



CPHA Legislative Committee

Friday, December 10, 2010

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Recap

1. Report back from CPHA Board Retreat: Jeff reported back that the Board supported our top two priorities, and that there was a change since our last meeting. Representative Massey will be sponsoring a physical activity in schools bill and a reporting requirement. This is still in alignment with the priority even though it represents a slight change. We discussed the boards feedback and concerns regarding the opposition from school districts, and Kyle and Eliza were already thinking about how to address those concerns. We will incorporate some of those into our strategy materials that are being developed.
2. Update on legislative information: Jennifer and Eliza just recapped the change relative to the physical education and reporting requirement as noted above.

Kyle presented a request from the Executive Director of One Colorado, asking if CPHA would be interested in signing on as a supporter to an anti-bullying initiative they are pursuing with the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB), Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE), and the teachers' unions. The policy they are proposing would create a safe schools task force to study the issue and make policy recommendations to the legislature, governor, and local school districts. Health surveys of kids that include the topic have consistently found that kids who report being bullied are significantly more likely to fare worse on almost every health, academic, and social measure included on those surveys. Discussion regarding influence of the school outside of school grounds was discussed. The committee fully supports the recommendation to include CPHA as supporters of this, and Kyle will check on the timing so we can determine if we want to ask the Board for approval via e-mail or bring this to the January Board meeting since December is cancelled.

Stacy Gahn, working with the Oral Health Awareness Coalition on our oral health awareness resolution, noted that OHAC's focus has shifted to just protecting what we have now, and there is grave concern based on where we are economically that pushing anything more would be doomed for failure. She will be collecting some more data to bring back to OHAC and will keep us updated.

3. Strategies to address our top two priorities: 1) Physical activity and reporting Kyle, and Eliza attended a of the Colorado Children's Campaign, COAPHERD (Colorado Association of Physical Education Recreation and Dance), and the Colorado Health Foundation regarding physical education and activity requirements in schools. Colorado is one of 2 states that does not have physical activity/education requirements in the country. Here is a brief summary of elements that Representative Massey's bill will include:
 - a. PE/PA requirements for elementary schools only (150 mins for 5 days/week and 120 mins for less than 5 days/week school).
 - b. PE/PA will include different activities including recess, gym class, physical education, etc. There will also be a reporting requirement for every school (elementary, middle, high). The group is doing some research as to how this survey might be administered. The data will then go to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) where they will do some analysis. Survey results will include staffing/supervision of PE/PA activities, time and distribution of PE/PA activities, facilities and resources (does your school have a basketball court, open fields etc).

2) Amendment 35 strategy See attached document outlining the strategy, which the entire committee supports.

Jennifer Miles will work with Jennifer Cummins to recruit expertise on these from within CPHA in terms of testimony and expertise.

4. Coordinator Reports: Federal Action Alerts Kyle updated the committee that he is investigating several arenas relative to our involvement in federal legislative and policy activities. These include:

- a. Opportunities relative to APHA action alerts
- b. Opportunities relative to federal level requests that come to us
- c. Opportunities relative to Colorado congressional delegation requests
- d. Opportunities relative to comments on federal rule makings

Kyle agreed to sketch out some procedures that we could consider at our January committee meeting and could then be brought to the Board for consideration.

5. Jennifer discussed dates for coordinating our statewide legislative education effort with the Day at the Capitol. Two weeks will be investigated, the week of March 15th, and the week of March 21st. Several committee members relayed their interest in attending.

As a reminder, our regular CPHA Legislative Committee **conference calls** will be held on the **2nd Friday of each month from 12-1**. Our next call is scheduled for January 14, 2011.