

Hi all,

The program staff have been very busy this week preparing-for and participating-in our staff retreat. We're working on our strategic plan objectives for FY 14 and beyond. We were only able to update the following goal areas this week: Participation, Health Outcomes, and Quality Services. In the near future, we will work on the vendor and finance staff objectives. We'll share the update strategic plan as soon as all goal areas are addressed. See attached picture of the Nutrition Program Managers hard at work.

I conducted a site visit in Nome last week and have attached a picture of the WIC staff. Kendra Bagget is the new WIC Coordinator at Norton Sound Health Corporation and Marie and Pauline continue to provide great program services to women and their children in the Norton Sound area. I visited the clinic one week before they moved into their new facility---maybe they will send us some pictures?

Take care,
Kathleen

Vendor Update: The Vendor Unit has nearly completed the 2012-2015 vendor agreement renewals. We're working on identifying the 5 percent of vendors that we will investigate as high-risk vendors in FY 2013. We're also working on a prioritized list of vendors who should receive interactive training and who should be monitored, by LA area, to help organize and track these required compliance activities. We will send each agency a list for their area, to help you decide who to monitor in FY 2013. The Vendor Unit will perform the high-risk investigations.

Please notify the Vendor Unit before you conduct a monitoring review, so we can check the vendor's file to see if there are any particular issues with that vendor. Also, please send in the forms to the vendor office within 3 days of conducting the monitoring so we can follow up with any corrective actions in a timely response.

We expect to set up a monitoring training (by teleconference) during the week of December 5, preferable on Monday, Dec 3, or Tuesday, Dec 4, at 8:15 am. If you would like to participate in that training, please contact Alice Albrecht, alice.albrecht@alaska.gov, 907/465-8630, and let her know of your interest and availability. We can set a second date for training in another week, if need be.

That's it for us, thanks,

Sandy