

Statewide Staff Meeting

June 5th, 2017

Counties Represented

Beaver

Cache

Davis

Duchesne

Iron

Juab

Kane

Millard

Salt Lake

Utah

Washington

Wayne

End of Year Wrap Up – Heidi

Right after this call on the 1st statewide meeting each month we will have the ‘Youth Can Cook’ meetings, so those involved should just stay on the line.

It is June, and at the end of June we will have our year-end closing. This means all expenditures need to be in, and travel MUST be in. Everything from October to June will be shut down and cannot be paid for, so please get everything turned in in a timely manner.

Recipe Guidelines- Casey

The recipe guidelines will come out this next week. If you have any questions when they come out give me a call or send me an email.

Also, the new Thumbs Up shelf talkers and posters are up on the website now, so when you order them, you will get the new look.

Indirect Activities in PEARS- Kim

While going through PEARS, I see a lot of times that there are no numbers attached when you are entering in the indirect activities so it will just show up as 1 fact sheet, etc. Just above that column where it says ‘other’ please enter the exact number of items (i.e. 500 fact sheets) so that numbers are reported accurately. Attached is an example.

Also, everyone is doing great! Last year we had 1,450,682 indirect activities and this year we have almost 6 million, so keep it up and make sure you get everything reported.

Travel for NEAs from July 1- September 30th- Gayla

As Heidi mentioned, the University year end is rapidly approaching so NEAs have the opportunity to submit a new travel authorization. We do need to have that done by June 20th, so please submit the request so I can get it processed by the 1st. That form will be on the NEA website, and supervisors can give it to you as well.

Attached are instructions on how complete a TA request.

The University is very non-flexible, so like Heidi, I would strongly encourage you to get your receipts submitted. We will also need your mileage log approved by supervisors and here in the state office by July 3rd.

Government Tracking- LaCee

One of my responsibilities is to keep track of what the federal government is doing in regards to SNAP-ed. With the new budget, the USDA has not cut any funding, in fact there was a slight increase.

From the Federal Register, some important points about the new law include:

- “This rule amends SNAP regulations to implement Section 28 of the Food and Nutrition Act (FNA) of 2008, as added by Section 241 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, to award grants to states for provision of nutrition education and obesity prevention programs. These programs will provide services for eligible individuals that promote healthy food choices consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans”
- “The implementation of this program provides a focus on the critical problem of obesity and allows coordinated services to be provided to participants in Federal assistance programs and other low-income persons. This action will broaden collaboration efforts and relationships in order to provide more flexibility to include a wider range of evidence-based intervention strategies.”
- “The purpose of SNAP-Ed is to improve the likelihood that SNAP participants and low income people will make healthy food choices within a limited budget and choose active lifestyles consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans and USDA food guidance. SNAP-Ed is designed to coordinate with other Federal, State and local efforts to provide nutrition education to low-income individuals and families”
- Focus of SNAP-Ed: “Health promotion to help SNAP eligible establish healthy eating habits and a physically active lifestyle and primary prevention of disease to help SNAP eligible that have risk factors for diet-related chronic disease prevent or postpone the onset of disease by establishing healthier eating and more physically active lifestyles”

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We are having some moving going on right now so everyone who is reporting will just do double reporting next week.

Next Meeting: June 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Counties Reporting:

- From this week: Wasatch, Washington, Wayne, Weber
- Scheduled: Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Carbon