

AZ Health Zone Food Systems Sub-Committee Notes Nov 8, 2017

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1 Roll Call

- a. Make sure you're on the list and your email address is correct
- b. If your mic doesn't work, try to leave a message in the chat box and wave hello so we catch you.

2 AZ Health Zone Updates

- a. SIT (State Implementation Team)
 - i. Three new gardening curriculum- email sent out, all youth garden curriculum.
 - Botany on Your Plate* for Grades K-4
 - Grow, Eat, Thrive* for Grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-5
 - Learn, Grow, Eat, & Go!* for Grades 2-5-Uploaded to AZ Health Zone website with the implementation guidelines. These newly added curriculums will be uploaded to SEEDS in the near future.
 - Shout out to Marina for helping find evidence based curriculums and to this subcommittee for identify gaps in gardening curriculum.
 - ii. Eat in Season guide flyers on AZ Health Zone Website
 - Final versions available in AZHealthZone.org under DE or Food System Resources: <https://www.eatwellbewell.org/collaborators/resources/food-systems#resources>
 - iii. Status of Healthy Retail and Farmers Market toolkits
 - Webinar launched in October. Videos recordings available.
 - Healthy Retail: "Healthy Starts Here" file to download items will be shared in Nov. 8th biweekly program update email. The toolkit can also be found at <https://www.eatwellbewell.org/collaborators/resources/food-systems#resources>
 - Farmers' Market: "Fresh Picked" postponed until the end of November, should be available Nov 22 biweekly program update email.
 - iv. DE+PSE Requirement and DE vs. Events
 - DE+PSE Requirement. USDA asks for multilevel approach that puts DE alongside Policy, System, or Environment changes. You do not have to have DE for every single PSE strategy. The requirement is to have DE and PSE in each community you work in.

Example: working with schools on LWP and doing DE, and then adding garden PSE. You don't need to add DE that links with gardens.

-USDA has further narrowed the definition for DE, so only lessons using

evidence-based curriculums can be reported as DE

-DE count will narrow because some DEs will now be considered Events, but they are still important and relevant for your work so don't think you should stop doing them! The most important thing is to link your work with our target population (whether through DE or Events) to the broader PSE changes you are cultivating.

v. Nov 22nd SEEDS Strategies Deadline

-Get your submissions in, everything you currently plan to accomplish in FY18

-Jesse is working on approving the Food Systems strategies.

-SIT finishing up SARN/SART reviews.

b. SET (State Evaluation Team)

None ☺

c. Policy & Happenings (I heard...)

i. Staff changes

-Katie Kirkwood from Navajo has moved out of state.

-Cheyenne from Greenlee left her position at Greenlee Extension.

-If you know of people working in food systems that would be interested in being in this call, please let us know so we can add them to our list.

ii. FMNP changes???

-no... there might be a lot of rumors going on budget cuts, programs ending, etc. but there has not been any official notes regarding changes.

-Check out the Farmers Market Coalition news:

<https://farmersmarketcoalition.org/cutting-wic-markets-penny-wise-pound-foolish/>

<https://farmersmarketcoalition.org/fmc-statement-2018-federal-budget-proposal/>

-Please bring up these kinds of questions in the survey monkey. This "Policy & Happenings (I heard...)" session is to talk about these kinds of topics exactly.

iii. Questions:

Question- Can't see which community members have been added, and SEEDS' browser closes when looking for it?

Answer- Theresa and Jesse determined that this issue was only happening with the Internet Explorer browser. SEEDS works best in the Chrome browser.

- (1) Jesse showing how to view strategies in SEEDS
 - home dashboard with all strategies (what you've submitted, what you're working on but haven't submitted, etc.)
 - When something is red in Community screen, it means you haven't mapped it out yet.
- (2) Try to make it to SEEDS trainings, and keep track of questions as they come up.

Question-Will we be able to add events in SEEDS?

Answer- an event is a type of action. You can Create Action, and select Event in the dropdown for Action Type.

