



Child Health Advisory Committee

Minutes

November 14, 2024, · 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, Jerri Clark, Carole Garner, Lucas Harder, Nathan Morris, Jennifer Morrow, Dave Oberembt, Carmel Perry, Josh Phelps, Elaine Prewitt, Camille Richoux, Chad Sanders (member elect), Bala Simon, Jennifer Wessel, Tammie Works **Absent:** Cheria McDonald, Ray Samaniego

Staff: Shanetta Agnew & Shy Whitley

Guests: Sarah Brisco, Gwendolyn Critton, Pamela Hutchins, Lisa Mundy, Ariel Rogers

Review of October minutes: S. Borchert moved to accept the minutes; C. Garner seconded. Motion passed.

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

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

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Shanetta and Shy attended an event hosted by Arkansas Children's Hospital on October 15, 2024, called "A Message of Hope." Located at the Arkansas State Capitol (rotunda). The theme/purpose of the event: *Amplifying youth voices to reduce stigma and increase peer support for suicide prevention.*

As of 10/30/24, all 262 district-level plans have been approved in AR App. However, we are working on 16 of those school districts to finalize their SHI process as we continue to provide support to these districts to successfully complete their SHI and future wellness plan.

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

The Coordinated School Health quarterly meeting was held Wednesday, November 13, 2024. Presenters shared trends and concerns from the 2024 Arkansas School Nurse Survey, health issues related to social determinants of health, classroom toothbrushing program, Community Health Promotion Specialist (CHPS) health and safety standards, food insecurity health issues & resources, and the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Attendance: 78 school personnel representing 67 LEAs, 30 state agency, and 4 coalition members.

Old Business:

No old business to report



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New Business:

Stacey Schratz, R.N., B.S.N. Developmental Disability Services Children’s Special Services Area Manager, Craighead Co. presented *“Providing Services and Resources for Families with Children with Special Health Care Needs.*

Topics of discussion included the following:

- What is the CSS Program?
- What are the goals of CSS?
- Who does CSS serve?
- How can I refer to CSS?
- Access to Care and Outreach
- What is Title V CSHCN in Arkansas?
- Community Based Offices
- Referral for CSS Services
- Outreach to Build Local Health Care Infrastructure
- Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

P. Casey inquired if pediatricians have an adequate knowledge of what CSS does and is taking advantage of the services adequately?

S. Schratz shared that a few years ago they presented at the Arkansas Academy of Pediatrics and have been a vendor at the Academy of Pediatrics Conference for the past two years.

C. Perry inquired whether educators are aware of the services provided by CSS and what strategies are used to promote and bring awareness to those individuals.

S. Schratz mentioned some of the LEAs, special education instructors, and cooperative extensions, have invited DHS-CSS to present the program in the past. Post pandemic outreach has decreased, but the program is willing to provide any technical assistance requested.



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FY25 CHAC drafted recommendations final review:

- Family Engagement- J. Wessel recommended including “transitional fairs” to the rationale of the Family Engagement Subcommittee and adding CSS as a resource.
- Health Services- C. Richoux informed the committee that the group didn’t allocate any funds toward the recommendation. S. Borchert stated she contemplates if a sponsor/advisor oversees the peer-leading group it will require a stipend, etc. which could entail funds. J. Wessell suggested listing the fiscal considerations response as “possibility”.

B. Simon inquired whether there was a toolkit or training that could align with potential funding of the recommendation and if the mental health recommendation is currently happening in the state. Due to more details needed this recommendation has been tabled.

P. Casey drafted the gun safety recommendation and didn’t have anything to add to fiscal considerations. J. Wessell asked the committee if there were printouts and materials available, that are typically included in the funding section. P. Casey mentioned most of the resources listed require no expense. S. Borchert shared that in the past there was specific language used when a free resource was available but might be temporary and could result in impacting a school financially. J. Clark suggested that the committee should be cautious about promoting profit resources, simply because there’s probably a lot more out there than the group is aware of.

- Nutrition Environment & Services- T. Works stated she added the references needed to support the meal modification sheets and pricing variations. She also spoke with Highland Dairy during the Arkansas School Nutrition Association about encouraging schools to provide lactose free milk freely in cartons and in their milk boxes. Furthermore, they discussed if Highland could get the price down for lactose free milk or provide it in individual cartons rather than in ½ gallons or gallon containers.

Member & Non-Member Updates/Announcements

- Pamela Hutchins, CHPS at Dawson Coop will be retiring December 31, 2024.
- J. Wessell announced an organizational request, to collect mobile phone policies in schools that are joining the governor’s program.



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Next Meeting: Thursday December 12, 2024, from 9:00 – 10:00 am.

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

December 12-13, 2024, at 9:00 am

January 9-10, 2025, at 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