

# CND Update for State Agencies

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# Presentation Outline

- IOM Study
- Team Nutrition
- *HealthierUS* School Challenge
- Regulatory/Policy Developments
- Technical Assistance and Training
- 2008 Appropriations
- 2008 Farm Bill
- SFSP Fall Meeting
- 2009 CN Reauthorization

# IOM Study

# IOM Task

- Institute of Medicine to recommend changes to meal patterns and nutrient standards
  - Increase key food groups
  - Better meet nutrition needs of children
  - Foster healthy eating habits
  - Safeguard children's health

# Timeline

- IOM study began February 2008
- First report expected December 2008
  - Criteria and process for decision-making
- Final report expected December 2009
  - Recommendations for meal patterns and nutrient standards

# Meetings

- June 10-11, 2008
  - FNS presentations:
    - Program requirements
    - Operational issues
    - Research findings
- July 9-10, 2008
  - Input from stakeholders, including:
    - NC Dept. of Public Instruction
    - TX Dept. of Agriculture
    - WV Dept. of Education
    - School Nutrition Association

# Review Panel

- Dr. Virginia A. Stallings – Chair
  - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Panel members include:
  - Ms. Rosemary Dederichs, Minneapolis Public Schools
  - Ms. Mary Hill, Jackson Public Schools
  - Individuals with expertise in various professional disciplines
- For more information about the study
  - [www.iom.edu/schoolmeals](http://www.iom.edu/schoolmeals)



# Team Nutrition





# Team Nutrition

- *Just the Facts! Serving School Meals That Meet the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans*
- *Nutrition Essentials*
- *Empowering Youth with Nutrition and Physical Activity*
- *Power of Choice*
- *Food Buying Guide/Menu Planner*



# Newly Released: *Just the Facts!*

- Use Low-fat Milk, Cheese, and Yogurt
- Jazz Up Your Menus With Fruits
- Vary Your Vegetables
- Serve More Cry Beans and Peas
- Serve More Whole Grains
- Be Salt Savvy – Cut Back on Sodium
- Include Fiber-Rich Foods
- Limit Saturated Fat and Cholesterol
- Trim *Trans* Fat
- Meeting the Challenge of Rising Food Costs



# TN Publications

## *Nutrition Essentials*

- Targets middle and high school students
- 6 lessons based on 5 posters: Food for a Day, How Much Do You Eat, Move It, MyPyramid, and Read It
- Interactive game CD

## *Empowering Youth*

- Targets middle and high school students
- Ideas to include nutrition education and physical activity into youth programs and events
- Resources to develop a nutrition or physical activity related community project
- Tips, worksheets, handouts, discussion prompts



# TN Publications

## *Power of Choice*

- For use by after-school leaders with adolescents to promote healthy eating and physical activity behaviors
- CD-Rom with 10 interactive sessions and 6 posters

## *Food Buying Guide/Menu Planner*

- Updated *Food Buying Guide* and *Menu Planner for Healthy School Meals*
- Packaged in a mailer of two CDs
- Will be sent to SFAs this year
- Will be available online



# TN Training Grants

- 2008 awardees
  - to be announced early September
- \$5 million available for funding period
  - September 2008 - September 2010



# TN Grants 2008

- Support State efforts to provide training and technical assistance to foodservice staff to meet DGAs
- Support training on updated HUSSC criteria
- Encourage elementary schools to take the Challenge
- Encourage parents and caregivers to serve as role models by demonstrating their commitment to a healthier lifestyle

# *HealthierUS* School Challenge





# How The Challenge Works

- Be an elementary school
- Enroll as a Team Nutrition School
- Offer reimbursable lunches
- Provide nutrition education
- Offer physical activity
- Maintain average daily participation
- Adhere to a la carte/seconds/competitive foods requirements





# New: Gold Award of Distinction

- Meet all requirements for a Gold Award
- Additional criteria in the area of sodium content of competitive foods
- Additional physical education criteria




# New HUSSC Criteria

- Only low-fat or fat-free milk offered
- Minimum serving size of  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup for fruits and vegetables
- Requirements for dark green and/or orange vegetables
- Requirements for serving of whole grain food(s)
- Sodium and *trans* fat restrictions for competitive foods
- Time requirement for structured physical education
- Non-food items for fundraising activities



# Benefits of HUSSC Award

- Send a positive message to the community
- Receive an award from a USDA official
- Obtain local media attention



# Regulatory and Policy Developments

# Notices Published

- SY 08-09 National Average Payments (7/7/08)
- Request for Public Comments
  - 2009 CNP Reauthorization (5/20/08)
- SY 08-09 Income Eligibility Guidelines (4/9/08)

# Rules Published

- CACFP: At-risk Afterschool Meals in Eligible States
  - proposed rule 3/27/08
- Applying for F/RP Meals in Schools
  - interim rule 11/13/07
- Procurement Requirements
  - final rule 10/31/07

# Rules in Clearance

- Food safety program/HACCP (proposed rule)
  - Statutory requirement implemented July 1, 2005 through USDA guidance
  - Proposed rule provides opportunity for public comment on implementation
  - Publication expected this week
- Milk substitution (final rule)
  - OMB's review

# Changes in CN Labeling

- Agricultural Marketing Service will monitor production of CN labeled products (meat, poultry, and non-meat products )
  - Memo to industry July 1, 2008
  - Spring 2009: all manufacturers' quality control programs must meet FNS requirements
  - Quality control guidelines being revised
  - Updates posted on the CN Labeling Website





