

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, professionals and other volunteers from the community.

Procedure:

1. Health Advisory Committee (HAC) meetings will occur quarterly.
2. Dates for HAC meetings will be coordinated between the Health Services Director, Healthy Start Program Manager, and Nutrition Director.
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, community partnerships and responses to community needs.
4. 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 Start Parents
 - 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
5. Minutes of the Healthy Advisory will be posted on the UMCHS website for the public to be informed and kept up-to-date on Healthy Start services and operations.