

## WIC Advisory Committee Minutes - Approved

	<b>April 23, 2014</b> 10:00 AM	<b>Facilitator: Shirley Mendoza, North Central Region Rep</b> <b>Minutes: Patrice Thomsen</b>																																																		
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<b>2.</b>	Review and Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the January 22, 2014 conference call were approved and will be posted on the <a href="#">WIC Advisory Committee</a> page of the Kansas WIC website.																																																		
<b>3.</b>	Report of small issues discovered after initial printing of the new WIC Program Booklet (Valerie Merrow)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Juicy Juice – frozen concentrate – no longer produced</li> <li>Pacific Natural Foods Soy milk is not available in Kansas</li> <li>Dora cereal (General Mills) should <b>not</b> have an asterisk.</li> <li>There was some recent fixes to the <a href="#">UPC List</a> on the Kansas WIC website Information for WIC Vendors page. Please communicate with vendors to pay attention to the “Newly Added” and “Products Removed” tabs.</li> </ul>																																																		
<b>4.</b>	Request for clarification on accepted diagnosis for Similac Sensitive for Fussiness and Gas, Similac for Spit-Up and Similac Total Comfort... (Shirley Mendoza – response by Patrice Thomsen)	<p>Can diagnoses other than those listed specifically for each be accepted?</p> <p>The SA nutritionists met recently and decided that, on a case-by-case basis, other diagnoses than the ICD-9-CM diagnoses listed on the Kansas WIC Special Issuance Authorization can be approved on a case by case basis. LA staff should assess such a request and call a SA nutritionist with pertinent information to obtain confirmation. The May P memo will contain the clarification.</p>																																																		

5.	Pending policy change – one-year certification of children (Patrice Thomsen)	<p>The policy for the one-year certification period for children will be announced in the May Policy Memo and take effect in late June with the KWIC Client Services Version 42 release. The policy will be similar to the existing policy for Infants and Breastfeeding Women. Regulation states that the one year (instead of 6 month) certification period is allowed “provided that the local agency ensures that the child receives the required health and nutrition assessments.” This means the midcertification appointment should be the same as the certification appointment except proofs are not required. (And the secondary nutrition education is to occur at about 3 months and 9 months.) The state agency will work to see that all LAs understand about what is to be included at midcertification and there will be some changes to the KWIC Midcertification Guide.</p> <p>Currently the policy states “A client shall not be denied food benefits for failure to attend the mid-certification appointment”. Patrice asked for WAC feedback to strengthen that to be specific that the mid-cert appointment must be rescheduled at least once. (Some agencies already do this, but it is not required.) Conclusion: This will be an okay change, as long as there is consideration to NOT deny food benefits and that some clinics might not be able to reschedule a missed midcertification appointment within the required window for a variety of reasons.</p> <p><u>WAC members agreed to send an email to their representation groups with advance notice of the upcoming one-year certification for children policy, emphasizing that the midcertification will need to be like the certification appointment except proofs will not be required.</u></p>
6.	KWIC Update (Sandi Fry provided a written report because she could not join the call.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Things are moving forward on the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) front. State staff have had their first visit to see how Kentucky WIC implemented EBT, was a great trip. Next trip is scheduled for May 6-9 to Michigan. We are learning a lot from these one-on-ones with other states. (Dave added that LA staff will be involved with EBT planning in the future. Deadline for switch to EBT is 2020. Hope to implement by the end 2017. One factor is how soon Kansas can get funding.)</li> <li>• Client Services version 42 is on schedule for release in the first part of June. This release includes a wait list, one year certification for children and several bug fixes.</li> </ul>
7.	NWA Report (Laura Drake)	Laura will be attending the NWA Annual conference in Pittsburgh May 18-21. NWA still needs a LA member on the Breastfeeding

		<p>Committee. For more information, contact Laura Drake <a href="mailto:Laura.Drake@jocogov.org">Laura.Drake@jocogov.org</a> or Nancy Sanchez (still on the NWA Board) <a href="mailto:nsanchez@wycokck.org">nsanchez@wycokck.org</a> .</p> <p>NWA recently announced that the <i>Feeding Your Baby</i> magazine is available for order. Deadline Sept. 2, 2014.  <a href="https://www.nwica.org/products/feeding-your-baby-magazines">https://www.nwica.org/products/feeding-your-baby-magazines</a></p> <p><i>(Note from the SA: “Bringing Home Baby” and “Let’s Eat”, 2 of the 3 magazines in the NWA series, are available for LAs to order on the Kansas WIC Publication Order Form. So LAs should order from the SA, not NWA. Regarding the “Out and About” magazine, the SA decided not to print this magazine because most of the information seems duplicative from the Help Me Be Healthy and the new Eat Grow Live series.</i></p>
8.	Round Table Discussion-All	<p>Barb – Follow-up from her problems getting NWA emails for all her staff (last meeting). After spending considerable time working with NWA, and receiving assurances her staff would get emails, Barb does get them, but the other staff didn’t. Her clerk called NWA specifically and now is getting the emails. Should Barb just expect to keep forwarding to her staff? Jody in Leavenworth gets and has to forward. Cherokee is not getting at all.  <u>Dave will send a message to Robert Lee at NWA and will follow-up specifically with Meade and Cherokee, and others as he learns of problems.</u></p> <p>Nancy – Staff had a woman report electronic cigarette use. Should the Maternal Smoking risk factor be assigned?  <u>Patrice is unaware of any guidance and will check with the nutritionist at the Mountain Plains Regional Office.</u></p> <p>Rachelle – Budget information will be sent to LAs in the May P-Memo. Budgets will be due back to the SA July 11. Also, like the lack of income proof triggers a 30-day temporary certification, it is likely we will need to add lack of identity and residency proof to that policy, but we have not received formal notice.</p> <p>Dave –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As we look ahead, we’re interested in feedback from LAs as to if what we do/produce are useful or not. No specific comments from WAC at this time. Barb will include in her email out to her representation group. Send responses to Patrice.</li> <li>2. The contract for wichealth.org is due for renewal. Do LAs find it useful? Do clients use? General response was yes. Reno is planning to re-purpose an old computer for on-site use with</li> </ol>

		<p>wichealth.org. Cherokee is planning to implement stickers for clients to help with use.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Dave is going to be attending meetings with Oral Health and Immunization programs. Are there things he should communicate from the local WIC agencies? Laura suggested that a pamphlet on different immunizations and why they are important might be useful.</li> <li>4. Sesame Street kits related to shopping, food security, etc. We have 13,000 in storage and have not received lots of orders. Julie will be pushing for orders to deplete stock.</li> <li>5. WIC and Farmer’s Market – Kansas did a 2 year study in which Douglas clients could use their fruit/vegetable checks at the Lawrence Farmer’s Market. There was very low redemption rate – maybe \$200 worth spread across 7 farmers. The conclusion was that it was too much work for too little benefit. Valerie pointed out there is potentially higher response in some other states in which WIC vendors do not have to be full-line grocery stores, so might carry very little produce. In such a setting, there might be more interest in redeeming the fvc at a farmer’s market, but apparently not in Kansas, from the study results. Dave also pointed out that there is a separate program “WIC Farmer’s Market” that is extra benefit for the client (\$10-30 per month) and requires a state to have a separate 30% match and a great deal of administration .</li> </ol>
9.	Next Meeting and Adjourn (Heather)	July 23, 2014, 10:00 AM –Brenda Clugston, facilitator.