3 Survey Monkey Discussion Topics

- a. Don't forget to add questions, comments, or items to be discussed in the survey monkey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FScommittee>) which is open at any time. Add questions as they come to you.
- b. SNAP-Ed support to stores accepting SNAP and WIC
 - Question is coming from conversations back to when SNAP requirements were going to change, Maricopa and Pima who are working in Healthy Retail store changes wanted to be a helpful resource to assist storeowners to keep up with requirements.
 - There are stores in AZ who don't currently accept SNAP, but are in prime location (low-income, low-access, food deserts) that should be accepting SNAP benefits.
 - Storeowners think WIC benefits are seen as more burdensome to keep up as it requires more specialized food such as baby formula.
 - Here is the link for WIC food retail requirements:
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-food-packages-regulatory-requirements-wic-eligible-foods>
 - Here is the link for Arizona-specific information for stores who want to become WIC vendors: <http://azdhs.gov/prevention/azwic/vendors/index.php>
 - How can SNAP-Ed be an educational support for storeowners?
Supporting stores to become SNAP authorized can be considered as a Healthy Retail strategy.
 - Contact Natalia if you are interested in store SNAP authorization.

Question- Do storeowners have to provide personal information when applying?
 Answer- Store owners need to provide home address, social security number, and date of birth for all owners, partners, corporate officers, and in community property states, spouses according to AZ requirements.

-Jesse is researching the ARS number for the state law (she thinks under community property law) that outlines this requirement for SNAP-accepting retailers.

i. New SNAP Stocking Requirements

-New requirements going into effect **January 17, 2018** for new and already participating retailers.

-Note: some SNAP authorized stores might not even know about this change.

	Staple Food Categories	Varieties per Category	Stocking Units per Variety	Total Food Items Required
Old Requirement	4	3	1	12
New Requirement	4	3	3	36

Staple Food Category	Number of Varieties	Number of Units per Variety	Total Food Items per Category
Fruits or Vegetables	3	3	9
Dairy Products	3	3	9
Meat, poultry or fish	3	3	9
Bread or cereals	3	3	9

For more information regarding this federal change, visit the following websites:

1. Retail Store Eligibility USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. (2016, March 31). Retrieved October 30, 2017, from <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/retail-store-eligibility-usda-supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program>

2. Enhancing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). (2017, October 26). Retrieved October 30, 2017, from <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/enhancing-retailer-standards-supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap>

3. Enhancing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): What does this final rule mean for my store? (Issue brief). (2017, July 14). Retrieved October 30, 2017, from United States Department of Agriculture website: <https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/snap/store-owners-summary.pdf>

ii. Arizona eWIC Rollout

While fresh meat is not a WIC eligible food, stores that accept WIC are required to be a "full line grocery store." WIC has minimum stocking requirements for "full line grocery stores" that include fresh meats. Here is the link to the WIC Vendor Manual for more information, Section 13:

<http://azdhs.gov/prevention/azwic/vendors/index.php#manual>

Idea for AZ Health Zone pre-conference: Provide information for LIA to assist stores to become WIC authorized.

CVV is similar, but different from FMNP. WIC is changing from paper CVV vouchers to a debit card system much like the EBT card.

FMNP will continue to be printed. FMNP is not changing in any way.

Any CVVs that are still in circulation and have not passed their expiration date can still be spent with Approved FMNP Growers!

No change will take place for WIC or Senior FMNP vouchers.

c. Open Floor

i.

4 **Local Agency Check-in**

a. UA-Pima, Natalia Santos

WIC and Farmers market promotion on halt

Yavapai- FM thinks they accept SNAP but have a few WIC farmers, but they still don't know the difference. It was good for US to learn about the differences about EBT/CVV/FMNP/SFMNP and there's a lot of resistance to bringing new information.

Is anyone working with WIC or DES for FM promotion?

Maricopa- WIC was piloting a program where SFMNP checks were printed at the market.

Pima- similar piloting took place here. Still waiting for redemption rate results.

If anyone is working with DES and FM promotion, please contact Natalia because she's interested in learning more about it.

b. Who's next?

Maricopa Extension (yay!)

possible discussion questions →

- 1 What is a current project that is going really well?
 - a. What was an obstacle that your team overcame to make this project go well?
 - b. How did you overcome that obstacle?
 - c. Who helped?
- 2 What is a current project that is moving along slowly?
 - a. What's the challenge?
 - b. What support (from anyone in this call or your community) would you like?
 - c. What's your next move?
- 3 What is a project that is on halt?
 - a. Why? (e.g. seasonal, not enough resources, might not be doing it anymore, etc.)
 - b. What could you be doing instead?

5 Next call: December 13, 2017 10-11am