

LOCAL AGENCY REGISTERED DIETITIAN (LARD)
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2005

Attendance:

Nora Miller	Salud
Kathleen Loomis	Multnomah
Joy McNeal	Multnomah
Heidi Suess	Multnomah
Janet Harris	Deschutes
Julie Aalbers	Clackamas
Judy Harvey	Jackson
Alice Voluntad	Douglas
Char McKay	State
Pat Cwiklinski	Washington
Paula McNamee	Clackamas
Rebecca Ypma	Washington
Melissa Korsvall	Washington
Tiare Sanna	Washington
Marjie Dreisezun	Washington
Jean Farmer	CT Umatilla
Susan Gerig	Baker
Phyllis Olsen	Coos
Susan Greathouse	State
Anne Maule	Wasco
Shelly Schwartz	Crook
Vernita Reyna	State

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 15, 1:00 to 4:00 at the Portland State Office Building in Portland.

Minutes: This one hour LARD breakfast meeting occurred during the 2005 Oregon WIC Statewide meeting. Unfortunately, the space in the back of the dining room that was originally reserved for this meeting was unavailable. One learning from this gathering was to request a separate conference room if LARD meetings occur at the state conference in the future. Despite the noise level in the dining area, attendees were able to introduce themselves and update the group as to their job duties and key responsibilities.

A special certificate was presented to Paula McNamee for 30 years of WIC service. She has the longest tenure of any WIC staff in Oregon and it was a pleasure to recognize her dedication.

Discussion occurred around Barbara Mayfield's presentation regarding the use of weight/length vs. BMI for evaluating a child's growth and weight gain patterns. Susan Greathouse will investigate the possibility of procuring copies of her PowerPoint slides for reference. Questions were raised: How to use a combination of both weight/length and BMI in TWIST? How to use this combination to educate parents? How could paraprofessionals use this approach to evaluate trends? It was agreed that further discussion on this topic was warranted and that this should be a future meeting agenda item.

Another session of extreme interest was Nutrition Management of the Preterm Infant presented by Melissa Korsvall from Washington County. (Copies of the slides and handouts from this presentation are attached separately to this email). The group expressed interest in having a follow-up opportunity on this topic at future LARD meetings.

It was agreed that it was pleasant to have the opportunity to meet together in person even if only briefly. Thanks to all who took time out of their conference schedule to attend.