



Child Health Advisory Committee

Minutes

September 11, 2025, · 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Call to order: 9:04 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

Present: Ashten Black, Wendy Blount (proxy), Shannon Borchert, Patrick Casey, Carole Garner, Teresa Henson, Carmel Perry, Krista Jackson (proxy), Jazmine Martinez (proxy), Elaine Prewitt, Camille Richoux, Ray Samaniego, Bala Simon, Chad Sanders, Anna Strong (proxy) Jennifer Wessel

Absent: Nathan Morris, Jennifer Morrow, Lisa Mundy (proxy) Dave Oberembt

Staff: Shanetta Agnew, Shy Whitley-Smith

Guests: Amy Davidson, Kenya Eddings, Taylor James, Ariel Rogers, Amber Robinson

Review of July & August minutes: C. Garner moved to accept the July & August minutes as amended. S. Borchert seconded. Motion passed.

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

Act 1220 Coordinator Report (Shanetta Agnew & Shy Whitley): No updates.

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

Upcoming meetings:

- November 12, 2025, 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m. (virtual platform)

Old Business: S. Borchert moved to accept the revised CHAC bylaws. C. Garner seconded. Motion passed.

New Business: C. Richoux, presented the annual “Eyes on the Finish Line: We Cannot Stop Until Every Child Has Health Insurance”. The main concern is that there is 6.7% (2023) of children in Arkansas that are uninsured. In addition, there are some racial disparities which are likely contributing to the issue. A future webinar will be conducted regarding the data.

P. Casey inquired why from March 2025-April 2025 there was a huge decrease from 43,884 to 40,684 with ARKids Part B Enrollment. C. Richoux mentioned it most likely due to changes in enrollment, gaps in coverage, and prescription costs. J. Wessel suggested the committee consider developing a recommendation in the future supporting school-based coverage support.



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Member & Non-Member Updates/Announcements:

- T. Henson informed the group that the SNAP-ED program will end September 30, 2025, through the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture. Nutrition education will be provided, but in a new format. The curriculum was previously taught by the family & consumer science agents in the county, but they will take on a new role with the partners to provide some form of education.
- K. Eddings with Arkansas Minority Health Commission shared the subdivision will host health screenings of blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol checks during the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff home games.
- J. Wessel reminded members of the upcoming September 17, 2025, webinar Reducing Ultra-Processed Meals: The Next Chapter in School Food. The Chef Ann Foundation is holding a webinar to discuss the pathway to reduce ultra-processed foods in school food programs. Ultra-processed foods often contain added sugars, unhealthy fats, sodium, and artificial additives while lacking essential nutrients like fiber, vitamins, and minerals. School meals play a key role in shaping dietary habits for students that promote lifelong health and reducing reliance on ultra-processed foods. This webinar will explore the operational challenges that lead school food programs to depend on ultra-processed foods, present current research quantifying the scope of the problem, explore the policy efforts to tackle this issue, and illustrate the connections between these foods and the broader food system.



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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