



Child Health Advisory Committee

Minutes

January 9, 2025, · 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. · Zoom

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

Present: Ashten Black, Shannon Borchert, Patrick Casey, Lucas Harder, Cheria McDonald, Jennifer Morrow, Dave Oberembt, Carmel Perry, Josh Phelps, Elaine Prewitt, Chad Sanders, Bala Simon, Jennifer Wessel, Tammie Works **Absent:** Jerri Clark, Carole Garner, Nathan Morris, Camille Richoux, Ray Samaniego

Staff: Shanetta Agnew

Guests: Addison Bell, Sarah Brisco, Katy Chambers, Amy Davidson, Taylor James, Amber King, Dr. Sarah Labuda, Lisa Mundy, Ariel Rogers

Review of December minutes: S. Borchert moved to accept the minutes with the identified corrections; A. Black seconded. Motion passed.

Act 1220 & Coordinated School Health Reports: reports are changed from the December meeting. D. Oberembt moved to accept the reports, L. Harder seconded. Motion passed.

State School Health and Wellness (Act 1220) Coordinator Report (Shanetta Agnew & Shy Whitley):

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December 10, 2024, Dawson Service Coop, District Wellness Meeting S. Agnew and S. Whitley-Smith. presented wellness committee guidelines, SHI and AR health standards updates. Approximately 10 attendees and their job positions included: counselor, teacher, nurse, and paraprofessional. *Hosted by CHPS Pamela Hutchinson.*

S. Agnew & S. Whitley-Smith attended the Health Equity Luncheon & Fireside Chat, topic: “Innovations in Reducing the Obesity Epidemic”. Speaker Virginia Caine, M.D. who is the 125th President National Medical Association. The event was held at the Junior League of Little Rock.

Coordinated School Health Advisor Report (Lisa Mundy & Ariel Rogers):

The third quarterly Coordinated School Health meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

New Business:

J. Wessell presented a proposed CHAC Recommendation Framework to the committee. The purpose of the format is to enhance accessibility for those who engage in the work of CHAC.



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Current Challenges:

- Recommendations are presented by year, making topic searches challenging.
- Some links in documents no longer work.
- Evidence supporting recommendations may need updates or revisions.
- Approval delays can result in a two-year lag for recommendation adoption.

Proposed Solution:

- Consolidate recommendations into a consistent format.
- Organize recommendations by topic.
- Include a table of contents for navigation.
- Highlight annual changes in an Executive Summary.
- Use an “adopted date” to eliminate issues with approval delays.

Benefits of the New Framework:

- Serves as a more useful resource for stakeholders.
- Enhances usability for schools and districts.
- Positions CHAC as a first-source for well-supported guidance.

Components:

1. Background
2. Executive Summary
3. Table of Contents
4. Recommendations
 - Recommendation
 - Rationale
 - Fiscal Impact
 - Resources
 - References
 - Related Actions
 - Dates

S. Borchert suggested it would be great to list whether the recommendation was adopted into the rules.

B. Simon inquired if an evaluation of CHAC overall has been implemented and if there is a way to know what school districts adopted the recommendation(s).

S. Borchert mentioned anything that is not in the rules, we don't have a record of who has/hasn't adopted it into their wellness policy or practice. But the general rule of thumb is that if it's in the rules schools should abide by the required guidelines.



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B. Simon questioned if there was funding to hire an external evaluator to conduct a robust study; typically once every 5 years. S. Borchert will speak with ADH Leadership regarding this matter.

L Mundy. shared CDC has the proprietary oversight of the school health index. They have revamped the questions and platform, and it is on their website. Things are picking back up from the year 2019.

L Harder. suggested regarding adoption versus acceptance having five different lines which would include.

- The date the recommendation was initially adopted as a recommendation by CHAC.
- The last time it was revised by CHAC.
- The most recent approval by each department.
- The date the recommendation was incorporated into rules.

J. Wessell, informed the next steps should be breaking up into subcommittees or as a whole committee and identify what topics to include, the numbering format, reviewing links, and what content will be helpful for everybody. At the February meeting the group will discuss the structure of the document.

S. Borchert and J. Wessell stated possibly finding an intern to do the background of previous years in the format and get them documented all into one file.

Per diem travel authorization: L. Harder moved to accept reimbursements for individuals traveling outside of Pulaski County to attend CHAC meetings in person. S. Borchert seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Brett Stone, PH D. Survey Procedures & Research Preliminary Report (postponed until February meeting)

Member & Non-Member Updates/Announcements:

- Arkansas School Nutrition Association (ASNA) will be hosting a legislative conference on February 18th & 19th at the Capitol. Topics of discussion universal free meals and partnering with no kid hungry.
- The School Based Health Center (SBHC) Notice of Intent (NOI) meeting will be held on January 21, 2025.
- The Arkansas Public Health Association (APHA) & Arkansas Society of Public Health Education (ARSOPHE) annual meeting will be held on April 11, 2025.
- During the March 2025 CHAC meeting J Wessell. will present the 2023-2024 BMI report.
- During February 2025 CHAC meeting 2025-2026 maximum portion size list will be presented.



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Next Meeting: Thursday February 13, 2025, from 9:00 am – 10:00 am.

State Board of Education are held monthly on the 2nd Thursday and Friday of each month.

February 13-14, 2025, 9:00 am

March 13-14, 2025, 9:00am

April 10-11, 2025, 9:00 am

May 8-9, 2025, 9:00 am

June 12-13, 9:00 am

State Board of Health meetings are held quarterly on the 4th Thursday of each month.

January 23, 2025, at 10:00 am

April 24, 2025, at 10:00 am

October 23, 2025, at 10:00 am