



Child Health Advisory Committee

Minutes

May 8, 2025, · 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. · Zoom

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

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

Staff: Shanetta Agnew

Guests: Amy Davidson, Kenya Eddings, Taylor James, Amber King, Dr. Labuda, Lisa Mundy, Ariel Rogers, Gwen Robinson, and Detrich Smith

Review of March minutes: S. Borchert moved to accept the minutes, D. Oberembt seconded. Motion passed.

Act 1220 & Coordinated School Health Reports: L. Harder moved to accept the reports; J. Clark seconded. Motion passed.

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

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Wednesday April 30th, School Health Services hosted a technical assistance webinar on the completion of the Safe and Healthy Schools portion of the AR App. The session reviewed sections 2.1-2.7 of the AR App to meet the June 30th deadline. There were 155 participants present.

April 2, 2025, Shanetta A., along with School Health Services program staff attended the School-Based Health Alliance of Arkansas Redefining Health for Kids and Teens, 2025 Spring Symposium. Theme: Comprehensive Approaches to School-Based Health. Presentations included: “Enhancing Operational Efficiency and Sustainability of SBHCs: Innovations in Telehealth and Practical Care, Navigating Ethical Challenges and Social Risk Factors in SBHCs, and a panel discussion Engaging Communities and Parents: Building Stronger Relationships for School-Based Health Programs.

April 23, 2025, Shanetta A. hosted a SWAG Virtual Meeting with 45 participants the attendees included SWAG advisors & students, CHPS, wellness committee chairs, school counselors, and public health staff. Topics of discussion: SWAG-Mission, Vision, & Core Beliefs; SWAG presentations, Arkansas AWARE “Power of Words”. Schools that attended: LR Central High, Concord High, & Yellville-Summit.



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

The 4th quarterly CSH meeting will be May 14, 2025. The meeting will cover the annual school nurse survey, new school legislation, School Health Index, and the new AR App school reporting method.

New Business:

J. Clark shared an organizational funding update with the committee that ADE has four federally funded programs, who have received continuation of applications for the upcoming fiscal year. They also receive funding from SAMHSA (substance abuse and mental health service administration) that funds the *Arkansas AWARE* program that focuses on training educators around youth, mental health, first aid, trauma, and informed resources. Communication for continued funding has recently been released. Furthermore, they have a program called *Medicaid in the Schools* and with the changes in Medicaid operations, they're still waiting on what's to be determined for FY26.

D. Oberembt informed the group that federal funds for the tobacco cessation program currently are pending due to the elimination of the grantor position. Thankfully the Arkansas TPCP program receives some state funding. Due to the recent changes the state could see a reduction in services.

C. Garner mentioned there are funding cuts to local food programs and local grants for local food. If Medicaid numbers decrease in the schools that could affect kids in schools that would normally be approved automatically to get free and reduced lunch. Which could impact the CEP program and how they use data to justify their costs and expenses.

T. Works clarified that the funding for a significant grant that a lot of schools across the State used to buy local beef with was terminated. It was a new grant, so it probably didn't affect as many districts as it could have. In addition, there are two newly established categories in which directly certified students are identified: "Medicaid Free" & "Medicaid Reduced". Several schools across the state were able to identify many students through the two new ISP identifications, so it should help with funding. The change became effective April 1, 2025. The new funding that the governor has put in place helps, because it now includes breakfast, in addition to lunch, at no charge for students who qualify for reduced-price meals.

S. Agnew shared S. Borchert's statement in the chat-box Act 1220 funding was appropriated, which is a good thing, however, with the expected pay plans increase in salaries, it has significantly impacted the program's funding.



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Old Business:

J. Wessell, presented on the development of the consolidated recommendation template. The committee discussed the streamline approach of where to place three recommendations in alignment with the WISCC model. In addition, the group covered the identifying format of each recommendation. Option C: Year-Based Consolidation was agreed upon with a few changes in word reduction.

The 2010 recommendations include two sections that are not included in later recommendations: “guiding principal” and “stakeholders/partnerships”. There was discussion on having a section in the document where this language could be placed. J. Clark suggested pulling over the information from the 2010 recommendations that is relevant for the document and to make available the original documents with additional information.

The next steps will be to develop/finalize the master copy and have Act 1220 coordinators and potential school health services staff review and add notes and comments where updates need to take place.

The committee discussed a future in-person CHAC meeting on FY26.

Member & Non-Member Updates/Announcements:

- L. Mundy shared SHAPE is having their Arkansas summer conference on June 5th. [SUMMER CONFERENCE RETREAT \(FLASH PRICING\) | SHAPE Arkansas](#)
- Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families has two upcoming events.
 - Little Rock Town Hall: Federal Budget Cuts Threaten Critical Services
When: Thursday, June 5 from 5:30pm-7:00pm
Where: Hillary Rodham Clinton Children’s Library and Learning Center
St., Little Rock, AR 72205
<https://aradvocates.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/aradvocates/eventRegistration.jsp?event=2423&>
 - Children’s Policy Summit-Little Rock,
When: Thursday, July 10 from 9:00am-11:30am
Where: Red and Blue, 1415 W 7th St., Little Rock, AR 72201
<https://aradvocates.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/aradvocates/eventRegistration.jsp?event=2414&>
- Kenya E. shared the Arkansas Minority Health Commission partnered with Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance to host nutrition education for grocery shoppers from 3:00p.m.-6:00p.m. at the Edwards Food Giant.



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

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

June 12-13, 9:00 am

July 10-11, 9:00 am

August 14-15, 9:00 am

September 11-12, 9:00 am

October 9-10, 9:00 am

November 13-14, 9:00 am

December 11-12, 9:00 am

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

October 23, 2025, at 10:00 am