

AzNN Evaluation Committee Meeting FFY2016 Minutes
2/18/16 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

In Attendance

UA AzNN Evaluation: Laurel Jacobs, Theresa LeGros, Kay Orzech, Vernon Hartz

AzNN: Jillian Papa, Amanda White, Therese Neal

UANN Apache/Navajo: Absent

Coconino Health Department: Absent

City of Tempe: Absent

Maricopa Health Department: Sarah Horner, Julie Scholer

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Mohave Health Department: Melissa Palmer

Navajo County Health Department: Absent

UANN Pinal: Lori Lieder

UANN Pima: Lauren McCullough

UANN Yavapai: Hope Wilson

Yuma Health Department: Suzanne Cooper

FYI: Amber Richmond no longer with the evaluation team as Program Coordinator - committee info will be sent out by team until another Program Coordinator is on board.

ASNNA Updates

- Western Region SNAP-Ed Evaluation Framework → National SNAP-Ed evaluation framework.
- SNAP-Ed evaluation interpretive Guide: released in early March with SNAP-Ed Federal Guidance.
- Laurel sat on a panel discussing how Arizona integrated our SNAP-Ed evaluation plan with the WRO indicators and also led a break out to introduce other states to the new Framework indicators.
- New EARS form will be released also around early-late March. USDA has taken pains to integrate PSE indicators from the National Framework into EARS to reduce/eliminate duplication of reporting efforts.
- USDA SNAP-Ed Western Region Priority Areas: Navajo Nation, Tohono O'Odham. *MyNative Plate* and *Let's Move in Indian Country* are recommended programming resources. Core audience is always caregivers with school-aged children. Also, healthy food retail is another priority: corner stores, tracking participant purchases using loyalty cards.
- Arizona is transitioning off of its SNAP waiver – more SNAP participants will be getting kicked out of the program.
 - Beginning in Maricopa County in April ca. 30K SNAP recipients will lose their food benefits unless they gain employment or are engaged in a training program; the

process will be repeated in Pima County effective July 1, 2016 when another ca 20K households could lose their benefits.

- USDA FNS has engaged the Department of Economic Security (DES) to determine what interventions we can collectively devise in concert with community-based organizations and other governmental agencies (including universities) to develop short and long-term programs to train low-income SNAP recipients and place them into employment (including volunteer or workfare programs) to thereby preclude them from losing their SNAP benefits.
- Re-invigorated SNACs – State Nutrition Action Coalitions using collective impact model. Intended outcome of the SNACs: coordinate efforts and data to make a bigger impact.

Action item: Contact Laurel if you are interested in participating in Arizona’s SNAC, which is called the Arizona Childrens’ Healthy Lifestyle Partnership and coordinated by Pinnacle Prevention.

Go NAP SACC Training Follow Up

- Post-training evaluation survey: received positive feedback from 9 participants so far regarding ease of use and general understanding of materials. Survey will close EOD tomorrow (Friday 2/19). One respondent wanted more information about how much help can be provided to the ECE staff/director in completing the NAP SACC.
 - If you would like to walk someone through the assessment, that would be fine. It just depends on what you think would work best with your sites.

Upcoming SART Booster Training

- Booster training on 4/15 from ~10-11am. Topics will be to reintroduce contractors to the table itself, answer frequently asked questions, and offer "pro" tips on filling out the forms. Please send a representative from your agency who is responsible for SART reporting.
 - It is recommended that contractors work on completing their SARTs prior to the training to be able to bring questions or send questions to your evaluation liaison prior to the training that can be incorporated into the training.

Evaluation Team Website

- The website is coming and will be a place online to see past and future trainings, get materials from trainings, and other resources. Hopefully by mid-late March the evaluation team will be able to launch it.
 - Accessing the website will come either by going to the AzNN landing page for the evaluation team or directly to the eval team website's home page.

Adult Impact Evaluation

- MPMF evaluation is going well. Evaluation team is working with 7 different counties across the state. The most exciting news is that we now have gift cards.
 - 90 participants have completed pretests and 33 participants have completed posttests so far. The evaluation team is not scheduling any more classes for MPMF surveying.
- Conducted first focus group yesterday in Nogales (n=8), with about 3 more groups to be scheduled: one or two in Spanish and two in English.
- The evaluation team is also working on implementing the comparison group effort in the coming weeks and months now that we have gift cards. If any contractors have opportunities where you are in contact with SNAP eligible folks who are not presently receiving nutrition education, let us know.
 - We are looking for a comparison group to compare with our participants who are receiving MPMF curricula with an n=90.
 - Please contact Kay or your evaluation liaison if you have an opportunity to schedule a comparison group.

Action item: Kay will put together a one page flyer on the comparison effort.

- There is no other formal evaluation of MPMF or other adult curricula this year.

Summer Food Service Program Assessment and Training

- Noelle and Laurel will be facilitating a training on March 10th for SFSP programming, implementation, and evaluation. Plan for setting aside 10-11:30am on that day for any staff who work in this strategy.
- Laurel is still developing a draft SFSP assessment tool and has requested contractor feedback before the tool is finalized.
 - Lori, Melissa, and possibly City of Tempe have agreed to review a draft of the SFSP assessment tool.

Action item: Laurel will send out the draft tool next week with about a week to provide feedback.

Next committee meeting

3/17 from 1-2pm