

Local Agency Registered Dietitians Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2009

**41 Participants on the call:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>
Susan Gerig	Baker	Elizabeth Berol-Rinder	Multnomah
Mari Brooker	Clackamas	Suzanne Bruels	Multnomah
Shelly Duclos-Schwartz	Crook	Lynnetta Doellefeld	Salud
Laura Spaulding	Deschutes	Nora Miller Blackwell	Salud
Sherri Tobin	Deschutes	Vera Yamamoto	Salud
Elizabeth Binkley	Douglas	Sara Sloan	State
Judy Harvey	Jackson	Cheryl Alto	State
Debbie Watson	Jackson	Beth Lanham	State
Cheryl Kirk	Josephine	Bonnie Ranno	State
Leslie Houghton	Lane	Karen Bettin	State
Jackie Lucas	Lane	Kim McGee	State
Amanda Claxton	Lincoln	Mary Rhode	State
Sandy Ackley	Malheur	Vernita Reyna	State
Lindsay Grosvenor	Malheur	Bonnie Ranno	State
Dale Erickson	Marion	Sarah Fife	Washington
Ai-Lan Whitson	Marion	Stephanie Kohler	Washington
Sandra Farley	Marion	Melissa Nash	Washington
Dale Erickson	Marion	Tiare Sanna	Washington
Heidi Suess	Multnomah	Angie Treadwell	Umatilla Morrow
Joy McNeal	Multnomah		
Nancy Lowry	CDRC-Portland	Candy Artemenko	CDRC-calling in from Douglas County

**Meeting Topics:**

- Announcements
- Formula update
- Providence Medical Formula Ordering
- Fresh Choices update
- Medical documentation update
- Guest speakers: CaCoon: Care Coordination for children with special health care needs. Nancy Lowry and Candy Artemenko

**Forms/handouts sent prior to the call:**

- Talking points
- Summary of formula changes, January, 2009
- Medical documentation form (draft dated 1-23-09)
- Food package information
- Draft of the new WIC food list

- CaCoon presentation materials (3): power point slides; listing of CaCoon Coordinators; referral criteria listing
- (Referred to a Nestle product visual aide handout sent out on 1/22/09)

### **Announcements:**

- LARD meetings for 2009
  - State-wide meeting: June 22, 23<sup>rd</sup> (specific meeting time to be announced.)
  - Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1-4pm.
- Technical assistance conference calls will be held in mid-March and April to assist WIC Nutritionists, local agency coordinators with staff training on the medical documentation in-service. These technical assistance calls are voluntary. If the dates provided do not work for you, additional calls can be added.  
The dates will be:
  - Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-4:30pm
  - Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-4:30pm
  - Technical assistance will be available at the next OWCA meeting April 17<sup>th</sup>, as needed.
- An electronic survey will be sent to the WIC nutritionists in the next month. The purpose of the survey will be to gather input on group organization, food package changes, medical documentation and future training needs.

### **Formula Updates:**

- Abbott Nutrition:
  - Similac Advance: There will be a product replacement of Similac Advance to Similac Advance EarlyShield for the 12.9 ounce powder (note this amount is a correction from the handout) and 13.0 ounce concentrate.
  - The addition of EarlyShield, according to Abbott, represents a reformulation of prebiotics, nucleotides and antioxidants.
  - Similac Advance EarlyShield will arrive in local stores by the second week in April. The formulas will have the same SKU number and during the transition both labels will be on the shelf.
  - After the transition, Similac Advance will no longer be available- only Similac Advance EarlyShield.
  - New item arriving in stores in April: Similac Sensitive RS Powder

- **Action Steps:**

- Similac Advance EarlyShield:
  - State will adjust vouchers to reflect the change
  - Vendor team to send out update to vendors with the update
  - State will provide 1/3 page participant education to the local agencies by March
- Similac Sensitive RS powder:
  - State office to add Similac Sensitive RS powder to TWIST
  - Local agency (LA) to identify participants currently using RS RTF/Enfamil AR and offer Similac Sensitive RS powder

- Nestle:

- Resource for Just for Kids 1.0 (without fiber) and 1.5 are now called Boost Kid Essentials. This is a product replacement
- Resource Just for Kids 1.0 with fiber has been discontinued and has been replaced with Nutren Junior with fiber.
- Peptamen Junior with Prebio: There are no plans to add this product to the Oregon formulary at this time. Peptamen Junior with/without fiber is still available.

- **Action steps:**

- Refer to visual handout for helping staff and participants understand the product changes (sent out 1/22/09).

- PBM:

- Bright Beginnings Soy will be added to the Providence Home Medical Equipment formulary (**UPDATE: as of 2/12/09, this product is in stock and available to be ordered**).
  - If local agencies are able to order the product locally and this is working well for the LA and for the family, you can choose to continue this ordering method.

