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[October Coordinators teleconference meeting minutes.docx](#)  
[2017\\_WIC LOCAL AGENCY REPORT SCHEDULE.PDF](#)

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Hi Everyone,

It's with a sad heart that we say Bon Voyage to Elaine. Elaine has worked for the state's Family Nutrition Programs/WIC for 8 years and 5 years as a Dietitian for JBER WIC Program. She also worked 14 years as a contractor for the Child Nutrition Programs. She has dedicated her career to helping Alaska's low-income families and seniors achieve better health through effective nutrition



education and program leadership.  
Farewell Tea Party.

Picture from Elaine's

The WIC Program Office will be closed on Tuesday, October 18, in observance of Alaska Day.

Take care,  
Kathleen

#### 1. Clinic Reminders- ACTION ITEMS

- The separation of duties (SOD) final guidance is not available. In your current clinic operations make sure that you have SOD between income determination and Risk Factor assignment. Any additional monitoring for SOD will be completed by the State WIC office until we receive the final guidance from the USDA, update our policy and it is approved. The most recent policy was reviewed at the Coordinator's Conference. That should be implemented now. If you have concerns, comments or questions contact Dana at [Dana.kent@alaska.gov](mailto:Dana.kent@alaska.gov) or 465-5322.
- Just to clarify... All agencies should continue to input income in SPIRIT, for Adjunctive eligible clients. This is a federal regulation and Alaska is trying to comply with the requirement. If you have concerns, comments or questions contact Dana at [Dana.kent@alaska.gov](mailto:Dana.kent@alaska.gov) or 465-5322.
- On June 20 the Lactation Education Resources (LER) training center sent all local agency Coordinators an email enrolling a student from each agency, into their course. Each student has a year to complete the course. Please follow up with the student your agency enrolled into the

course, to support and help them complete the course in the allotted time frame. If you have questions or want additional information on this course contact Dana at [danalkent@alaska.gov](mailto:danalkent@alaska.gov).

- **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** reset your Local Reference Data in SPIRIT to have the change to the fruit/veg check wording (to reflect (16) 4 oz. jars...) available in your clinic(s). If you have questions contact either Jennifer Johnson at [jennifer.johnson@alaska.gov](mailto:jennifer.johnson@alaska.gov) or Dana at [Dana.kent@alaska.gov](mailto:Dana.kent@alaska.gov).

### 3. NON-ACTION ITEMS

- The recently updated Quarterly Report form is attached here for your convenience and can be found at: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/nutri/wic/localagencies/laforms.aspx>.
- An updated Local Agency Report Schedule is attached for your convenience and will be available on the WIC website after Monday, October 17. The form is at: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/nutri/wic/localagencies/laforms.aspx>.
- An updated Medicaid Outreach Report is available on the SPIRIT Utilities site.
- **Minutes from our October Monthly Coordinator Teleconference Call are attached.**

Please note that the request for delaying the new grant cycle been officially approved.

The current cycle is from 2014-2018

An extension of 2 years is approved the new cycle starts SFY 2021 (July 1, 2020).

4. **Follow up on Blood Lead levels (BLL):** Recently, we reviewed the new Nutrition Risk revision on blood lead levels. The new guidance calls for all children to be referred to their health care providers for testing of BLL. I was asked to follow up with the state Department of Epidemiology (Epi) on this. I spoke to Stacy Cooper, who told me the state currently has a policy of targeted screening for BLL- in other words, only screening those at high risk. However, Medicaid in other states recommends universal screening for lead (screening all children). So the state of Alaska is moving toward universal screening for all children 12-24 months, and Epi plans to write a letter to send to providers in the near future. In the meantime, she suggests we encourage WIC local agencies to refer participants for BLL screening and send the lead risk assessment tool home with participants, in case the participant has a risk their provider isn't aware of. I asked that Epi keep WIC in mind when they're trying to get the letter disseminated. Please call Jennifer with questions and suggestions- the state lead risk assessment tool that Liz Walsh shared with us is attached.

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### NICE TO KNOW:

#### Alaska Specific Grant Opportunity:

Need some help to establish a lactation room in your agency or know of a business that can use some help establishing their own? Alaska specific mini-grants are available for work place accommodation of breastfeeding moms. See attachments for details. Mini grants are due November 18<sup>th</sup>. Forward this out to anyone you think can use some help!

### ZIKA Resources

Recently, new Zika resources from CDC, SAMHSA, and FDA have been made available on the [Zika section](#) of the WIC Works Resource System. Zika Information for Local Agencies webinar recording is found at: [a recording is available here](#) and you can access

the [slides here](#).

### **World Breastfeeding Week Activities**

WBW activity pictures provided by MOA & KANA. Looks like fun! Thank you for sharing the pictures with all of us.

USDA's My Plate, My State: <https://www.choosemyplate.gov/alaska>