

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2010
Freeway Medical Building
Room 901

Attendees: Laura Bednar, Elton Cleveland, Charlotte Davis, Jennifer Dillaha, Carole Garner, Margaret Harris, Pam Jones, Michelle Justus, Barbara Kumpe, Andrea Martin, Patsy Smith, Paula Smith, Jada Walker, Bob West

Absentees: Brett Stone, Connie Whitfield, Karen Young

Substitutes: Joyce Hardy (Elisabeth Burak), Don Johnson (Kathy McFetridge), Kelly Spencer (Tony Thurman)

Staff: Joy Rockenbach, Mary Wells

Next Meeting: October 14, 2010

Business

- Introductions of new members: Andrea Martin representing the Arkansas Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, Laura Bednar representing Arkansas Department of Education, and Jennifer Dillaha representing the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Arkansas Department of Health.
- Due to lack of quorum at previous meetings, it was necessary to review June, July, and August minutes.
 - Barbara Kumpe moved to approve the June minutes. Motion passed
 - Jada Walker moved to approve the July minutes. Motion passed.
 - Corrections to August minutes: change adjournment time from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; place a comma between Pangburn and Hamburg. Elton Cleveland moved to approve August minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Coordinated School Health Report

- Laura McDowell distributed a written report. In addition, she reported on the 2010-2011 Coordinated School Health (CSH) sites and pairing the new sites with seasoned CSH sites to act as mentors. Laura reported on the 9 new Wellness Centers and introduced Jeri Clark who will be administering the Wellness Center grants. Jeri will also be administering the Joint Use Agreement (JUA) applications. Jeri is located in the Office of Coordinated School Health.

Child Health Advisory Committee Member Presentations – Importance of Organization to CHAC

- Jada Walker, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Public Health. Jada gave an overview of UAMS colleges, College of Public Health in particular. A discussion ensued on the variety of degree programs and the history of COPH's role on CHAC. Jada's particular area is in the evaluation of Act 1220. She discussed the funding source, timeframe, and methodology of this evaluation. Discussion occurred around the usefulness of Act 1220 evaluation and ways funding could be continued. Some funding ideas included: tobacco settlement funds and private foundations. Barbara Kumpe suggested CHAC and partners be very creative in looking for dollars. Tobacco settlement dollars may not be the best approach due to decreasing funds. It was recommended that a cost accounting of the Act 1220 evaluation be conducted and approach legislators for funding. COPH does have a sustainability plan.
- Barbara Kumpe, American Heart Association, presented on the American Heart Association (AHA) role on CHAC. Barbara passed around a hand-out of AHA's Public Policy priorities for 2011 that are pertinent to CHAC. Barbara stated that 30 years ago, 51% of deaths in Arkansas were from cardiovascular diseases (CVD). Today CVD accounts for 38% of all deaths in Arkansas. Barbara discussed AHA advocacy role and the importance of this to CHAC. A particular policy issue for nutrition deals with trans-fat recommendations for schools and if this was a feasible change for AHA and CHAC to advocate for. Some ways to address this would be: change the Allowable Competitive Foods/Beverages - Maximum Portion Size List guidelines, may not be a legislative issue, and start the education process with the schools. The action would be to eliminate trans-fats in school. A motion was made by Barbara Kumpe to create a task force to address trans-fats in schools. Discussion included whether schools would have enough choices to facilitate change. Motion carried. Task force will include: Jada Walker, Barbara Kumpe, Charlotte Davis, Michelle Justus, and Margaret Harris. Task Force will report in October. Jennifer Dillaha brought up the issue

of titanium dioxide—an additive in milk that is a cancer causing agent. Recommended action was to have someone from the Dairy Council address this issue with CHAC during a future meeting.

- A sign-up sheet was provided for CHAC members to select which month they would like to present on the interrelationship of their organization with CHAC.

BMI Update to state Board of Education

- Joy Rockenbach will have a 10 minute presentation to the State Board of Education on Monday, September 13. The presentation would be a brief summary of BMI screening process and protocol. Joy wanted feedback from CHAC on the content and delivery of the presentation. Some suggestions included knowing how the data was collected and translated and to focus on the partnerships.

Agency and Program Updates

Arkansas Department of Health

- Bob West reported that the Family Health Branch is responsible for two health care reform grants. One grant will fund comprehensive sexual education in targeted communities. The second grant will fund home visiting with the intent to reduce crime, domestic violence, and substance abuse in several communities. The planning continues for flu immunization clinics in schools and communities. The flu clinics will begin in mid-October.

Arkansas Department of Education

- Paula Smith reported that the majority of schools have their school-based flu shot clinics scheduled. Schools are being encouraged to use the flu season as a health education opportunity for hand washing and protective sneezing and coughing techniques. Approximately 141,000 H1N1 and 150,000 seasonal flu vaccines were administered at schools during the 2009 – 2010 school year. School administrators reported reduced absenteeism for January and February, 2010. During the spring, several schools did tetanus diphtheria pertussis (Tdap) clinics to meet this requirement for 7th grade students. The local health units that worked with these schools were very facilitative in making this happen.

Hometown Health

- Nancy Green reported that staff are actively involved in flu clinic scheduling and will be involved in the clinics' implementation. Community Health Nurse Specialists will administer vaccinations and Community Health Promotion Specialists will provide clerical support. The manual for BMI for age assessment and the training that accompanies it are being updated by the BMI Review Committee. Free continuing education workshops for school nurses are being conducted at the Coops.

Act 1220

- Michelle Justus reported that the Harvard Innovations Award that ACHI has applied for on behalf of all state partners who implement the BMI project has progressed to the second round.

Announcements

School Wellness Action Team (SWAT)

- Jennifer Dillaha reported that the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), ADE, and ACHI are facilitating a three member SWAT group to assess how the Medicaid billing process can support additional school-based wellness centers. The three member team is comprised of mental health, physical health, and policy experts.

Salad Bars in Schools

- Joyce Hardy reported that Whole Foods grocery is accepting in-store and online donations to put salad bar kits in public schools across the country.

Action Items:

- Trans-fat task Force should meet and report at October meeting
- Dairy Council should be contacted about titanium oxide and make a brief presentation to CHAC.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.