

Governor's Council on Physical Fitness  
Education Subcommittee Meeting  
Thursday, September 27, 2007

Committee Members Present

Bill Montford, Co-chair  
Nancy Hogshead-Makar, Co-Chair  
Karen Dowd  
Kez McCorvey  
Shannon Miller  
Julie Ryczek

Council Members Absent

Robert Keiser

Others Present

Kellie Lane

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**Bill Montford called the meeting to order at 2pm.**

**Review of the State Plan of Action Template**

Rachel Duerr, Education Subcommittee Coordinator, reviewed the template and the work that was accomplished at the meeting on Wednesday, September 26.

Mr. Montford provided each member with a brief education overview outlining the requirements for all instructional area minutes for children per week in Florida. The overview also outlined promotion requirements and current policies and programs that support physical fitness and wellness in Florida schools. All members took a few minutes to read the report.

Objectives A, B, D, F

It was determined that one survey will be sent out to the Physical Education Coordinators and a sample of teachers and athletic directors. The DOE will create the survey based on the topics discussed in the meeting. These topics include:

- How K-5 PE bill is being implemented including: district policy, procedures, follow up, accountability, challenges, what is working
- Barriers to providing physical fitness (The revised wording for the EO says including land use, equipment ADA, sports opportunities, gender equity, and economic diversity. I know there was discussion in the meeting that this could be a separate survey. Did you feel that was the consensus?)
- What facilities exist at the schools in the district
- What are the policies for using facilities? (after school hours and on weekends, are facilities multi-use?)
- Partnerships or inter-local agreements for facilities/programs relating to fitness and or sports.
- Is a fitness assessment tool being used? If so, which one? The council is especially interested in Fitness Gram and Presidents Fitness Challenge.
- What sports are offered for males and females?

The DOE will provide the survey to Ms. Duerr by Wednesday, October 3. Ms. Duerr will e-mail the survey to all of the subcommittee members on Wednesday, October 3 for review before the conference call on Thursday, October 4.

Objective I: Lead Person – Bill Montford

Mr. Montford will send a separate survey to the superintendents relating to Objective I.

Ms. Hogshead-Makar made a motion to revise the wording to read “physical fitness and sports advisory panel.” The motion passed.

Objective C: Lead Person – Julie Ryczek

Two council members Julie Ryczek and Karen Dowd were nominated to the DOE to serve as framers and/or writers for the revision of the Physical Education Sunshine State Standards.

Objective F: Lead Person – Kez McCorvey

The members discussed finding out if there are facility agreements or policies for facilities usage. The members also want to know how well school resources are being utilized. Some of the facilities discussed included sports facilities, physical education facilities, and community facilities.

Lori Rowe, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Charlie Crist, joined the breakout session to discuss the member’s visits to an elementary school. Ms. Rowe informed the subcommittee that Governor Crist is very interested in finding out how the schools are implementing the new mandate, challenges they are facing, and what is actually happening. She encouraged the members to speak to teachers, children, and parents if possible during their visits. The media will be notified of the visits. The members can choose any elementary school. She reminded them that schools have security requirements that must be followed.

The members addressed their concerns with Ms. Rowe about the December 1 deadline. They feel it is not enough time to complete their objectives. Ms. Rowe informed the members that the reason for the tight timeline is to have recommendations for 2008 session. She said the members may be asked to testify before the legislature.

Objective D: Lead Person – Kez McCorvey

Numerous barriers to participation in physical education and/or sports were discussed including: disabilities, gender, sports, transportation, race, health.

Ms. Hogshead-Makar made a motion for revised wording for Objective D. She suggested “including: ADA, sports opportunities, gender equity, and economic diversity.” The motion passed.

**Mr. Montford adjourned the meeting at 3pm.**

Submitted By: Rachel Duerr

Approved By: Bill Montford

