



## Child Health Advisory Committee

### Minutes

May 20, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 9:56 a.m. Zoom Meeting Only

Call to order: 9:05 am

**Present:** Rosa Hatch, Elaine Prewitt, Jerri Clark, Melinda Kinnison, Paula Rawls, Bala Simon, Charles Hervey, Carole Garner, Mike Motley, Tammie Works, Lucas Harder, Michele Brown,

**Absent:** Cheria McDonald, Dan Breshears, Loretta Alexander, Dave Oberembt, Patrick Casey, Gary Williams

**Proxy:** Tamara Baker (Ashley Williams)

**Vacant:** University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service

**Staff:** Shannon Borchert

**Guests:** Ashley Anderson, Kaley Spears, Ariel Rogers, Sarah Brisco, Brittany Rogers, Tommie Rogers, Kenya Eddings, Chenell Tucker

**Review of April 2021 Minutes:** C. Hervey moved to approve the minutes; M. Brown seconded motion; motion passed. Minutes were approved.

**Act 1220 & Coordinated School Health Reports** – C. Hervey moved to accept the reports; M. Motley seconded motion; motion passed. Reports were accepted.

**Act 1220 Coordinator Report:**

- Provided overview of School Health Index to Community Health Nurse Specialist & Community Health Program Specialist.
- Worked with Kristen Wooten, MS, RDN, LD at DESE Child Nutrition Unit to update “Wellness Is Worth It!” wellness committee toolkit.

**Coordinated School Health Report:**

- The 4<sup>th</sup> and final Quarterly Statewide Meeting for the 2020/2021 school year was held virtually on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The topic was Human Trafficking. There were 114 participants representing 75 LEAs, 31 state agency personnel, and 2 coalition partners. Trainers were:
  - Suzanne Jones, DESE Safe Schools Coordinator
  - Special Agents Grambligh, Patton, and Nicholls, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cyber Division
  - Haley Baca, Partners Against Trafficking Humans (PATH)

**Old Business**

2020 CHAC Recommendations – presented to Arkansas Board of Health by Tamara Baker, Family Branch Section Chief on April 22, 2021.

[Legislation](#)

[SBI40](#) (House-read the third time and failed)- to require school district boards of directors to include in student discipline policies the requirement that schools conduct an assessment of a student's adverse childhood experiences before disciplining a student.

[SBI61 \(Act 536\)](#) - to allow a public school or a public-school district to offer hunting safety course as part of its curriculum.

[SB532 \(Act 775\)](#) - to require all newly constructed public schools and existing public schools undergoing additions or total renovations to provide for water bottle filling stations.



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[SB598](#) (Withdrawn by author)- to amend the definitions within the telemedicine act; to authorize additional insurance reimbursement for telemedicine; to prohibit health benefit plan financial incentives; and to declare an emergency.

[HBI063 \(Act 829\)](#) - to amend the telemedicine act; and to authorize additional reimbursement for telemedicine via telephone; and to declare an emergency.

[HBI068 \(Act 767\)](#) - to clarify the telemedicine act; to specify that the home of a patient may be an originating site for telemedicine and that group meetings may be performed via telemedicine and to clarify reimbursement of telemedicine services.

[HBI176 \(Act 624\)](#) - to ensure that reimbursement in the Arkansas Medicaid program for certain behavioral and mental health services provided via telemedicine continues after the public health emergency caused by coronavirus 2019 (covid-19).

[HBI546](#) (House-Clincher motion failed of adoption)- to phase out the soft drink tax; and to provide for additional amounts to be distributed to offset the revenue reduction resulting from the phase out of the soft drink tax.

[HBI783 \(Act 1070\)](#) - to allow students in certain grades in-school access to vending machines offering food and beverages that meet the nutrition standards of the federal smart snacks in school program.

[HBI848 \(Act 1074\)](#) - to create the Healthy Active Arkansas Schools Act.

#### New Business

2021 Recommendation Development: [Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards and Body Mass Index for Age Assessment Protocols in Arkansas Public Schools](#): Committee will request direction from Arkansas Board of Health and Arkansas Board of Education. The issues of concern: BMI as a measure of student health and data related to Act 1070 of 2021. Subcommittees will begin after June meeting.

#### Member Updates:

Charles Hervey: SHAPE: June Virtual Conference on June 24, 2021: <http://shapearkansas.com/2021-summer-virtual-workshop-shape-arkansas/>

Carole Garner: AR Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: Child Nutrition Reauthorization Bill is expected this summer. At this point, the Administration has not included Healthy Meals for All in the American Families Plan. Key action on Healthy School Meals for All/Universal Meals is to work on more co-sponsors and encourage inclusion in Congress' version of American Families Plan. There has not been a CBO score for Universal School Meals. However, the ballpark is around \$80 Billion when breakfast and lunch are both included. It needs to be recognized that the projected cost is less than that projected for universal Pre-K. Senator Boozman believes the price tag is too high for universal school meals and alternatives such as expanding CEP, increased reimbursement for meals served, eliminating the reduced-price meals category – having just free and paid, adding a snack to CACFP programs should be considered. He will also look at ways to expand coverage and flexibility to programs i.e., Summer Meals, P-EBT, non-congregate meals, WIC use of telehealth.



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Marker Bills – some directly related to CHAC’s scope of work, others WIC and childcare which are part of CNR:

- Healthy School Meals for All/Universal Meals [HR 3115](#) and [S 1530](#)
- School Food Modernization Act [S. 876](#)
- Equipment loans/grants/TA for providing meals meeting nutrition standards
- Feed Act for schools and CACFP should be introduced next week
- Nutrition Education [S 1421](#)
- Summer Meals Act of 2021 [S. 1170](#) / [H.R. 783](#)
- Summary: <https://frac.org/wp-content/uploads/CNR-Summer-Meals-Act-of-2021.pdf>
- [Farm to School Act S 1328](#) and [HR 1768](#)
- Farm to School Act fact sheet <https://sustainableagriculture.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/F2SAct2021-FactSheet.pdf>
- Kids Eat Local Fact Sheet  
[http://www.farmentoschool.org/documents/KidsEatLocal2021\\_FactSheet.pdf](http://www.farmentoschool.org/documents/KidsEatLocal2021_FactSheet.pdf)
- Access to Healthy Food for Young Children [S 1270](#)
- FRAC’s Fact Sheet: Access to Healthy Food for Young Children Act of 2021: [https://frac.org/wp-content/uploads/CNR-Access-to-Healthy-Food-for-Young-Children-Act\\_Update\\_FNL.pdf](https://frac.org/wp-content/uploads/CNR-Access-to-Healthy-Food-for-Young-Children-Act_Update_FNL.pdf)
- WIC Act [S 853](#) and [HR 2011](#) one-pager: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/aws.upl/nwica.org/wic-act.pdf>
- Care for Kids Act [https://www.casey.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/summary\\_care\\_for\\_kids\\_act.pdf](https://www.casey.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/summary_care_for_kids_act.pdf)
- Summer EBT – plans to reintroduce soon and add a fruit/vegetable benefit similar to WIC.

Adjourn: 9:56 a.m.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2021

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