**Participating Members:** Daphne Gaulden, Sherry Johnson, Sarah Powell, Andi Ridgway, Katrina Betancourt, Kim Boren, Kenya Eddings, Janie Ginocchio, and Emily English. Derrick Lewis, Jennifer Conner and Amy Routt participated via conference call.

**Executive Committee Updates - Andi**

* Katrina will develop a BOD email distribution list to come from her email instead of through the ArCOP email system.

**Sugar Sweetened Beverages**

ArCOP is working with American Healthy Foods to initiate a sugar sweetened beverage tax. There will be one city identified as the pilot in Arkansas. As part of this initiative, ArCOP will be supporting 4 campaigns over the next year (at least):

1. Sugar Sweetened Beverage Consumption Reduction: carried out through the nutrition programs, DUFB and local GHC initiatives. Healthy Food America webinar series will be July 23rd at 1:00p.
2. Healthy Check Out Lanes: this initiative will be continued at Harps and a pilot at Wal-Mart will also begin. The Wal-Mart pilot will offer healthy snacks and include physical activity related items in 2 out of 5 checkout lanes. This is a CSPI national campaign.
3. Healthy Drinks for Kids’ Meals: encourages local restaurants to offer healthy options for kids’ meals without inflating the price. Some states have enacted city ordinances with the support of CSPI. UCA Writing for Public Relations and Media Class will be assisting on this campaign.
4. Campaign for “The Original Nutritional Food” Breastfeeding Discretely: will provide tips and state law

CSPI (Center for Science & Public Interest) will initiate an educational webinar series beginning June 25th at 1:00p.

**Chronic Disease Coordinating Council – Andi**: This is a council of various coalitions which includes ArCOP with the goal of bridging gaps to control chronic disease in AR by streamlining communication. The annual Chronic Disease Forum will be a part of APHA May 9-11, 2018. This year’s Forum will focus on state and national nutrition recommendations.

**ArCOP BOD Retreat – Katrina:** The entire Board will be meeting on May 15th for an Organizational Retreat, location TBA. Discussion questions included:

* What is the role of the board members?
* What is the procedure for Board decisions vs discussion to promote transparency?
* Who are the decision makers?
* ArCOP can advocate and educate with only participating in 9% lobbying. Most Board members can only educate as per their professional role.

**Work Team Reports were tabled until the following ArCOP Coalition Meeting**

1. Access to Healthy Foods
2. Access to Physical Activity through BE (suggested name change: Growing Healthy Places)
3. Early Childhood and Schools (suggested name change: Growing Healthy Kids)
4. Worksite Wellness (suggested name change: Growing Healthy Worksites)

**Project Updates - Katrina**

* FINI Grant was awarded for 4 years, but not public knowledge yet. Katrina reiterated that FINI is only one funder for DUFB. Discussed not funding Fayetteville DUFB due to their multiple funding sources and may focus on the sugar sweetened beverage initiative there this year.
* Mobile Market kicking off along with local Farmers Markets. Harps is providing the produce and Marianna has the 1st Farmers’ Market forming out of the project.

**2018 GHC Immersion Training & Mini-Grants**

The GHC Immersion Training was held at Lake DeGray March 28-30, 2018 where a total of 12 GHC communities participated in the Action Plan Development process which is being used for the mini-grant application. The mini-grant applications are due on April 20th and will be able to fund up to $5,000 for local projects. The Executive Team will be reviewing the grant applications. Funding is provided from TPCP ($30K) to focus in Tobacco PSE change. The grantees will also be required to include lactation accommodation PSE change as well.

**ArCOP Meeting Updates**

Board of Directors (BOD) Meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month

* May – cancelled due to BOD Retreat on 5/15
* June 25th 10a-12p Location TBA
* July 23rd BOD Meeting and Coalition Meeting
* All BOD meetings are offered via Zoom and the link and numbers are the same each time:

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/5089390332>

iPhone one-tap: 6465588656, 5089390332# or 6699006833, 5089390332#

Telephone: 646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 508 939 0332

ArCOP Coalition Meetings are held the 4th Monday each quarter in July, October, January and April.

* Each coalition meeting is offered via Zoom and the link and numbers are the same each time:

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/308132503>

iPhone one-tap: 6699006833, 308132503# or 6465588656, 308132503#

Telephone: 669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 308 132 503

View ArCOP’s Calendar to see upcoming events. <http://arkansasobesity.org/news-events/event-calendar.html> Team leaders were asked to provide meeting info to be added to the calendar.

Katrina adjourned meeting

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Minutes submitted by Sarah Powell, ArCOP Chair-Elect