# Technical Assistance and Training

# CRE

- Updated CRE Forms, Instructions and Guidance
- Materials will be on PartnerWeb
- Revised CRE Guidance issued after completion of CRE training for all States
- 470 people received training so far
- Possibility of additional training in October

# No Practice CREs

- Memo issued March 19, 2008
- “Practice CREs” intended to reduce documented findings; corrective action may not be conducted
- Technical assistance efforts must be intended to improve program performance, not to target and prevent potential review findings
- Ensuring accuracy of meal claims especially timely
  - APEC study

# Procurement Training

- FNS collaborating with the National Food Service Management Institute to develop web-based procurement training
  - “Live training” via webcast
- Target audience
  - State agency staff working with procurements for NSLP and SBP

# Procurement Training

- Content
  - Topic 1: General requirements and responsibilities
  - Topic 2: How procurement works
  - Topic 3: Special considerations
- Anticipated timeline
  - Topic 1: Summer 2008
  - Topic 2: Winter 2008
  - Topic 3: Spring 2009
  - Live webcast anticipated Summer 2009

# Direct Certification

- Applicability
- Direct certification with Food Stamp Program now mandatory for all LEAs
  - Provision 2/3 schools (base year)
  - RCCIs with day students
- Methods
- Computer matches (direct and secondary)
- Letter matches

# Direct Certification Resources

- Other LEAs
- Eligibility Manual for School Meals  
[www.fns.usda.gov/cnd](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd)
- Data Matching in the NSLP Study
- Approaches to Direct Certification and Direct Verification: Guide for State and Local Agencies  
[www.fns.usda/oane](http://www.fns.usda/oane)
- Direct Certification grants for State Agencies

# Direct Certification

- Direct Certification not a static process
- Aim for continuous improvement
  - Improve frequency
  - Improve records to improve matches
  - Work with Food Stamp office to determine if any “secondary” match system can be performed
- Move away from letter method, if possible



# Additional Administrative Review

- Legislative requirement to reduce administrative error
- SFAs selected based on risk
  - New Provision 2/3 base year
  - Verification data indicates high level of non-response or response-based terminations
  - Consistently high F/RP claims
- Number of reviews
  - No less than 1% of SFAs in the State
  - No less than 3% of total statewide reimbursement for FY 2007
- Scope of review
  - PS1 areas and verification component of general review areas

# Additional Administrative Review

- Reporting
  - Notify FNS RO of anticipated schedule of CRE reviews
  - Maintain records consistent with CRE procedures
- State retention of improperly-paid funds
  - May retain up to 25% of recovered funds to carry out integrity initiatives
  - Submit plan for FNS approval
- ART funding available to support review activity

# 2008 Appropriations

# Appropriations Act of 2008

- CN Highlights
  - \$3.3 million increase for Team Nutrition
  - \$9.9 million to continue Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program in currently participating States *and* expand the Program
  - Simplified Summer Program expanded to all States

# Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008

(The Farm Bill)

# Direct Certification

- Secretary to assess effectiveness of each State in enrolling children using direct certification
- USDA to report on effectiveness of direct certification beginning December 2008

# Geographic Preference

- Institutions may apply a geographic preference when procuring unprocessed locally grown or locally raised agricultural products
- Local preference not required
- States cannot mandate geographic preference through law or policy
- Acceptable forms of unprocessed products include: washed vegetables, bagged greens, butchered livestock and poultry, pasteurized milk, and eggs in cartons

# Buy American

- USDA to undertake training, guidance and enforcement of the Buy American requirement
- Buy American provision to be discussed in procurement training at 2008 ANC



# Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program

- Expansion to all States
- SAs will select from interested elementary schools with greater than 50% F/RP participation
- Top priority given to schools with the highest percentages of low-income students
- Funding will increase each year
  - \$40 million      SY 08-09
  - \$65 million      SY 09-10
  - \$101 million      SY 10-11
  - \$150 million      SY 11-12

# Whole Grains Pilot

- \$4 million to purchase whole grains and whole grain products for use in schools
- Evaluate acceptability and consumption, recommendations for integration
- Pilot and evaluation under development

# Survey of Foods

- USDA will conduct a survey of foods purchased by NSLP schools
- To be conducted SY 2009-2010
- Interim report due 6/30/09
- Final report due upon completion

# Summer Food Service Program

# SFSP National Conference

- December 2 & 3, 2008
- Washington, DC (Crystal City)
- State and Local SFSP stakeholders
- Workshop topics
  - Program Policy, Integrity, Operations
  - Improving Meal Quality
  - Expanding Access
- Register at [www.summerfood.usda.gov](http://www.summerfood.usda.gov)

# 2009 CN Reauthorization

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- Seven listening sessions

- Boston, MA Jun 10, 2008
- Austin, TX Jul 15, 2008
- Baltimore, MD Aug 6, 2008
- San Francisco, CA Aug 6, 2008
- Atlanta, GA Aug 20, 2008
- Chicago, IL Sept 10, 2008
- Denver, CO Sept 11, 2008

# Public Comments

- Themes
  - Strengthening program management and improving nutrition services
  - Ensuring all eligible persons have access to program benefits
  - Advancing technology and innovation
- Comment period open until October 15, 2008





Thank you!