony Thurman, Bob West, Brett Stone, Carole Garner, Elton Cleveland, Connie Whitfield, Barbara Kumpe, Jada Walker, Michelle Justus, Elisabeth Burak

Absentees: Laura Sanders, Laura Bednar, Pam Jones, Patsy Smith, Andrea Martin, Kathy McFetridge

Substitutes: Rashonda Williams (Michelle Smith)

Staff: Brittany Johnson, Joy Rockenbach, Mary Wells

Next meeting: August 11, 2011

Business

- Paula Smith moved to accept the June minutes as written. Motion passed.
- Carole announced that it was time to elect Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the committee. She asked for nominations for Chair. Barbara Kumpe nominated Jada Walker for Chair and was seconded. Members voted Jada as Chair starting August 1, 2011. Paula Smith nominated Barbara Kumpe as Vice-Chair and was seconded. Members voted Barbara Kumpe as Vice-Chair starting August 1, 2011.

Proposed Revisions

- Carole stated that there had been no response to the letter that CHAC sent to the Board of Education requesting an extension on the public comment period for the *Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards and Body Mass Index for Age Assessment Protocols in Arkansas Public Schools August 2007*. The current public comment deadline is posted on the ADE website as July 16, 2011.
- Commissioner's Memo LS-09-022 addresses who is a K – 6 qualified physical education instructor. It was suggested to include these definitions in the Rules and Regulations to make them clearer. Some members felt that the current definitions provided were vague and could be stronger, especially in sections 5 and 6 of the Commissioner's Memo attachment, and suggested that a committee be established to make definitions more specific.
- After much discussion about the proposed revisions, members felt that CHAC should stand by their recommendations (as made in 2005), and that it is ultimately up to the Board of Education to accept, reject and/or modify them. Jada moved CHAC send a letter to the Board of Education reflecting this discussion. In addition, the names of each organization represented on CHAC are to be included within the letter. The motion passed. A copy of the draft letter will be sent to each CHAC member to share

with their respective organizations and they are encouraged to write their own letters and submit during the comment period.

- It was suggested that CHAC send a letter to the Board of Education and also send a copy to all parties involved with and affected by the proposed revisions, including, but not limited to the original legislative sponsors of Act 1220 of 2003, the Governor's Office, and the Board of Health.

Coordinated School Health

- Joy announced that Laura McDowell, ADE Coordinated School Health (CSH) Director, retired in June. Laura's position and the Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Tobacco (PANT) Coordinator position had been advertised and are closed. . The CSH Coordinator position with the Department of Health has closed and interviews should begin soon. The Arkansas Center of Health Improvement's (ACHI) CSH evaluation was presented to the Board of Education in June by CSH and ACHI representatives. They will be asked to present it to CHAC. The new Joint Use Agreement (JUA) grant recipients must now include a policy component and will have training on this in the fall. The JUA RFP opens in July.
- Paula announced that there were approximately 350 participants that attended the CSH conference.
- Michelle announced that the Child Wellness Intervention Project (CWIP) training was held last week and would also be held this week for schools participating during the upcoming school year.

Organization and Program Updates

Staff

Mary welcomed Rosemary Rodibaugh back to the committee. She also announced that Elton Cleveland and Michelle Justus had been re-appointed to the committee. She stated that the Department of Health was writing for the Community Transformation Grant, and that CHAC, per request, had submitted a letter of support for the funding opportunity.

Department of Health

Bob West announced that the Department of Health had received a Home Visiting Grant. He would like for CHAC to invite Tamara Baker, ADH School Based Health Center Coordinator, to give a brief presentation to the committee on school based health centers.

Child Nutrition Unit

Sheila Brown gave an update on their summer trainings. She announced that 220 had signed up for the Manager Certification Training and 230 for re-certification training in June. She stated that there would also be Charter School Training and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Training. She stated that over 1000 people would get various trainings this summer from the Child Nutrition Unit. Harrisburg and Lavaca's applications have been approved for the USDA Healthier US School Challenge award. They have been invited to the White House to celebrate later this month.

Hometown Health Initiative

Nancy Green announced that the School Health Conference was a success and wanted to commend CSH for conducting a great conference. She stated that the conference was very informative. A list of summer workshops provided by the Community Health Nurse Specialists and Community Health Promotion Specialist will be provided in August.

Act 1220

Joy reported that the BMI database has officially closed. Michelle stated that schools are at 97% completion rate and this is consistent with previous years.

Act 1220 COPH Evaluation

Jada reported that the Act 1220 evaluation team is concluding its data gathering. They have had approximately a 78% response rate from principals during their 9 years of conducting the evaluation. She stated that the parental response rate is much less. August 2011 through August 2012 will be the final year of grant evaluation funding. Dr. Martha Phillips is continuing to work on the information gathered from districts' and schools' wellness policies and wellness plans.

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 A.M.