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Hi Everyone,

We hope you have a wonderful time at the WIC Coordinator's conference next week. Sandy, Julie and I are staying in Juneau to keep the WIC State Program office doors and phones open.

It's with mixed emotions that I share a message from Elaine on her retirement. Elaine and I have worked together for most of our careers, first in the Child Nutrition Program and now in WIC. Elaine's shoes will be difficult to fill as she has helped create many improvements in WIC foods, food packages, especially in the MOV, as well as enhanced client caseload tracking and client application procedures in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and many other significant program policy improvements throughout Family Nutrition Programs. Elaine---the WIC family wishes you all the best in your upcoming retirement.

Kathleen

I will retire October 14, 2016. I have given this much thought and know this is a good time for me and my family. I have enjoyed working with WIC and Family Nutrition Programs. The experiences and projects I have shared with you and my coworkers are priceless and I will miss all of you. I have enjoyed visiting many areas of the state and learning about the good work you do for moms and their children.~ Elaine



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1. Success Story from the esteemed YKHC WIC Program:

I am the BFPC for our WIC office here in Bethel, Alaska. This story is a personal one. Without the help of WIC, I would not have had pulled through. I now have breastfed two children and the help I received, helped me to want to help other mothers myself. I went from being a WIC participant to being part of the help I received. Had my WIC department not help me, I would have turned to formula feeding and missed out on the wonderful bond I have with my girls. I am now proud to offer the same help I received.

2. Municipality of Anchorage Coordinator Position Vacancy

The WIC Program Manager for the Municipality of Anchorage WIC Program is vacant. Please contact Blanche Moreman RD, LD at 907-343-4703 or MoremanBA@ci.anchorage.ak.us for more information. The position should be posted on the Municipality website next week.

3. Permanent Fund

We will not provide a "cheat sheet" for the PFD this year if the amount of the PFD stays at the estimated \$1,000 each. If the amount of the PFD changes we will redo a "cheat sheet" for clinic use. If you have questions contact Dana Kent @dana.kent@alaska.gov or 465-5322.

4. Masimo Shipment-ACTION ITEM

When your Pronto machines and sensors arrive at your office, please scan the shipping invoice to Jenny McAllister at jennifer.mcallister@alaska.gov. **Thank you!**

5. Vitamin D drops: ACTION ITEM Reminder

The State WIC Office received notice that the Tri-Vita Drops 50 mL we recently ordered have been voluntarily recalled due to a potential risk of product contamination with *Burkholderia cepacia*. As mentioned in the email on Thursday 9/8/16, **we have only given these drops to a few local clinics, but are informing everyone in order to ensure that all WIC participants across the State remain safe and healthy.**

What to Do:

If you have received Tri-Vita Drops from the State WIC Office between October 20, 2015 and July 15, 2016, please take the following actions:

1. Stop dispensing the drops immediately (affected Lot Numbers 20731506, 20731507, 20731604, and 20731605)
2. Return all unused products to the State WIC Office as soon as possible
3. It is recommended that you contact all WIC participants that you have given these drops to and instruct them to dispose of the product, and explain why. Here is a link to the FDA notice on the recall that contains more information and a hotline for consumers if they have questions:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm515610.htm>

Questions? Julie Walker julie.walker@alaska.gov or 907-465-8629.

6. National Association of Farmers Market Nutrition Program Conference



The 2016 National Association of Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs annual conference was held in Juneau, Alaska from September 6-10th. The conference welcomed approximately 90 attendees and showcased Alaska with the help of Governor Walker, Kathleen Wayne, Arthur Keyes, Johanna Herron, Sandra Harbanuk, Megan Talley, Daniel and Kate Consenstein, Laura Thomas, Jennifer Johnson and Jeff Smeenk. Additional sessions included presentations and discussions regarding benefit redemptions, potential partnerships with other agencies, future of electronic benefits and even provided our guests with a priceless opportunity to taste Alaskan muktuk. Event catering also included fresh Alaskan seafood provided by Alaska Glacier Seafoods, Inc. and fresh produce provided by the Alaska Pacific University's Spring Creek Farm, Warehouse Mountain Farm, Back to the Garden Farm, and Synergy Farm. From the State of Alaska WIC team and the NAFMNP Board of Directors, thank you for your support! The 2017 NAFMNP conference will celebrate its 25th anniversary in Washington D.C. If you have any questions please contact Erin Khmelev at (907) 465-3100. Hope to see you there for the celebration!

7. WIC Coordinator's Meeting:

Attached is the final version of the Coordinator's Meeting Agenda, complete with the address of the meeting place. Please note this is a mandatory meeting and attendance is required at all sessions. We'll see you in Anchorage next Tuesday.

8. Baby boxes are being offered to parents delivering babies in Anchorage:

<http://www.adn.com/alaska-news/health/2016/07/04/alaskas-largest-maternity-center-begins-offering-free-baby-boxes-to-new-parents/>

Nice To Know:

An NWA webinar about Zika Information for Local Agencies will be available on Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 3:00-4:00 PM EDT. To sign up and register go to: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8466518087604861442>

Dr. Jennifer Nelson works as a Medical Epidemiologist in the Nutrition Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and will be discussing Zika and its impacts on WIC families. Her work on the Infant Feeding Team focuses on improving national breastfeeding rates and breastfeeding-related maternity care practices. She received her M.D. from Morehouse School of Medicine and completed her Pediatrics residency at Emory University affiliated hospitals. In addition, she has a Master's in Public Health in Epidemiology from Emory University. Prior to medical school, she worked as an epidemiologist at CDC in the Foodborne and Diarrheal Diseases Branch on national surveillance of foodborne diseases and antimicrobial-resistant enteric diseases.