

Minutes 2005 Annual Meeting

ASHA's Council on Early Childhood Health Education & Services met October, 20, 2005 in Burbank, California.

16 members were in attendance: Kathryn Breighner, Marilyn Massey-Stokes, Debra Herr, Amy Cory, Andrew Manthe, Sandy Landry, Stephen Barnett, Jennifer Wilson, Irene Takeshita, Dara Vazin, Kathleen Johnston, Charlotte Burt, Adrian Lyde, Donna Mazyck, Linda Davis-Alldritt, Carole Mintzer.

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Kathryn Breighner.

Reports for the Year's activities:

*The Council submitted a grant to the Allen Foundation for a nutrition project. It was not funded. The project would study the nutrition information gained/not gained in preschooler's participating in a comprehensive health education program vs. a singular unit of learning on nutrition.

*A sponsored session was submitted and approved for the Burbank conference for a session by Sandy Landry and the school readiness project she has coordinated. The idea for that session came from last year's council meeting.

Activities for 2006:

**Healthy Childcare* magazine, edited by the council, will be 10 at next year's conference. The website, www.healthychild.net, receives about 3,000 page views a day. For the next year, *Healthy Childcare* will focus on mental health.

**Healthy Childcare* will focus on mental health in 2006. One article on mental health will be in each of the first 5 issues culminating in a special mental health issue in Oct-Nov 2006.

*ASHA's conference theme for 2006 is mental health. Discussion took place as to how to be a part of the conference next year. Several ideas were discussed including a sponsored session or a Sat a.m. session for childcare providers. Kathryn is working with Marcia Rubin on a possible SAMSA grant idea for the Sat a.m. idea. Anyone wanting to be involved, please contact Kathryn (kb@healthychild.net)

Resolutions:

Discussion took place regarding ASHA resolutions. Several resolutions that were submitted by the Council years ago now need to be revised or deleted. Stephen Barnett took 2 of the resolutions relating to work with the pediatricians to the physician section meeting for review. Stephen mentioned the strong need for ASHA to have resolutions to use in our advocacy role.

Two resolutions, comprehensive health education (1993) and comprehensive health services (1993) need to be revised. References need to be added to these if we are going to revise them.

New resolutions discussed and those who will work on them:

Early Childhood obesity—Adrian and Amy
Dental caries—Amy and Charlotte Hendricks
Parental & Community Involvement--?
Mental Health—Kathryn & Charlotte Hendricks
Sun Safety—Andrew Manthe

Members introduced themselves and spoke of their roles in early childhood. Discussion ensued regarding child care health consultants. Stephen addressed a need to find more avenues of funding for CCHCs.

Andrew Manthe talked about integrating sun safety into childcare.

New officers for the council were discussed. Adrian is the new vice chair and Amy is the new secretary.

The next meeting will take place in St. Louis in October 2006.