



Child Health Advisory Committee

Minutes

November 20, 2025, · 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

Present: Wendy Blount, Shannon Borchert, Patrick Casey, Carole Garner, Teresa Henson, Carmel Perry, Krista Jackson, Nathan Morris, Jennifer Morrow, Lisa Mundy, Dave Oberembt, Camille Richoux, Ray Samaniego, Chad Sanders, Anna Strong, Jennifer Wessel

Absent: Ashten Black, Elaine Prewitt, Bala Simon

Staff: Shanetta Agnew

Guests: Sarah Brisco, Amy Davidson, Lucas Harder, Tiffany Howell, Taylor James, Sarah Labuda, Ariel Rogers, Hattie Scribner

Review of November minutes: K. Jackson moved to accept the October minutes. D. Oberembt seconded. Motion passed.

Act 1220 & Coordinated School Health Reports: Reports are changed from the October meeting. S. Borchert moved to accept the reports from October, C. Perry seconded. Motion passed.

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

ADH-School Health Services attended the Stop Overdose Summit held on November 18, 2025, at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

The Summit featured six breakout tracks:

- Clinical track – Pharmacists, Nurses, Doctors, and others in the medical field
- Counseling/Recovery track – Anyone who is involved in the counseling and recovery field
- Criminal Justice track – Law Enforcement community
- Education/Prevention track – Educators, Community coalitions, and anyone involved or interested in the education and prevention of opioid abuse
- Family Support track – Open to all
- Youth track – For high-school age youth

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

School Nurse Academy: *Advancing Children's Health Together* took place on November 6, 2025, at Wilbur D Mills Educational Service Cooperative from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. The event was a joint effort provided by the Arkansas Department of Education, the Arkansas Department of Health, and Arkansas Children's. Topics covered included Traumatic Brain Injury, Functional Neurological Disorders, Syncope, and Reproductive Health. Participants had the opportunity to earn 5.6 nursing contact hours.



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Old Business: S. Agnew informed the committee that the FY23 & FY24 recommendations have been sent to be placed on the agenda for the Arkansas State Board of Education. There were some questions raised about why the delay and if it would be best to combine these recommendations with those for FY26. More details will be provided as things progress.

The FY23 nutrition recommendations are being revised with some changes/comments due to a change in the LEA eligibility requirements and a decrease in the threshold percentage to qualify for the Community Eligibility Provision.

J. Wessel shared that the FY23 drafted mental health recommendations are being revised by the subcommittee and updates will be presented during the December meeting. A copy of the draft will be shared with a partner at the DHS office to make sure were all aligned in our protocol.

New Business:

October 10, 2025, S. Borchert & S. Agnew met with Dr. Ashley Clawson, An Assistant Professor at Department of Health Behavior and Health Education (HBHE), Center for the Study of Tobacco. She is conducting a P01 Project focused on a research study where they adapt a tobacco prevention intervention for youth ages 8-10 with parents/guardians who use tobacco and then test out the newly adapted intervention to see if it works. The collaboration with ADH-School Health Services will be if we can help connect UAMS Dept. HBHE with schools or clinics or other organizations to help recruit parents who use tobacco and have children that are 8–10-years old. The overall goal is to prevent the children from becoming tobacco users and encourage parents/guardians to educate their child/children about the unhealthy risks of tobacco/nicotine; with the result of them making a healthier behavior change. The UAMS team will be responsible for all data collection and direct recruitment- and would benefit from working with ADH-SHS to learn how to best recruit and implement this type of intervention.



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WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Who are we looking for?

- Parents (or legal guardians) and their 8-10 year old child
- Parents must currently use tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, snus, smokeless, vapes, etc.)
- Families must live in Desha, Phillips, Lee, or Chicot county

How do I find out more?

Scan this QR code to see if you are eligible:



Want to learn more?

 familytobaccoproject@uams.edu

 501-830-1280

Principal Investigator: Ashley Clawson, Ph.D

What are we doing?

We want to learn how to prevent tobacco use and vaping in children.

Why are we doing this?

We want to improve a program focused on preventing tobacco use in children whose caregivers use tobacco.

What do you have to do?

You and your child will complete a survey, review a free copy of a tobacco prevention program, and participate in a group discussion or interview. Participation takes about 3 hours.

Will I receive compensation?

Families can receive up to \$100 for their time, if they complete all study parts.



A meeting was held on October 16, 2025, with A. Davidson, the ADH-SHS School Based Health Center Advisor to discuss collaboration with SBHCs and Dr. Clawson's project.

October 13, 2025, Act 1220, CSH, & Dawson Co-op, newly hired CHPS, met to discuss information about each of our functional job roles. S. Agnew, M. Morris, A. Rogers, & S. Whitley-Smith were in attendance.

The CSH Quarterly meeting was held November 12, 2025, 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m.

Agenda Items: Homeless Education Services Resources, Transforming School Surveys for Better Responses, and De-escalation-Staying Cool When the Temperature Rises.

Upcoming meeting: February 11, 2026 & May 13, 2026 (both meetings will be held virtually)

Attendance: 82 attendees, 59 school personnel, 49 LEAs represented, 19 agency personnel, and 4 presenters.



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Presentation: Tiffany Howell, Ph.D. Psychologist Arkansas Children’s Hospital/UAMS.
“Social Media & Texting”

Areas of presentation included:

- Emojis
- Sexting and the law
- Discussion points (app access, photos, and other social media platforms)
- Prevention & Protection
- Parental Control Apps

A. Strong shared resourceful links [Center of Excellence on Social Media and Youth Mental Health](#), [AAP Media Plan](#)

D. Oberembt asked if a platform like Snapchat was able to avoid liability and T. Howell shared accountability should be increased.

J. Wessel wanted to know if there were resources available to discuss some of the consequences for kids involved in incidents. T. Howell shared that currently there are not any specific resources.

Member & Non-Member Updates/Announcements:

- C. Sanders shared that the fall AR SHAPE Conference was a success and had a nice turnout.
- C. Garner mentioned she had seen the announcement for the Arkansas Plate pilot study and wanted to know how it progressed and how Child Nutrition Unit would select the school districts and funding. K. Jackson shared it currently hasn’t been implemented yet, but updates will be provided as things progress.
- S. Agnew shared that the ADH School Health Services will become a new branch under the current Division for Health Advancement and will be called the Community and School Health Branch.
- D. Oberembt shared that the governor's office has submitted their proposal for the Rural Health Initiative Fund. It's a 126- Page program, but one part of these funds from the federal government that could be given to states is for what they call Grow Kids, which is identification, management of chronic conditions in children, increased preventative care, utilization, enhanced mental and behavioral health, nutrition habits, and strengthening collaboration. So, there is an aspect of this proposal that does seem to be focusing on kids' health.



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Join Zoom Meeting:

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

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