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Child Nutrition & Wellness Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Webster Conference Center

2601 N. Ohio, Salina, Kansas 67401

Welcome and Introductions (Cheryl Johnson)

Attendance:

- Brooke Wolf
- David Paul
- Lisa Ross
- Deb Brehm
- Chris Wagner
- Abbi Heidari
- Laine Norris
- Mary Clark
- Kris Nicholson
- Richard Hampton
- Robyn Stuewe
- Lynn Carpenter
- Michelle Charbonneau
- Karla Kapansky
- Jackie Auxier
- Mindy David-Graybeal
- Beth Carlton

Child Nutrition Program Reauthorization Update (Cheryl Johnson)

- Provided update about visit with Senator Marshall's staff. In the Appropriation's Bill that passed the house there is funding for increased CEP, Equipment, grants for increasing scratch cooking and use of local foods. The Senate will now consider the legislation and then vote. If any changes, it would have to go back to the House.

Feedback on new Child Nutrition & Wellness Website (Jason Howe)

- Jason, KSDE IT staff member, provided an overview of updates/changes to current Child Nutrition & Wellness website.
 - Contact Us (Staff Directory) needs to be more prominent
 - Include Civil Rights video link on chapter
 - SFSP Handbook
 - Reimbursement Rates as Key Link
 - Instagram and Facebook link to #FuelingKSkids (on banner)
 - Advisory Council members would like to be Testers
 - Training Videos (culinary and quick bites to own page)

Training and Technical Assistance Needs (Kelly Chanay)

- Culinary: Quick Bite segments feature a harvest of the month and offer quick and innovative tips for preparing and serving the featured harvest of the month item. Culinary Corner segments will demonstrate basic culinary skills, tips and techniques for preparing child nutrition program made items.
 - Suggestions included: Using squash and other bountiful products, seasonings, tips (mixing up greens and chopping into small bits), open packages and create something, seasoning menu items, and how to credit menu items (volume vs. weight) and presentation/packaging ideas.



- Procurement Training Topics: forecasting, basics for new directors, price analysis, meal costs, co-ops, writing specifications refresher, tips, top questions received by consultants, Administrative Review findings,
- Other: Networking, mentoring, STAR program, hands-on, Production Records, Time as a Control, and Food Safety video quick tips.

Grant Updates

- **CACFP Meal Pattern Implementation** (Jill Ladd) – All grant funds have now been expended. Used remaining funds to purchase culinary kits for use in the preparation of CACFP meals and snacks and contains a multi-colored knife set with blade guards, knife sharpener, flexible chopping mats, kitchen shears and a vegetable peeler. Training was provided via zoom and through the KSDE Online Training Portal.
- **Team Nutrition** (Jill Ladd) - This grant will assist states in helping schools offer meals that utilize local agricultural products and reflect local food preparation practices and taste preferences. In the Team Up for Local Foods Recipe Challenge, KSDE encouraged high school family and consumer science educators, students, and school nutrition program professionals, to team up with local farmers and producers to develop school meal recipes using local foods. Currently, there are 54 recipe challenge teams from 11 schools with total of 148 students participating in the Team Up for Local Foods Recipe Challenge. There are also 12 different local producers (and counting) working with recipe challenge teams.
- **Farm to School** (Barb Depew) – The 2020-2021 grant recipients are completing their projects that help Child Nutrition Program’s improve access to local foods. Also, 84 Juice Plus Tower Gardens delivered to add nutrition education and local foods to Summer Meal Programs. Online Tower Garden and KSDE educational resources are available. Items provided were used in Summer programming and meal service to promote meal participation, creating opportunities to provide nutrition education and serve local foods in CNPs to promote learning and the success of each child.
- **Technology Grants** (Julie Henry) – Bolded items are unfinished projects.
 - **TIG** - The technology improvements for this grant are: automate the Serious Deficiency (SD) process; **Design and implement a procurement review tool; Develop and implement an auditing log;** and Integrate secure, browsing-based review and monitoring applications.
 - **nTIG – New grant funds that KSDE will use to enhance the KN-CLAIM: database and code refactoring, streamline and simplify User experience, integrate with KSDE Student Information System, and perform system maintenance.**
 - **ART** – These grant funds are being used to develop a State-level web-based application for free and reduced-price school meals, **Professional Development Module Modernization within KN-CLAIM, to develop Technology-Based Training Solutions, enhancements to existing Financial Management Tools in KN-CLAIM, and development of additional Financial**



Management Tools.

- **Direct Certification with Medicaid** (Julie Henry) – CNW has applied to be a part of USDA's Direct Certification with Medicaid demonstration project.

CNW Team and Program Updates

- Sponsors operating all Child Nutrition Programs now have one consultant assigned to them.
- USDA hopes for return to “normal”
- Waiver Authority ends 06/30/2022 or the date when the school year ends.
- New Body Venture Exhibit and Virtual Body Venture
 - KSDE STEM, Health and Child Nutrition & Wellness are excited to announce a professional development opportunity that is centered around elementary science, nutrition and fitness! Body Venture has gone virtual and will be paired with FREE lessons and kits (as supplies allow) that can easily be tailored towards elementary classrooms that want to eat smart and play hard.
 - CNW is working on procurement of a New Body Venture Exhibit to travel to schools in SY 2022-2023
- Wellness Workshops each Wednesday in February 2022.
 - February 2: New Kansas Model Wellness Guidelines and Updated Wellness Impact Tool
 - February 9: Nutrition Education including Virtual Body Venture, Farm to School, Team Nutrition and Culinary Quick Bites
 - February 16: Mental Health and Nutrition - Food and Mood
 - February 23: Behavioral Interviewing, Vaping, Cyberbullying, Physical Activity
- P-EBT Update
- Emergency Operating Costs (EOC) Update
- SFSP/CACFP Counting Application Developed. Full roll-out has been paused since most districts are serving meals at no cost to students.
- Food Service Management Company (FSMC) #s. Currently, 69 sponsors using a FSMC. One sponsor transitioned back to self-op for SY 2021-22.
- Early Learning Collaborations: CACFP Links to Quality, KSDE Early Learning, KDHE, Child Care Aware of Kansas and Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition.

Work Groups

- Supply Chain Shortages
 - Keep waivers in place/flexibility
 - Meal Pattern flexibility
 - Who is going to bid?
 - Needing food/trays
- Food and Personnel Safety
 - Training for new employees
 - In-person training
 - Quick tips for safety



- Staffing
 - How to increase non-federal funds and track? (catering, adult meals, a la carte, paid meals, vending)
 - Central Application for food service jobs across the state (sends to local FSD)
 - Help with recruiting – create recruiting video (childcare is an issue)
 - Where can sponsors get money for incentives?
- Technology Needs
 - More I-Pads
 - Easier way to split production records for unique grade configurations
 - Meal Planning software for entire state
 - KidCare – specific for Kansas
- FY22 Farm to School Grant RFP
 - Virtual Tour = early learning education option
 - Make listing of flours available on website
 - Include recipe crediting in ounce equivalents for any recipes that are developed

Questions for CNW / Wrap-Up (Cheryl)



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