

Head Start State Health Advisory Committee
Meeting January 25, 2011

Jackie Wake, chairperson, brought the meeting together at the Health Institute at 5 pm. She asked attendees for brief introductions as there were many people attending who cannot attend the regular meeting site at DSS in Hanover.

The HAC secretary, Lisa Thewatt, is no longer with Head Start. Jackie asked for volunteers for the position of secretary. Laura McCall volunteered for the position. Dorothea Butts moved to approve Laura McCall as secretary and TK Barnett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in support.

Jackie asked for suggestions for possible topics for the annual Head Start meeting in Abingdon on April 5-7. The following health and safety topics were mentioned:

- Federal review
- Drop-in reviews
- Extending IMIL, also a teacher survey to find out how teachers are using IMIL and if they are not, why not
- PIR reporting – how to get the data tracking to reflect what you actually did (Promise and Child Plus)
- State Licensing requirements for classrooms and for health related issues in the classroom
- Questions about policy on Hep A if your local HAC decides that you do not need to do it, can you not do it.

A question was asked about dental visits. TK Barnett clarified that although visits every 6 months are preferable, Head Start only requires one visit a year.

The next HAC meeting will be at the Annual Meeting, date and time to be announced.

The last meeting of the HAC will be on May 24, from 11-2.

Several attendees mentioned that they would like to get some help with memorandum of agreements with school nurses. Others said that they did not have MOU's with school nurses. Apparently there have been times when a MOU has been invaluable in solving conflict on who handles what for Head Start children. This might also be a topic for discussion at the annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
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