TO: Parent and Sub-Agencies

FROM: Dave Thomason
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DATE: May 16, 2022

RE: Affidavit Reimbursements & Submitting Affidavits – State Fiscal Year End
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Affidavit Reimbursements & Submitting Affidavits – State Fiscal Year End
Due to the State Fiscal Year (SFY) coming to a close, the State’s SMART accounting system will be unavailable to process affidavit reimbursements for several weeks. Reimbursements will be delayed for this reason.

Please continue to submit affidavits as usual to KDHE.KSWICFiscal@ks.gov at the State Agency. Affidavits will be reviewed and submitted to the fiscal department for reimbursement as soon as the SMART system is back up and running for the new SFY.

ACTION REQUIRED: Notify all WIC staff, as well as other Health Department or County staff who are involved with providing affidavits to the WIC Program.

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor June Meeting
The next BFPC and BFPC Supervisor meeting will be on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1-2pm. This webinar will be on Zoom.

ACTION REQUIRED: All BFPCs and BFPC Supervisors, please save the date for the meeting. A meeting link will be emailed out a week prior. Contact Casey Florea at cassandra.florea@ks.gov with any questions.
BFPC Summary Page in Client History Available in KWIC for all Staff

The KWIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Summary page under Client History is now available for all staff to view. This will allow non-BFPC staff to see what Topics were discussed between the BFPC and client at previous contacts. This applies to all staff positions including Clerk, KWIC Administrator, Receptionist, RD, RN, and BFPC. Access the page by clicking Client>View History>BFPC Summary>select contact date.

ACTION REQUIRED: In counties with a peer counselor, share with all your staff. Contact Casey Florea at cassandra.florea@ks.gov with any questions.

Breastfeeding Friendly Local Health Department “Deep Dive” Discussions

Join a series of quick 20-minute “deep dives” into each of the criteria for the NEW Breastfeeding Friendly Local Health Department designation during the first part of the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition’s Public Health Section meetings on the 3rd Thursday of even # months from 11-12 June 2022 – Aug. 2023. You are welcome to stay for the entire Section meeting. Register for the series HERE - https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctf-2vrz8pHtByp5qD22brj-DKWxLk6JiY

ACTION REQUIRED: If your local health department is considering applying to be a Breastfeeding Friendly Local Health Department, consider joining the KBC meetings detailed above.

WIC Advisory Committee – Minutes (4/26/2022) & Call for Agenda Items (7/26/22)

The minutes of the April 26, 2022 WIC Advisory Committee meeting are approved. They are posted on the WIC Advisory Committee page of the Kansas WIC website.

The next WIC Advisory Committee conference call is Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 9:00 AM. The facilitator for that call is Cheryl Goetz, from Gove County. Please submit agenda items to your WAC representative or Patrice Thomsen by July 15. You can find your representative name and contact information on the WIC Advisory Committee page of the Kansas WIC website. As a reminder, questions about policy implementation should be directed to your agency’s assigned state staff member. Alternates are also invited, but may choose not to attend, unless notified that your Representative will not be attending.

For reference, future meetings/facilitators:
- October 25, 2022 / Facilitator Tracy Sabo
- January 24, 2023 / Facilitator Mookie Holmes
**Maternal Mental Health Hotline Launch**

The Maternal Mental Health Hotline was launched May 8, 2022 by the U.S. Health and Human Services Department’s Health Resources and Services Administration. The free, confidential hotline provides mental health support to expecting and new moms. Callers will receive support including brief interventions from trained counselors who are culturally and trauma-informed, and referrals to community-based and telehealth providers as needed.

The hotline is available in both English and Spanish. It is accessible by phone or text at 1-833-943-5746.

Learn more about the hotline HERE - [https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/05/06/hhs-launches-new-maternal-mental-health-hotline.html](https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/05/06/hhs-launches-new-maternal-mental-health-hotline.html)

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Notify all staff about this new resource. Add it to your resource list and KWIC referral page.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact the state staff member assigned to your agency.