**Participating Members:** Vanessa Smith, Jennifer Conner, Kim Boren, Amy Routt, Joy Rockenbach, Sherry Johnson, Sarah Powell, Andi Ridgway, Katrina Betancourt, and Emily English. Special guests included Brian Mader and Becky Adams.

*Work Team Updates*

**Executive Committee Business– Andi**

* + Celebration Event – The 10 Year ArCOP Celebration will be held on Nov 30th from 2-4:00pm at the Governor’s Mansion. Set up will begin at 1:00p and registration will open at 1:45p. The agenda will include keynote by Rex Nelson, Silent Auction, a 10 year overview by Katrina, ArCOP video and GHC recognition. The target for the event is the GHC’s and currently there are more than 100 registered with 150 being the maximum and Nov 23rd being the deadline. ArCOP is looking good on sponsors for the event and registrants can donate $10 if they wish. There has been good response with Silent Auction items as well. Any group willing to donate should complete the online form.
  + Joy opened discussion about utilizing the event to allow proactive mayors to “Charge” other mayors with initiating a GHC Day proclamation in their communities over the next year. A work team of at least Joy, Jennifer, Emily and Katrina was formed to move forward with this idea.
  + Katrina is working with KATV (Channel 7) to create and air 15 second commercials highlighting a successful GHC in each of the 5 regions: Lake Village, Batesville, Bryant, Clarksville and Nashville. The communities have been identified and contacted to submit material. ArCOP has purchased 72 spots.
  + Board Nominations – Becky Adams was nominated for the ArCOP Member at Large position. Daphne Goulden, AFMC, was nominated for the Early Childhood & Schools Team Co-chair position. All nominees’ bios will be shared and there will be an online vote.
* **HAA Updates** – Joy reported that the HAA Board voted that ACHI would physically house HAA staff. The staff would work under the HAA Board’s supervision. The first staff position sought is Executive Director, but currently the Board has no funding. The Accountability Summit was good. Jennifer shared that the Eat Smart in the Parks program is pending BCBS funding approval.
* **Access to Healthy Foods** – Emily discussed the Nov 8th Prioritization Workshop. The goal is to crowd source next year’s plan. A survey has been sent to assess current work and needs regarding technical assistance. AHF will extend the invitation to the other work teams. After the workshop, a compilation report will go out to prompt local feedback.
* **Access to Physical Activity through BE**–Vanessa reported that Fort Smith received assistance with accessible signage at their UA park. Dave provided his updates via email:

Past events:

* Presented “Accessibility in the Built Environment” session at ARCOP Summit in Jonesboro (Sept. 8th)
* Attended American Planners Association Conference (APA) on Transportation in Bentonville (Sept. 28-29)
* Presented “Accessibility in the Built Environment” session at Southern Obesity Summit in Atlanta, GA (Oct. 3rd)

Future events:

* Invited to speak on panel about obesity, access and transportation at American Institute of Architects (AIA) conference – Emerging Professionals session in Hot Springs (Oct. 19th)
* Will attend Playcore Symposium on Inclusive Playgrounds in Little Rock (Oct. 26th)
* Will lead a bike tour of the Razorback Greenway at the Arkansas Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) conference – Rogers (Nov. 1st)
* Will present a session on “Connecting Parks to Communities” at the ARPA Conference in Rogers (Nov. 2nd)
* Will present “Accessibility in the Built Environment” session at Jonesboro MPO joint committee meeting (Dec. 12th)
* **Early Childhood and Schools** – Amy reported the Growing Healthy Classrooms applications have been distributed with 30 Elementary, 24 Early Childcare & 5 After School initiatives returned. The team will focus on growing the initiative and incorporating incentives. She discussed a strategic planning workshop to set team goals and move forward to link with HAA priority teams. Curricula Concepts is working with early childcare centers to address current policies and practices around healthy behaviors. This is being piloted in Mississippi and Faulkner Counties with Amy being the lead. The team is working with Childcare Aware to get packets in each office. This has expanded statewide with Mini Coin’s assistance (Christine Sasse).
* **Worksite Wellness** – Kim reported the team is just getting back in swing after the summer break by working on prioritization strategies and T/A needs. CHI St. Vincent will serve as a mentor to recruit more partners.

*Project Updates:*

* DUFB - Katrina will provide more details during her presentation in the following coalition meeting.
* Katrina & Emily will be on a call tomorrow with AR Agri Dept regarding the Farm to School Grant.
* Blue and You Foundation Grant - Worksite Wellness: 2018 grant submitted, but pending until mid-November
* Community Foods Project (CFP) Due December 4, 2017 – Focus is Community Gardens using the Square Foot Gardening (SFG) model. Grant is set up for $400k/4yrs max.
* FINI just released Due December 13, 2017 – Focus is DUFB and Mobile Markets. Grant is set up for $500k/4 yrs max.
* 2017 Regional Summits Project Grant reports are due November 30th
* 2018 Regional Summits Project Grants will include a menu of project choices within the 5 categories. Discussion ensued regarding reshaping the summits and possibly reinstating an immersion training option.
  1. Community Gardens - Focus project: Square Foot Gardens
  2. Growing Healthy Worksites – Focus projects: PSE Changes & Annual Award
  3. Double Up Food Bucks – Focus projects: Grocery Stores, Farmers’ Markets, Mobile Market & Cooking Matters
  4. CATCH would be the focus project for schools
  5. Built Environment – Focus project may include: Pop-Ups? & Walkability Assessments?

*Announcements*

1. Next BOD Meeting Monday, November 27, 10-12pm, UAEX
2. Next Coalition Meeting, January 22nd, 1-3pm TBD
3. View ArCOP’s Calendar to see upcoming events. <http://arkansasobesity.org/news-events/event-calendar.html>

*Katrina adjourned meeting*

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Minutes submitted by Sarah Powell, ArCOP Chair-Elect