



## Child Health Advisory Committee

### Minutes

June 13, 2024 · 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. · Zoom Only

**Call to order:** 9:03 a.m.

**Zoom:** Shannon Borchert, Patrick Casey, Jerri Clark, Carole Garner, Lucas Harder, Nathan Morris, Dave Oberembt, Carmel Perry, Josh Phelps, Elaine Prewitt, Paula Rawls, Camille Richoux, Ray Samaniego, Bala Simon, Jennifer Wessel **Absent:** Ashten Black, Gabriella Hicks, Cheria McDonald, Mitch Mathis, Tammie Works

**Staff:** Shanetta Agnew, Shy Whitley-Smith

**Guests:** Sarah Brisco, Kenya Eddings, Ariel Rogers, Lynette Slaughter, Dietrich Smith

**Review of April minutes:** Paula R. moved to accept the minutes; Nathan M. seconded. Motion passed.

**Act 1220 & Coordinated School Health Reports:** reports are unchanged from the May meeting.

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

The School Health Services unit held a statewide webinar on April 25, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. to provide an overview of the State Program: Health and Wellness portion of the newly released AR App. In this session, participants gained information regarding how the required information transfers from the previously used Health and Wellness Priority form located in Indistar to the new State Programs application. Participants will receive guidance related to the completion of the Health and Wellness section of the application in order to meet the June 28<sup>th</sup> submission deadline.

Submissions that were currently in Indistar rolled over to the AR App May 1, 2024.

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

The Coordinated School Health meeting met May 8, 2024.

Updates were made from the School Health Services office on the newly released 1 AR APP and information about the WellSat assessment tool and how you can use it to assess your local wellness policies.

The Office of Child Nutrition presented Triennial Assessment requirements and there was a special presenter from CDC who shared the Wellness Policy in Action Tool (WPAT) which helps districts compare local wellness policies and School Health Index.

#### **Old Business**

Voting on CHAC bylaws will be conducted during the August meeting, because of several changes that need to be made to the document. CHAC members are to get revisions submitted to Shanetta A. by the end of the week.



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Shanetta A. sent a follow up email reminder to CHAC members only to complete the survey procedures and research link and to forward within the organizations they represent. The purpose of the survey is to obtain feedback on the perception of physical education (PE) in the state. Brett Stone, Ph. D. Interim Associate Dean, College of Education and Health, Associate Professor of Health and Physical Education, Arkansas Tech University, is the point of lead for this project.

### **New Business**

Voting and nominations for the chair and vice chair for FY25 were conducted. Jennifer Wessell agreed to serve as chair and Camille Richoux agreed to serve as vice chair. Their term will begin August 8, 2024.

FY25 Subcommittee report briefings:

- Nutrition & Environment & Services-The group is researching information on lactose free milk and it being regularly available in schools. Issues with digesting whole milk products have been observed in African Americans, Asians, Hispanics, and Native Americans. Child Nutrition Unit currently offers a variety of milks (plain, skim, one to two flavored). The group is also exploring cultural options during meal times and developing a rationale to support their findings.
- Family Engagement-The group has summarized a list of suggestions/recommendation ideas for parent teacher associations and school health associations to enhance family & community engagement. The committee plans to meet to discuss next steps.
- Health Services-The group is reviewing previous recommendations to create new ones centered around mental health. The group is also looking into vaping and gun safety education, which would more than likely fall under injury violence prevention (IVP), with coordinated school health (CSH) implementation.

### **Member & Non-Member Updates/Announcements**

The [School Meals Expansion Act](#) (H.R. 2567) would increase funding for schools who are a part of the Community Eligibility Program by increasing the multiplier from 1.6 to 2.5, making it more financially viable for thousands of schools to offer free meals to all students at no charge.

**2024 Coordinated School Health Conference** will be held in Little Rock at the Airport Holiday Inn June 19-20. This conference is being held in coordination with SHAPE-Arkansas, the Arkansas School Nurses Association, and Arkansas Children's Hospital.

[2024 Coordinated School Health: A Wellness Journey Registration, Wed, Jun 19, 2024 at 12:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)



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10 schools were awarded the Healthy School Meals grant [Healthy School Meals Incentive Grants](#). A congratulatory letter from the CHAC committee will be sent to the Food Service Directors and Superintendents. The letter will need to be presented to the members during the July meeting.

**FY25 CHAC Committee Breakout Sessions were conducted for 20-30 minutes for the following groups:**

- Nutrition Environment & Services
- Family Engagement
- Health Services

**Adjourn:** 10:00 am.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83582295337?pwd=Uk1JZGxSUmdqYS9YeTF4TXNHdXJVQT09>

**Meeting ID: 835 8229 5337 Passcode: 229369**

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Next Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2024, from 9:00 – 10:00 am.

*State Board of Health meetings are held quarterly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Next meeting is July 25, 2024.*

*State Board of Education meetings are held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Next meeting is July 11, 2024.*