



Food Assistance Program Advisory Committee

Mtg January 12, 2016

Present: Kim Eads, Earl Hall, Yvonne Pitrof, Trish Twomey, Bonnie Baker, Jeff Mathias, Heidi Dukich, Megan Harlan, Lisa White, Ken Trainor, Rosemary Rankins, Kevin Glackin Coley and Penny Archer

- I. Agenda was approved.
- II. Approve minutes from previous meeting
 - A. Motion to accept minutes – moved by Ken Trainor and seconded by Bonnie Baker. Motion carried.
- III. Review goals and expectations –
 - A. Goal 3b & 3c will likely not be met this year, however will try making progress toward CSFP goals (3c).
 - B. EFAP task force ready to go (3a)
 - C. Goal 4 will not likely be met this year either.
- IV. WSDA report:

TEFAP - Kim Eads reported that James Scovel provided commodity update in notes. These will be emailed out and provided as handouts at the WFC meeting.

Products for January - March will include:

 - UHT Milk
 - Peanut Butter
 - Beef Stew
 - Egg Noodles
 - Beans
 - Eggs – truckloads

Bonus Product:

 - Juice
 - Raisins
 - Cranberries
 - OJ (27 truckloads)
 - Canned Salmon (6 truckloads)
 - Frozen Chicken – leg quarters (18 truckloads)

Products for April - June will include:

 - Cranberry juice
 - Dry beans
 - Walnuts (large amount, valued at \$500,000)

Kim reported that recipes will be coming out in the next few months. She also reminded that information about projected products and what is coming in can be found on their web page.

Budgets – Kim reported that they are waiting for the final Federal budget. TEFAP same as projections that were sent out earlier.

CSFP – 320 case load increased. Skagit is a new site. They are trying to get more counties involved, with the goal of getting as many counties included in the program as possible. Some adjustments will be made to caseloads in different areas. Final numbers and budget will be coming.

WSDA pulled together a group of food providers and other parties, local health departments, federal and local agencies, for a “Donations” meeting where they looked at rules and regulations regarding donations of meat, eggs and by-catch. Two separate meetings were held; in the first meeting they discussed issues and rules and in the second meeting they looked at what guidelines could use share with food pantries and donors. Conflicting regulations between federal and state agencies were identified. What guidelines could be shared with food pantry programs? Homework still needs to be done and they hope to have draft recommendations in two months.

DSHS is restructuring how they are doing their SNAP-Ed proposals. Would like to look at how to include emergency food system in these meeting. There may be some applications for working together on community based nutrition education, with WSU acting as the implementing agency.

DOH, WSU and WSDA all are working with the WA State Dairy Council and Dairy Producers on the NW Farmers Fighting Hunger. The drive is going in a new direction and they will no longer compete with Oregon.

TEFAP Distribution System – WSDA is looking at how changes may affect contracting in the next biennium. Once a report is finalized, there will be regional listening sessions. Info gathered at these sessions will be brought back and reviewed, strategies then developed, and then brought back to regional locals for discussion and sharing.

Finishing up Farm to Food Pantry project with Rotary First Harvest. Look forward to having another series in this year coming up– looking at what can we add to make more sustainable.

Legislative Proposals meeting

Kirk Robinson facilitated a legislative proposal meeting with key partners and shared items the department was actively supporting.

Specific budget requests from WSDA during this supplemental budget year are small and focus on apple maggot control, raw milk testing and gypsy moth eradication. They support the maintenance of funds awarded in the 2015-2017 budget to EFAP and Farmer’s Market Nutrition Programs.

Farm to School/Small Farms Direct Marketing has moved (within WSDA) to be part of Food Assistance Programs (FAP).

Anti-Hunger advocates are working to better fund and expand this program.

Healthier Food Options Report –

- They appreciate everyone’s work on this.
- Problems with formatting and data formulas in the forms have been corrected
- 1st Quarter data is out. Feb will be the next month for gathering those reports.
- People are starting to look at this data, namely legislature, DOH (Snap Ed), WSU and the like for potential pilot projects

V. Task Forces: Earl asked everyone on the call to identify a taskforce they would like to participate on.

| Policy Task Force | Site Review Task Force |
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| Bonnie Baker | Peny Archer |
| Heidi Dukich | Bonnie Baker |
| Kevin Glacken-Coley | Jim Beaudoin |
| Scott Milne | Mike Compton |
| Ken Trainor | Owen Esperas |
| Kris Van Gasken | Jeff Mathias |
| Lindsey Webb | Rosemary Rankins |
| Earl Hall | Ken Trainor |
| Kim Eads | Kat Westerdahl |
| | Earl Hall |
| | Kim Eads |
| Mtg Feb 3rd – 1pm GoToMtg | Mtg Feb 10th – 1pm GoToMtg |

EFAP Policy manual, and site review form needs to be shared, could WSDA make this available on a shared site? Kim will check into.

Earl asked the NWH and Food Lifeline, and any others to send their site review materials as well. WSDA will be participating on both task forces.

Scheduling next full committee meeting: The group decided to meet on April 15th during the NWH conference – more details later.

Bonnie will check on timing and commitment of rooms.

Kim requested that timing not conflict with staff presentations

Earl move that the meeting adjourn. Ken Trainor seconded. All in favor.