



Child Health Advisory Committee

Minutes

January 8, 2026, · 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

Present: Wendy Blount, Pamela Burton (proxy), Patrick Casey, Teresa Henson, Carmel Perry, Nathan Morris, Jennifer Morrow, Lisa Mundy, Camille Richoux, Ray Samaniego

Absent: Ashten Black, Shannon Borchert, Carole Garner, Dave Oberembt, Elaine Prewitt, Bala Simon, Anna Strong, Jennifer Wessel

Staff: Shanetta Agnew

Guests: Sarah Brisco, Lucas Harder, Taylor James, Sarah Labuda, Cheria McDonald, Gwen Robinson, Ariel Rogers, Rosemary Withers

Review of December minutes: No motion was made to accept the minutes due to not having a quorum. They will be postponed and reviewed during the February meeting.

Act 1220 & Coordinated School Health Reports: Reports are changed from the December meeting. No motion was made to accept the reports due to not having a quorum. They will be postponed and reviewed until the February meeting.

Act 1220 Coordinator Report (Shanetta Agnew & Shy Whitley):

The Arkansas Cancer Coalition hosted its quarterly meeting December 9, 2025. The presentation was from Zakiyyah Rasul, a Program Manager for the Coalition for Tobacco free Arkansas. She discussed “Tackling Food Insecurity in Arkansas Through Community Garden Programs”.

A. Davidson, A. Rogers, S. Agnew., and S. Borchert attended the session.

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

No updates.

Old Business:

There was no old business report.

New Business:

S. Agnew re-presented the FY24 CHAC report the document highlights the work of programs resulting from Act 1220 of 2003 and those that amended the act. The report is an overview of work for July 2023-June 2024. S. Agnew will make edits and will share with the committee once the report is approved by ADH Division leadership.



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Member & Non-Member Updates/Announcements:

- T. Henson shared that the USDA has launched new dietary guidelines. [Eat Real Food](#)
- C. Richoux informed the group that Arkansas Advocates is having a Northwest Arkansas Soup Sunday February 1, 2026, at the Rogers Convention Center from 4:30p.m.-7:00p.m., doors open at 4:00p.m. for sponsors. [2026 Northwest Arkansas Soup Sunday Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families \(AACF\)](#) There will also be one held for Central Arkansas on March 1, 2026, from 3:30p.m.-6:30p.m. at the Jack Stephens Center University of Arkansas Little Rock. [Central Arkansas Soup Sunday 2026 Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families \(AACF\)](#)
- S. Agnew shared if anyone is interested in an 8-week summer reading program called Super Me, let her know. The book focuses on healthy eating, heart healthy meals, budgeting, and life skills. The target group is 5th graders, and the author Adi is looking for supporters and collaborations. [Walnut Canyon Press](#)



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

January 8-9 at 9:00 am

February 12-13 at 9:00 am

March 12-13 at 9:00 am

April 9-10 at 9:00 am

May 13-14 at 9:00 am

June 9-10 at 9:00 am

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

January 22 at 10:00 am

March 26 at 10:00 am

June 25 at 10:00 am