



Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

Quarterly Consultation Meeting: Nov. 20, 2013

AGENDA

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Meeting Format: Conference Call
Toll Free: 800-988-0278
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Meeting Time:
11:00am – 12:30pm Alaska
12:00pm – 1:30pm Pacific
1:00pm – 2:30pm Mountain
2:00pm – 3:30pm Central
3:00pm – 4:30pm Eastern

Meeting Materials:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/tribal/>

Agenda Items:

- 3:00 p.m. Welcome
Darlene Barnes, Regional Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA
- 3:05 p.m. Introduction
- 3:15 p.m. Consultation Topics
- I. Special Nutrition Programs (SNP)
 - A. Proposed Rule on Community Eligibility: This rule proposes to amend the eligibility regulations under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to provide a reimbursement option for eligible local educational agencies and schools that wish to offer free school meals to all children in high poverty schools without collecting household applications. Implementation of this proposed rule would align the regulations with the statutory provision that establishes administrative and operational requirements for State agencies, local educational agencies, and schools.
 - B. New Administrative Review Process for School Meal Programs (proposed rule): The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) requires the administrative review process to be a unified accountability system and State agencies to report the final results of reviews to the public in an accessible, easily understood manner in accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary; such results must also be posted and otherwise made available to the public on request. The proposed rule would make a number of

changes with the goal of unifying and simplifying the State agencies oversight responsibilities and requiring State agencies to make review findings available to the public, consistent with the direction of HHFKA.

- C. Independent Review of Applications (School Meals) (final rule): The Independent Review of Applications is currently going through clearance. The rule will finalize the requirement that certain local educational agencies participating in the National School Lunch Program to conduct a second review of initial eligibility determinations for free and reduced price school meals. The finalized provisions include criteria for identifying LEAs that must conduct a second review of applications; requirements for the second review of applications, including timeframes and duration of second reviews; and requirements for reporting results.
- D. Professional Standards for School Food Service (proposed rule): This proposed rule would establish minimum professional standards for school nutrition personnel who manage and operate the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. The proposed rule would also institute hiring standards for the selection of State and local school nutrition program directors; and require all personnel in these programs to complete annual continuing education/training. This proposed rule is expected to provide consistent, national standards for school nutrition professionals and staff.

II. Updates & Announcements

- A. The *Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010* (HHFKA): provided USDA with \$40 million for demonstration projects to test and evaluate innovative strategies to end childhood hunger. Projects may include enhanced SNAP benefits for eligible households with children; enhanced benefits or innovative program delivery models in school meals, afterschool snacks programs, and CACFP; and targeted Federal, State or local assistance, including emergency housing or family preservation services, for households with children who are experiencing food insecurity. The HHFKA contains a requirement that at least 1 demonstration project be carried out on an Indian reservation in a rural area with a service population with a prevalence of diabetes that exceeds 15 percent, as determined by the Director of the Indian Health Service.

B. 2013 White House Council on Native American Affairs Tribal Nations Conference

- 3:45 p.m. Open Discussion
- 4:20 p.m. Closing Remarks
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Next Tribal Consultation Meeting – Wednesday, February 19, 2014 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm (EDT)