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RE: June 21 WIC Update

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Subject: June 21 WIC Update

Hi Everyone,

I just returned from the annual SPIRIT User's Group meeting where all 20 SPIRIT user states meet and talk about policy and governance. SPIRIT transfer funds were used to send myself and Jeff Robnolte (one of two of our SPIRIT help desk staffers) to this meeting. SPIRIT state users are excited to have Alaska and Mississippi finalize their system transfer projects. Alaska WIC has been working on this transfer for quite a few years, but I learned that Mississippi has never had a WIC MIS system. Clinic staff still type individual client checks.

We know LAs are eager to start working in SPIRIT and it seems like we've been on this trail a long time, but we're almost there. We are so lucky and thankful for Bart, Chera, and other IT staff for their commitment to WIC and support for our 15 year old AKWIC system.

Enjoy your weekend,

Kathleen

1. ANCHORAGE — Federal, state and local officials are investigating a multi-state outbreak of Hepatitis A illnesses potentially associated with Townsend Farms Organic Anti-Oxidant Blend, a frozen berry blend product containing pomegranate seeds. As of June 3, 2013, 34 people infected with Hepatitis A have been reported from five states: Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, and California, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. No cases have been reported from Alaska. The product was available at Alaska Costco stores. Costco is notifying its members who purchased this product since late February, 2013, and has removed the product from its shelves. http://dhss.alaska.gov/News/Documents/press/2013/HepA_PR_06042013.pdf

2. **MICR printers**--Please let Dana Kent know if your agency has a spare MICR ST 9620 printer(s) that you are not currently not using or will not be using during SFY 2014. Contact Dana at: Dana.kent@alaska.gov.

3. **SFY 14 Special Conditions**

We have been having some questions about Special Conditions. We'd like to share our responses to the questions with you-

- **Under B. Budget & Administrative Conditions (1.) Purchasing food lists & sleeves.** We have checked with the Vendor group and they anticipate having enough food lists that agencies will not need to purchase any with SFY 14 funds. If additional food lists are needed and the state can't print them they can be purchased with under spent funds from other line items. A LIBR may be required to do so. However we do plan to provide food list and project there will be plenty at this point in time. The state will not pay for plastic sleeves and agencies who want to provide those for their clients should plan their budgets accordingly.
- **Under C. WIC Program Special conditions 3. (b.)** The Grantee will:
 - i. Document plans for accomplishing quarterly nutrition education contacts, and verify that ever WIC client receives one. *We are looking for what the plan is to make sure that secondary nutrition education contacts are interactive, reflect the goals of the client and are either risk factor or client interest driven. And that they are happening! Things like training on this issue and chart reviews for quality assurance that these are being done is what we would expect to see in this response to this Special Condition.*
 - ii. Submit interactive nutrition education consultations and sample interactive lesson plans.

Submit examples of phone or one-on-one interactive nutrition education contacts. A simple script or an outline of a plan for a risk factor such as low Hgb and how it is handled interactively is what we are looking for. If you teach classes or have discussion groups we would like to see a sample lesson plan or outline of how the discussion group is handled. If you do not provide either of these at your clinic, please make a statement saying this.

4.



Good News! The notice announcing the SPIRIT Readiness Grant for FY14 grantees will be going out very shortly.

We would like to clarify the SPIRIT training sessions a bit. The description given during the LA Quarterly Conference may have been misleading.

The UAT sessions in August are also serving as our Super User training, but they are primarily testing sessions. It's our opportunity to test the Alaska configurations in this new version of SPIRIT. Please suggest your most technically inclined WIC clinic staff member(s) for UAT. For most agencies, one attendee/Super User should be sufficient. But agencies that have multiple locations which do not normally share WIC staff would need more than one Super User.

All WIC clinic staff will be attending the weeklong Just-In-Time SPIRIT training during the week prior to their agency's roll out. This is intensive SPIRIT training on clinic functions.

Please let us know which week of UAT your Super User would like to attend (if you haven't already).

- August 5- 9, 2013
- August 12-16, 2013
- August 26-30, 2013

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