

H-2 HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Policy: Umatilla-Morrow Head Start will maintain a Health Advisory Committee (HAC) designed to assist in planning, monitoring, and evaluating all health aspects (including medical, dental, nutrition, and mental health) of UMCHS programs. The committee will include agency staff, Head Start/Healthy Start parents (past or current), professionals and other volunteers from the community.

The Health Advisory Committee will also serve as the advisory group for the Blue Mountain Healthy Families program to advise in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of program related activities, which include (but are not limited to): regularly assess the program's services, make recommendations for planning and implementation of policies, promote and advocate for the regional program, and assure the development and implementation of the Program Goal Plan.

Procedure:

1. Health Advisory Committee (HAC) meetings will occur quarterly.
2. Dates for HAC meetings will be coordinated between the Health and Nutrition Services Director and the Healthy Families Program Manager.
3. Meeting announcements and agenda will be sent to HAC members two to three weeks in advance to meeting date. Agenda will be prepared including topics that need HAC attention, i.e., approval of health policies, revisions to Work Plan, health forms, health program planning, implementing and evaluating the agency's health program, review of Healthy Families Analysis and Plans, community partnerships and responses to community needs.
4. Subcommittees may be formed as needed to address specific issues and areas of interest.
5. HAC members will reflect the following elements of the community.
 - a. Pediatricians and Pediatric Societies.
 - b. Dentists, Dental Hygienists and their associations.
 - c. General Practitioners and the Academy of General Practice.
 - d. Other physicians and the County and State medical societies.
 - e. Local, regional and state health offices.
 - f. Child and general psychiatrists and their associations.
 - g. Head Start/Healthy Families Parents (past or current)
 - h. Hospital administrator and their associates.
 - i. Public health nurse, school nurses, and nursing organizations.
 - j. Nutritionists and their associations.

- k. Optometrists and their associations.
- l. Psychologists and their associations.
- m. Medical technologists and their associations.
- n. Speech, and hearing personnel and their associations.
- o. Other Head Start programs in the area
- p. Volunteers from community

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