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* Victor Salazar
 | ----- Agenda Topics -----**9:30 – 9:40**1. Opening and Roll Call
* Suzanne started the meeting with an introduction and roll call
1. Administrator Welcome provided by Catherine Wright-Steele

**9:40 – 10:15**1. TDA Internal Topics
2. MegaCon 2021 (Catherine Wright-Steele)
* MegaCon got its name because it includes most of the food programs we administer
* The MegaCon Conference is scheduled for May 2-6, 2022, in Austin at the AT&T Center
* The Conference will be broken up into sections and we are still working on organization
* We would love to hear any topic suggestions
* We would like input on what topics should be repeated
* The link to the survey was added to the chat
* We would like to have a few CE led sessions that are sponsored by the CACFP workgroup (please provide speakers and topics for this)
* Topic Suggestions
* The ability to provide meals to clients-disaster preparedness
* Provide resources for those who are not aware of the program
* Creating dialogue between unaffiliated sites
* Providing specifics on documentation requirements and discussions on waivers
* The CEs can access helper sheets on SquareMeals and a link has been provided in the meeting chat

 1. Oz Equivalent (Beth Thorson)
* CACFP LIVE! Session for Oz Eq will be held on October 1, 2021. Registration instructions for LIVE! can be found on the CACFP training page on SquareMeals.
* The CACP Live is called the Wizard of Oz. Contact the ESC to register for this.
* The Nutrition Team met with the Administrative Review Specialist to provide training on production records and ounce equivalents.
* How is training going for the team?
* The ounce equivalency (USDA) information sheets are helpful
* The grains measuring chart provided by TDA was helpful
1. Input on CACFP Week Plans (Beth Thorson)
* The event is sponsored by the National Sponsor’s Association.
* We want our CEs to support the effort in March by raising awareness about CACFP week and the program in general to parents and the community. In the past, TDA has supported this event by providing menus and recipes.
* How can we be more effective? We are considering:
* Beefing up the activities for children
* Offering placemats with nutrition information and games
* Increasing awareness among parents about the benefits of the program
* Developing a calendar for Senior Citizens that highlights the program and is directed to both adults and children that contains menus, phone numbers, and resources
* Distributing stickers, pamphlets, and banners that contains the 5 meal components
* Emphasizing current resources available on SquareMeals
* Offering a collage or coloring contest that the children put together to create a banner
* Further suggestions can be dropped into the chat or emailed

 1. External Member Suggested Topics and Comments
2. Supply Chain Issues
* Experiencing some problems with low-fat milk in rural areas
* Paper goods are an issue-paper trays and to-go materials
* The problems are not constant - sometimes we can get things and sometimes there is a problem
* Causing prices to go up rapidly
* disaster preparedness; make substitutions and flexibility allowable
* Documentation of the unavailability of certain items is important
* Many CEs experiencing shortages weekly and making substitutions where possible- some shortages are baby formula, fresh fruits and vegetables
1. Cost Concerns
* Some local daycare homes are experiencing smaller packaging and higher prices-working with other organizations and communication is key
* Meat product prices going up and other prices are going up; a year from now, the reimbursement won’t balance things out so reimbursement should be adequate and flexible
* Some entities are asking kids to bring food from home because the cost is not feasible unless we increase the rate; the meals from home can be unhealthy or not adequate; Some entities are leaving the CACFP and we are losing those who need those programs
* TDA reiterates that having these examples is helpful to us to be able to push this issue forward. The USDA and the Legislature will have to increase the rate and decide to create a new funding source for this program to address those issues

**10:15 – 10:30 a.m.**1. Follow-up from Previous Meeting?
* None
1. Taskings/Follow-up
* Think of people who can participate in the panels for MegaCon or volunteer yourself
* Send TDA a list of panel topics we will submit to the team
* Share resources for CACFP week
* Next Meeting is November 19, 2021. Be prepared with agenda topics for that meeting. There are some potential topics suggested below
1. Closing Comments (All)

Next Meeting: **November 19, 2021****Potential topics:*** **How to innovate training?**
* **What technology is CACFP missing?**
* **Where do you see the program headed in the next 5-10 years?**
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Policy Updates:

NONE

Policy Questions:

NONE

The response(s) provided under “Policy Questions” is current as of August 2020. For the most up-to- date information, please refer to TDA’s CACFP Handbooks or contact your local Educational Service Center.