

WIC Advisory Committee Minutes
Tuesday, July 17, 2018 10:00 AM Conference Call
 For staff attending in Topeka, location is California Trail Room.
 Facilitator – Erin Laurie, Southeast Rep

Welcome and Attendance (Facilitator)

Region		Representative		Alternate
Southwest		Paula Rowden (Stevens)		Trista Nordyke (Stevens) Tried late.
Northwest		Amy Binns (Wichita)	x	Marvel Brandt (Wichita)
South Central	x	Christa Dean (Sedgwick)	x	Mitzi Hesser (Kiowa)
North Central	x	Christy Rogers (Cloud)	x	Jean Detrich (Dickinson)
Southeast	x	Erin Laurie (Franklin)	x	Mary Ann Parkin (Franklin)
Northeast	x	Donna Wiens (Shawnee)		Misty Scott (Nemaha)
LA NWA Rep	x	Heather Peterson (Reno)		
State Staff	x	Patrice Thomsen	x	Janna Gunckle
State Staff	x	Lisa Medrow	X	Kara Watts
State Staff	x	Julie Ornelas	x	Randy Volz
State Staff	x	Lisa Long	x	Ashley Warren
State Staff	x	Rachelle Frank		

Minutes from the April 17, 2018 conference call were approved by email and are posted to the [WIC Advisory page of the website](#).

NWA report – Heather Peterson – See synopsis of recent calls at the end of these minutes.

2019 Kansas WIC Conference – Planning Update – Lisa Medrow

“Save the Date” announcement was in the May I-Memo. April 30-May 1, 2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan, KS. Theme is “Groovin’ with WIC for 45 Years”. Will have some special fun related to the 1970’s. As was announced in the LA budget information, there will be no registration fee. Information about registering will be in an I-Memo later this fall.

Training plan update – Lisa Medrow

As a follow-up to last meeting...Still plan to have all the modules through TRAIN. Have made progress changing the modules to be suitable for TRAIN. Have a great team of 24 Local Agency reviewers. Plan to implement in early 2019. There still is considerable work to do related to having a fake training clinic with eWIC like before with checks.

eWIC and KWIC Update – Ashley Warren

- Last part of the state rolled out with eWIC starting May 30.
- Yesterday, July 16, Version 3.4 was released in Kansas. No calls with problems so far. As detailed in the Release Notes, we are piloting the Retailer for Foods feature in just Shawnee county.
- Version 4.1 will be released in late October. It will contain a few change requests, and lots of bug fixes that had been delayed due to the eWIC work. Also a new reporting architecture will be implemented in KWIC.

Reminder about WAC policy changes starting Oct. 1. Means January WAC meeting is the “change over” meeting; Set January call date. (Patrice Thomsen)

- Changes to policy ADM 09.00.00 WIC Advisory Committee that WAC approved at the April call have been made. Effective date is October 1, 2018, and will be part of the whole group of PPM changes that will be released to Local Agencies early this fall (expected release is September P-Memo.)
- As previously discussed, Patrice also made the change to make LA WIC representative terms coincide with a calendar year instead of Federal Fiscal Year. This means that the current WAC members who expected to be off the committee as of the October meeting, will continue until the January meeting. That meeting will be the “change over” meeting with the outgoing and incoming members both attending.
- Tuesday, January 15, 2019 set.
- Patrice will put item in the I-Memo about identifying new members in the a future I-Memo.

Round Table Discussion (All)

- Donna – Shawnee County did have an eWIC Retailor Food situation yesterday. Will contact SA separately.
- Rachelle – LA Budgets were due yesterday, July 16. Only about half submitted. SA will be sending out a reminder but it would be good if WAC members could remind their agencies.
- Heather – Any news about the Infant Formula Rebate contract? Answer, Randy: Just yesterday received an email that there was a second protest, which means an even longer delay. Kara: Reminded all to be sure they are following instructions from the last I-Memo about not issuing any contract formulas with a FUD of Oct 1 or later.

Reminder Future Conference calls (Facilitator) All planned for third Tuesday, conference call, 10:00 AM. Dates and facilitators are:

- October 16, 2018, Donna Wiens
- January 15, 2019, Facilitator to be determined at October call.

Adjourn (Facilitator)

Mountain Plains Region NWA synopsis – Heather Peterson

May, June, July

May conference call:

Melinda reviewed how WIC is funded and defined the relationship between NWA and the USDA. NWA advocates for adjunctive eligibility, WIC to 6 campaign, branding campaign, and provides the WIC voice in Washington DC.

Since there were several new members, we did a round table of introductions. Our role as the LA NWA rep is to bring voices of our State and local agencies before Melinda, the NWA Board of Directors representative for the Mountain Plains Region.

All participants were encouraged to become more involved with NWA; whether it is volunteering at a conference or encouraging State Agencies to sign on to the national branding campaign.

June conference call:

NWA sent out a membership survey to every member agency (all Kansas LAs are members since the SA pays our membership dues); encouraged to complete the survey.

Encouraged people to sign up for the NWA Breastfeeding and Nutrition Education Conference in New Orleans in September.

Concerns about funding WIC in Iowa and Missouri. Iowa reports 5 of 20 local agencies are struggling. Iowa's caseload is increasing. Missouri will be making local agency staff cuts. Missouri has 112 LA and receive a flat rate of \$14 per participant. As caseload declines, staffing tends to stay the same, but now will receive less funds.

Several agencies reported they have experimented with "Walk in Wednesday" and have found them to be very client friendly and busy!

Several agencies are using 1 year old retention as their quality improvement project.

July conference call: None