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Child Nutrition & Wellness Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, April 29, 2022, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Smoky Hill Education Service Center
605 E Crawford Street
Salina, Kansas 67401

Welcome and Introductions

Attendance:

- David Paul
- Jessica Bryan
- Megan Barnard
- Jill Monroe
- Kaleena Frick
- Deb Brehm
- Jackie Auxier
- Robyn Stuewe
- Jolyn Baldner
- Lisa Ross
- Abby Heidari
- Stacy Jagodzinske
- Mary Clark
- Brooke Wolf
- Kelly Horn
- Beth Carlton
- Kris Nicholson

Feedback on New Child Nutrition & Wellness Website

- Food Service Facts and CACFP/SFSP Administrative Handbook
 - Add "Jump to" features for Related Forms and Guidance & Resources by Table of Contents
 - Make Table of Contents collapsible
- Main Webpage - remove Program Area links from bottom of pages
- Training Recognition Opportunities - include on training page
- Advisory Council members offered to be testers when website is ready to launch.

Technology Updates

- Updates provided on Technology Grants - TIG (Audit and Procurement Modules in progress), nTIG (refactoring KN-CLAIM, dashboard interface), ART (Online Application is ready, other projects include reworking financial tools including PLE and Revenue from Non-Program Foods, and a Professional Standards Tracking Tool)
- Direct Certification with Medicaid will be active by July 1. Training will be provided to sponsors after May 15.
- Summer Food Service Program Counting & Claiming App - app developers still working to complete this app.
- Kansas Free and Reduced Price Meal Application - concern with carryover and households completing application when unnecessary because they are directly certified.

Farm to Plate Update

- Local Beef Inspection Information - Encourage communications so that no violations with improper labeling. Products that come to your program make sure the food safety guidelines are followed and items are documented.
- Grant Update - 10 grantees (7 SNP and 3 CACFP sponsors) D0337 Jessica shared how her grant was used for tower gardens that are providing education to students as well as produce for the SNP. Beth shared



mixers for making grain products, storing/preserving fruits and vegetables, work with farmers for chicks, eggs, etc. and educating problem solving. Brook chickens and chicken coops, raised gardening beds, baking grant, education to providers and children.

- KSDE applied for another Farm to Plate grant with a focus on grains.
- Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program

CNW Team and Program Updates

- Transitioning to Normal Child Nutrition Operations
 - KSDE submitted waiver application to USDA.
 - Presented documents created with assistance from a sponsor volunteer workgroup to help school administrators and staff answer questions from households. These documents will be posted on our website and sent to various listservs.
 - Working to complete projects suggested by another sponsor volunteer workgroup: Sample social media posts (reaches all audiences), tv and radio posts, sample language and text for schools to use.
 - Still waiting guidance from USDA on Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program eligibility, Paid Lunch Equity, Severe Need **Breakfast**, 2 Cents Differentials and Carryover for SY 22-23.
- P-EBT Update – plan submitted for approval.
- SNP Program Renewal webinar May 10. Developing one letter to notify households about benefits.

Hot Topics – Ideas, thoughts and comments on the following topics provided by attendees:

Increasing Participation in the CACFP, SFSP, & SNP

- Community College: Getting CACFP into curriculum (Embed into childcare administration coursework).
- Tax implications and the CACFP training.
- Text messaging from school about SFSP opportunities.
- District pod casts, videos, be a guest presenter.
- Quality Indicator: for CACFP in local communities (grant applications).
- Review needs assessment for barriers to CACFP Participation.
- Social media paid marketing by local sponsors: How to do this? Allowable cost?
- Licensing Connection at KDHE: Newly licensed providers.
- CACFP Ambassador Program: Peer to Peer Promotions.
- CCA: engage projects/ childcare initiatives to reach new providers.
- L2Q Health and Safety: CACFP Link
- Target nonparticipating providers/ centers.
- Highlight and promote Healthier CACFP Award winners more broadly. Encourage others to apply.
- CCPC Kansas organization for (childcare provider coalition), partner, promote CACFP.
- SFSP Community Involvement: Churches, Girl Scouts/ Boy Scouts, 4-H, Boys and Girls Club.
- Helping sponsors get SFSP site messaging out into community.
- Streamline CACFP application process: Reduce barriers for new centers.



Communicating Transitioning to Normal Child Nutrition Program

- Text messages from School: Keep it short and sweet.
- If using PY 19 data to qualify provider now: Does it expire in 2024 or 2027?
- Television
- Letter to Providers from KSDE:
 - "Congress did not extend tier one past xx/xx/xxxx".
 - RE: Sponsor is not the reason tier one is going away.
- Radio and newspaper
- FDCH Sponsor call topic.
- Parent Facebook group.
- Community mom influencer.
- KANSRA / KASB:
 - District will listen to information from here more.
 - Districts more likely to send out message if KASB message is the same.
- Through schools
- How to get parents to pay attention?

Comments on Nutrition Standards: Proposed Rule

- More standardization between programs.
- For determining if a menu item is a grain-based dessert would prefer that rather than a label such as "cookie or bar" to determine if allowable, that the nutritional profile be considered instead. Granola "bars" aren't credible in CACFP but simply changing the name to a "bake" could make the item creditable.
- Sugar OK in CACFP.
- Like 50% WGR.
- Like 80% WGR.
- More meal modification flexibilities.
- Keep nonfat flavored milk.
- Sodium reduction timeline isn't reasonable. Need more time and less restrictive.
- Prefer no sugar limits in SNP, but if sugar limits are enacted then ok to align with CACFP. Receive frequent complaints from parents & staff that the sugar content of breakfast menu items is too high.
- If not counting non-WGR breadings then shouldn't count towards the weekly limit of 20%. Want discretion to count or not count the breadings.
- CACFP: Do not increase WGR requirements.

Unpaid Meal Charges

- Re-educate board members.
- Collection options given.
- Vocabulary list (bad debt, delinquent debt, etc.)
- Education for staff collecting (paragraph with our name, KSDE).
- Universal meal charge policy?
- Internal procedure (steps)
- Alternate meal (bad press)
- Community support (campaign)



Training Topic Suggestions

- Inventory
- Procurement: anything
- Completing Production Records
- How to modify recipes to be WGR (CACFP)
- Allergy specific culinary class
- How to get kids to eat vegetables

Other Training Suggestions

- Timing is good
- Send training updates to manager listserv
- JSM (prefer in person)
- Culinary Training – like CNMA in person: collaboration, networking, ask questions, you don't know what you don't know, problem solve, don't feel isolated

Questions for CNW / Wrap-Up