

LAWN Meeting Minutes February 28, 2012

Local Agency WIC Nutritionist Meeting Minutes February 28, 2012 2-4pm

42 participants attending:

Name	County/Agency	Name	County/Agency
Julie Aalbers	Clackamas	Nicole Grigorieff	Salud
Mari Brooker	Clackamas	Cheryl Alto	State
Tori Sutherland	Clatsop	Karen Bettin	State
Laura Spaulding	Deschutes	Kim McGee	State
Janet Harris	Deschutes	Vernita Reyna	State
Sherri Tobin	Deschutes	Mary Rhode	State
Elizabeth Binkley	Douglas	Nancy Ludwig	Tillamook
Debbie Watson	Jackson	Angie Treadwell	Umatilla/Morrow Head Start WIC
Judy Harvey	Jackson	Diane Benfield	Umatilla/Morrow Head Start WIC
Sue Schiess	Klamath	Becca Ypma	Washington
Katey Bosworth	Lane	Stephanie Kohler	Washington
Cindy Cole	Linn	Tiare Sanna	Washington
Erin Dorr, dietetic intern	Lincoln County	Lisa Beck	Washington
Lindsay Grosvenor	Malheur, Harney	Jan Apland Curtis	Washington
Dale Erickson	Marion	Annie Southworth	Washington
Mary Kay Diloreto	Multnomah	Marjorie Dreiseszun	Washington
Heidi Suess	Multnomah	Roxanne McKeen	Washington
Ricki Donato	Multnomah		
Joy McNeal	Multnomah	Guests for 2 nd hour:	
Althea Gill	Multnomah	Dea Tran, Robin Senn: Health Coordinators for PPS Head Start	
David Brown	Multnomah	Natalie Bowman-Wilkins, Health Coordinator North Central ESD	
Inge Daeschel	Polk		

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome, Introductions
- State updates
- Local updates
- Continuing education presentation
- Wrap-up

Materials sent prior to the call:

- Power point handouts for today's presentation
- WIC Nutritionist Competencies

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State updates:

- **The 2012 spring participant centered group trainings:** Will start the first week in March. There will be 8 regional trainings in March and April. If you teach classes, prepare/review course outlines or are generally interested, please contact your WIC coordinator to participate in this valuable training.
- **Change in Farm Direct checks:** Virtually everyone who is eligible for FDNF may receive checks this year- great for our families, challenging for our staff! To facilitate the distribution, Maria Menor has lifted the state family max in TWIST so that each agency may opt to issue checks to every FDNF-eligible member in a family. It is important to remember that infants must be 6 months of age by May 1, 2012 to be eligible to receive FDNF checks. Checks are expected to be sent out the first week of May. Please contact Maria at maria.i.menor@state.or.us or your assigned nutrition consultant if you have questions.
- **Access to the list of qualified farmer markets:** The listing will be on-line only. This is somewhat problematic for the larger agencies. The benefits of keeping the information on-line includes updates are quicker, more accurate and it is 'greener'. Any creative ideas on how to make this happen at the local level are appreciated and can be sent to Mary Rhode at mary.rhode.@state.or
- **WIC EBT update:** Processor will be selected in March; a pilot is scheduled for 2013.
- **University of Minnesota Maternal Nutrition Intensive course:** The last few certificates of attendance for the 2011 University of Minnesota Maternal Nutrition intensive course are still pending. The certificates are being emailed directly to attendees. Cheryl has an email out to the course organizers and will send an email to any LAWN member that needs additional documentation.
- **WIC RD/Nutritionists Competencies:** This is a project that started many years ago and has been brushed off, updated and the competencies were attached to this month's LAWN meeting agenda. They will be posted on the LARD/LAWN section of the WIC website. Please note-these competencies were created as a means of assuring a standard of competency for nutritionists/dietitians working in WIC. At the present time, Oregon WIC does not have additional requirements for WIC nutritionists other than training requirements that are for all WIC employees and requirements specific to the role of a CPA if the RD/nutritionist functions in that role as well.
- **WIC RD/Nutritionist & Coordinator Surveys:** The next step in the training plan for dietitians/nutritionists new to WIC is identify our training resources strengths and gaps. We will be surveying WIC Nutritionists and Coordinators regarding training resources. The surveys will be emailed in April.
- **Bid Formula update:** The contract with Abbott for our current bid formula (Similac) will expire September 30, 2012. Oregon is one of 15 states which belong to the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) which was formed in 1993 to assist participating states in cooperative multi-state contracting. In May, 2012, the award notification will be released and shared with local agencies. For more information about WSCA: <http://www.aboutwsca.org>

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- **Local agency updates:**

Linn County: New Coordinator/RD: Cindy Cole

Marion County: New Coordinator/RD: Diane Quiring

Lane County: Leslie Houghton has left WIC for a position with the Eugene Child Development and Rehabilitation Center (CDRC); Jackie Lucas has resigned; Katey Bosworth relocated from Linn County to Lane County.

CT Warm Springs: Roopa Puri has left WIC to join her family in Figi.

Baker County: Susan Gerig has retired. Karlee Miller has joined Baker County as the WIC RD.

Grant: starting in April, Kim Jacobs will return to Grant County, taking over for Jenny Guivens who took a position in Colorado.

Presentation by Amy Umphlett, MPH, “First Tooth” Project Coordinator, Public Health Division, Oral Health Unit

Topic: First Tooth: Preventing early childhood caries through medical and dental provider education and collaboration

PowerPoint slides and handouts will be posted on the LAWN section of the Oregon WIC Website

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyPeopleFamilies/wic/Pages/lard.aspx>

Next meeting:

- May 22, 2012
2-4pm Room 1B in Portland State Office Building.
Speaker: Tina Kelly, MS, RD, LD, CDE, Asante Diabetes Care Dietitian and Diabetes Educator at Rogue Valley Medical Center
Topic: New guidelines for diagnosis of hyperglycemia in Pregnancy

Minutes respectively submitted by Cheryl Alto