

FOOD AND NUTRITION UPDATE

June, 2015

Development

- National School Breakfast Week – March 2-6, 2015 Zach Sudfeld, former University of Nevada Reno football player and currently with the New York Jets discussed the importance of breakfast with students at Traner Middle School and Veterans Memorial Elementary School, Food and Nutrition Division staff were interviewed by local media.
- School Breakfast Challenge – Schools were encouraged to increase breakfast participation for the months of February and March. The three schools with the greatest increase in participation will receive Wal-Mart gift cards totaling \$5,000.
- Nevada Farm to School Producers Report (Link here: http://nutrition.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/nutrition.nv.gov/Content/Programs/Farm_to_School/2015%20NV%20F2S%20Producer%20Survey%20Report.pdf we also generated a google map of producers who completed the survey found here: http://nutrition.nv.gov/Programs/Farm_to_School/Farm_to_School_Program/)
- Community Eligibility Provision Report link: http://nutrition.nv.gov/data/#Community_Eligibility_Provision
- Request For Information (RFI) was released on May 19th to solicit information for the administration, distribution, and operation of The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). The Food Distribution Stakeholders will meet in July to review the RFI's and the Nevada Department of Agriculture will make the final decision.
- SB 503 Breakfast After The Bell – provided testimony and developed grant process.
- AB 107 School Accountability Reports – provided testimony and collaborating with the Nevada Department of Education to include school breakfast and lunch participation rates on a yearly basis.

Services

- Completed on-site Administrative Reviews for Lincoln County School District, Mater Academy Charter School, Elko County School District, Humboldt County School District, and Eureka County School District. All on-site Administrative Reviews have now been completed for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program is operating in the south. April through July. It will begin in the north June through September.
- Summer Food Service Program will begin operations in June. A pre SFSP Kick-Off event was held on May 16th in Las Vegas. Two more SFSP Kick-Off events are planned for June, one in Las Vegas and one in Reno.
- Smith Valley Dairy was permitted by the agency and began milking cows at the end of April.

Training and Presentations

- March, Nevada PTA State Meeting Topic: Nevada's School Wellness Policy
- April, Nevada Dietetic Association Topic: Nevada's School Wellness Policy
- March, USDA Child Nutrition Grants Training-1 staff member attended

- April, USDA Procurement Training-3 staff members attended
- April, American Commodity Distributor Association-2 staff members attended
- Completed 3 webinars
- Posted and distributed 2 education videos
- The CACFP national conference was held in Las Vegas with over 900 attendees. Staff attended conference and assisted as host State. Staff also presented two sessions regarding best practices in Nevada.

Participation

- Anna Vickrey attended the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) in Portland, Oregon to address the 100 proposals submitted to revise the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) and its related documents. A total of 49 proposals were passed by the delegates either as submitted or as amended. Below is a summary of some of the significant actions that occurred at the Conference.

Five proposals were passed to modify the PMO to address gaps that existed between the PMO and the Food Safety Modernization Act.

1. A proposal that states that the PMO with a hazard analysis would constitute a facility's food safety plan;
2. Proposals that required dairy plants to have recall plans and allergen control plans;
3. An environmental monitoring program;
4. A supplier verification program, and
5. A proposal to align Appendix K (HACCP – Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) of the PMO with the FSMA preventive controls rule.

These proposals to align with FSMA with the Interstate Milk Shippers program was a multi-year effort between in collaboration with regulatory and industry.