**Providence Home Medical Equipment Update:**

- Ways local agency can improve communication and reduce errors with Providence:
  - Identify one point person in your local agency to organize and manage the ordering process.
  - Do not have WIC participants contact Providence directly (exception: they are existing clients with Providence Home Infusion services)

- Providence has created an email address just for WIC orders. If you have problems/concerns with an order you can contact [WIC@Providence.org](mailto:WIC@Providence.org). Please remember to use WIC ID numbers and initials only. Full names should not be included in email correspondence.
- Process improvement is on-going issue. To assist in ensuring correct orders please:
  - Type, rather than handwrite, the order form.
  - Ensure that the information on the fill-able order sheet is consistent with information on the voucher.
  - You can write and/or circle items on the voucher to help with clarification. (Example: circle “with” fiber on the voucher to match the order sheet on vouchers that state with/without fiber.
  - Other items to verify for accuracy:
    - Powder, concentrate, RTF
    - Quantity
    - Flavor
    - With or without fiber
    - Line for special instructions
- The state will be having a meeting with Providence on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Further information and process improvements will be sent out in February.
- Please contact Cheryl Alto if you have specific concerns, process improvement suggestions.

**Fresh Choices/New food package updates:**

- Food list:
  - Draft food list was provided for review. Comments can be directed to Karen Bettin at [karen.bettin@state.or.us](mailto:karen.bettin@state.or.us).
- Key nutrition message staff in-services to be sent/on website:
  - Low fat milk: 11/26/08
  - Grains: to be released February, 2009
  - Breastfeeding/infant feeding: to be released February, 2009
- Discussed the role of WIC Nutritionists in implementing/training staff on Fresh Choices and related nutrition/feeding issues.
- Comments:
  - Locating a soy beverage that meets the nutrient specifications has been difficult for states.
  - Oregon has been in communication with Pacific Foods, an Oregon company. They have plans to reformulate their Pacific

Ultra Soy beverage to meet the USDA's requirements and plan to have their product on the shelf by October, 2009.

### **Medical Documentation Update:**

- Reviewed latest draft of the medical documentation form and food package information:
- Medical documentation and what is known as “food package III”, or the food package for women, infants and children with qualifying medical conditions has been a difficult topic for many states. Cheryl presented one possible method of how to address difficult questions that utilizes Oregon WIC listen strategies. Details are included in the talking points handout.
- Comments regarding the forms:
  - Simplify the supplemental foods section even further to state:
    - All
    - None
    - Modified
  - Participants expressed concerns that only older infants on medical formula with medical documentation can choose to opt out of infant foods to receive a higher issuance of formula (maximum of 960 fluid ounces vs. max of 696 fluid ounces)
  - Correct the age range for ‘older infants’ to be 7 through 12 months.
  - Change the description of breastfeeding women to:
    - Exclusively= is now Fully Breastfeeding women
    - Partially=is now Mostly breastfeeding women
    - Some breastfeeding (new category)
    - Non-breastfeeding
  - Correct the amount of milk exclusively breastfeeding women receive from 33 quarts to 21 quarts.
  - The forms will be field tested by health care providers. If you have a health care provider that you know would be willing to participate, please contact Cheryl Alto.
- **Medical documentation in-service:**
  - In-service will be sent out to local agencies by early March.
  - State plans to provide outreach education and marketing to state wide associations (e.g. Oregon Medical Association, Oregon Nurse Practitioner Association, etc.)

- The state wide meeting will provide an in-service on medical documentation and TWIST training.
- Discussed resources that would be helpful to include in the in-service:
  - Nutrient comparison of cow's milk and soy milk
  - Handout describing qualifying conditions for the use of soy milk
  - List of qualifying conditions with ICD-9 codes assigned (for use with health care providers)
  - Letter template for local agencies to use for local health care providers

### **Guest Speaker: The CaCoon Program**

Presented by Nancy Lowry, RN, MN, in Portland and Candance Artmenko, RN calling in from Douglas County. Nancy and Candy work at the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center in Portland.

Highlights from the presentation:

- Sources of funding for CaCoon come from Title V block grant with matching state funds and funding at the local health department level coming from targeted case management and Medicaid match.
- Title V was created in 1935 for 'crippled children' with goals focused on treatment, care coordination, family centered care, and adolescent transition.
- CaCoon is a statewide program, which started as a pilot project in 1987 and is provided by public health nurses who have received specialized care.
- In addition to having public health nurses in every county; 4 counties also have Promotoras: Marion, Hood River, Jackson and Malheur.
- The Oregon Coalition of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (OCCYSHN) contracts with Oregon health departments to provide care coordination to families of children with special health care needs in every county.
- CaCoon utilizes the ORCHIDS data system.
- CaCoon identifies risk factors, including data on nutrition.
- Nursing intervention related to nutrition include breastfeeding assistance, nutrition monitoring, developmental enhancement, oral health screening, use of children with special health care needs screening form and feeding screening/assessment for 0-6 months

- Comments on the presentation:
  - Dietitians would like to review the nursing screening tool CaCoon nurses use. Nancy stated she would make this information available.
  - Discussed possible ways to integrate services, utilize Family Net data.
  - Discussed having a common mapping of CaCoon RNs and WIC nutritionists.
  - CaCoon has received training from WIC state staff and would like to continue to coordinate trainings.
  - Nancy will provide possible questions to include on WIC Nutritionists survey.

Minutes respectively submitted by Cheryl Alto