

# **FAMILIES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**July 24, 2007**

## **Committee Members**

**In Attendance:** Judy Myers, Chair, William Burton, Lois Bronz, and Kenneth Jenkins.

**In Attendance:** DOH: Commissioner Joshua Lipsman, Renee Recchia, Patsy Yang-Lewis, and Cheryl Archbald BOL: Rick Pezzullo, Teresa Toscano, Andrew Rickett, Christina Giliberti, Neal Rentz and Melanie Montalto. Guests: Chris Arnone, RNN, Melissa Klein, Journal News, and Edmund Riely.

**Items Discussed:** The Fit Kids Body Mass Index Screening Project released by the County Department of Health

## **Minutes**

Legislator Bronz called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.

Dr. Joshua Lipsman, Commissioner of the Department of Health, introduced Deputy Commissioner Renee Recchia who provided a presentation on the Fit Kids Body Mass Index Screening Project. A copy of the presentation is on file and available for review.

Commissioner Lipsman stated the issue is we are consuming too many calories for the amount of physical activity we are doing. He continued to say that there are many factors that may contribute to this, from students having to study more, watching more television, playing video games, and physical education programs being cancelled in schools.

The Commissioner explained that the Health Department will probably request a budget increase for 2008 to expand the Fit Kids and other obesity fighting programs.

Moved by Legislator Burton and seconded by Legislator Jenkins the minutes of July 17, 2007 passed with a vote of 3-0.

Moved by Legislator Jenkins and seconded by Legislator Burton the Committee on Families, Health and Human Services adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

A complete audio recording of the meeting is available for review upon request.