

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2010
Freeway Medical Building
Room 801

Attendees: Elisabeth Burak, Elton Cleveland, Charlotte Davis, Carole Garner, Margaret Harris, Pam Jones, Michelle Justus, Barbara Kumpe, W. Tony Thurman, Jada Walker, Bob West, Connie Whitfield, Karen Young

Absentees: Dee Cox, Tyrone Harris, Kathy McFetridge, Patsy Smith, Paula K. Smith, Brett Stone

Substitutes: Rashonda Foote (Christine Patterson)

Staff: Joy Rockenbach and Mary Wells

Next Meeting: July 8, 2010

Business

- ❖ Charlotte Davis moved to approve the May minutes, and the motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Michelle Justus moved for Carole Garner and Jada Walker to remain chair and co-chair, respectively, for 2010 – 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

A First Look at ACSIP Wellness Sections: Plan or Policy?

- ❖ Martha Phillips reported on the College of Public Health's evaluation of 248 Arkansas school districts' wellness priorities. Wellness priorities are a component of a district's and school's Arkansas Consolidated School Improvement Plan (ACSIP) and provide an action plan for schools to improve upon deficiencies. A national school wellness policy evaluation tool was used. Based on the findings, the suggested next steps are to provide districts with additional guidance and support in writing their improvement plans. The evaluation team is using the results of this evaluation to compare the results of the Act 1220 evaluation by aligning what is in the priority to what is being reported by administrators. The evaluation team will continue their efforts to see how priorities vary by district and school. They will also assess how priorities change, if any, annually and if these changes are reflected in policies and procedures. An evaluation of school-level ACSIP is in process. The presentation is on file.
- ❖ Discussion followed as to the guidance provided by the Department of Education to districts and schools concerning the required structure/contents of the wellness component of their ACSIP as well as items that should be omitted.

Coordinated School Health Report

- ❖ Coordinated School Health schools that are funded via ADH Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program will have significant cuts to the next fiscal year budgets, and this will impact programming. Each budget of \$75,000 will be reduced by \$25,000 beginning July 1, 2010.
- ❖ Thirty-five schools have registered for a CSH school informational meeting with Pat Cooper, June 15 .
- ❖ PE Symposium for physical education teachers and coaches from across the state is scheduled for June 17 at Bauxite High School, and registration is limited to 105 participants.
- ❖ SPARK and Fitnessgram trainings for the CWIP schools are set up for the week of July 12-17 at Arkansas School for the Deaf. Fifty-six 56 schools received the CWIP grants.
- ❖ Arkansas Healthy School Board Awards will be presented at the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators Summer Conference at the Peabody/Statehouse Convention Center awards luncheon on August 3. Harrison School Board will be awarded the Diamond award; El Dorado School Board will be awarded the Gold; Gurdon-Silver.
- ❖ CSH and Child Nutrition at ADE will be providing Planet Health trainings around the state at the educational coops.
- ❖ Nine schools have been awarded Wellness Center grants.

Arkansas Legislative Landscape

- ❖ Elisabeth Burak and Barbara Kumpe led a discussion concerning CHAC-relevant issues that may be presented during the 2011 Arkansas legislative session. They asked the committee to consider the CSH recommendations and where those recommendations might be incorporated into law.

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families State of Children's Health Coverage

- ❖ Elisabeth Burak presented on the current status of ARKids First A and B. She noted that 9% (approximately 65,000) of Arkansas's children were uninsured. Two-thirds of these are eligible for ARKids First.

Agency and Program Updates

Staff Update

- ❖ Mary Wells reported that the Early Childhood and Schools workgroup of ArCOP has updated their workplan and includes some the CHAC recommendations for CSH.
- ❖ Arkansas will be participating in the development of an Action Guide for early childhood childcare settings. The Action Guide will be developed through state level partnerships as well as technical assistance from CDC and AED, a group that CDC contracts with.
- ❖ Letters of appointment and re-appointment for CHAC members for 2010 – 2011 are in process.

Arkansas Department of Health

- ❖ Bob West reported that Dr. Jennifer Dillaha, Center Director for the Center for Health Advancement (CHA), will become ADH's Special Advisor for Strategic Initiatives beginning July 1. Stephanie Williams, Hometown Health Branch Chief, will become CHA's Center Director July 1.

Arkansas Department of Education

- ❖ Joy Rockenbach reported for Dee Cox. The first round of joint use agreement applications for cycles I and II are due June 21. The 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey fact sheets are available on the Arkansas Coordinated School Health and CDC websites.

Child Nutrition Unit

- ❖ Sheila Brown reported that 78 schools with a total of approximately 31,000 students, were notified that they will receive their Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grant funds for the 2011 fiscal year. The Child Nutrition Unit is preparing for manager and director certification trainings.

Hometown Health

- ❖ Mark Oliver reported that CHNS and CHPS assisted with BMI measurement and collection. They have also been preparing to provide professional development training opportunities for school staff statewide.

Act 1220

- ❖ Joy Rockenbach reported that the deadline for BMI data entry by schools was May 1st. Michelle Justus reported that at least 96% of schools have entered their BMI measurements for the current school year. As in years past, approximately 2% of schools did not measure their students for height and weight.

Action Items

- ❖ Elisabeth Burak, Barbara Kumpe, Tony Thurman, and Jada Walker in consultation with Suzanne McCarthy, will decide what CHAC recommendations to take forward by the August meeting. They will also consider the Arkansas Coalition for Obesity Prevention's goals and objectives in their discussion.
- ❖ CHAC will develop and send letters to the schools who are not compliant with BMI screening. The same letter will go to Dr. Tom Kimbrell, Commissioner of Education. This was not voted on – only suggested – need formal action to be able to move forward.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.