

Jefferson County Nutrition Project Council
Minutes of Meeting
April 24, 2012

Call to Order

Official meeting cancelled due to not having a quorum. Discussion with those present.

Roll Call

Present: Marcia Bare, Jefferson; Dorothy Christensen, Watertown.

Also Present: Beth Eilenfeldt, Sharon Endl & Sue Torum, staff; and the following site managers: Betty Droster (Linda Winterland, Lake Mills Volunteer; Patti Hills, Donna Gnabasik, Joy Clark and Martha Parker. Dale Vogel from Hoffman House was also present.

Discussion with Caterer

Site managers stated that they did not receive garlic bread this week. Vogel said that he had added that menu item per our request and that the menus for all others don't get that, so it got missed on his end. The managers also relayed that participants really did not like the Chix Pea Salad. There are still concerns over the roast beef and again, Vogel stated that what was supposed to be ordered wasn't. He already addressed this with his manager. Other comments included a request for baked vs. diced potatoes and less beans and rice.

We talked about what to do when there are shortages, and site managers were reminded that in those rare circumstances we will ask them to go to the store and purchase the missing item, usually something that is prepackaged. Parker asked for ketchup and mustard in bottles rather than in packets because the packets are very difficult to open. Others agreed.

Torum said that overall it appears that that the surveys are positive. It is very likely that the contract with Hoffman House will be extended another year. There was a question about why Feil's Catering still hasn't changed their menus, and Torum explained that he will be expected to do so during the next bidding process.

Volunteer Banquet

Eilenfeldt reminded everyone that the banquet is 5/2.

Lake Mills & Johnson Creek Site Changes

Droster is retiring after 16 years of service to Jefferson County. Her job has been posted and interviews are scheduled for Friday, 4/20. Linda Jorsland gave notice in Johnson Creek and Eilenfeldt will now run that site one day a week. The reasons for reducing the program to one day were discussed and those present agreed that the change made sense.

Discussion: Proposed Advisory Committee Changes

Torum said that there is a trend across the state to redesign Advisory Councils. At a recent meeting, other Nutrition Directors/Coordinators were talking about having meetings at each site so that participants could attend. How this would work is not clear but if there is no strong objection, this is the direction that Torum and Eilenfeldt would like to take. There were no objections to making this change.

Training: Emergency Preparedness & Food Safety

A web-based program from Ready.WI.gov was reviewed. The focus was on Tornado's. Several videos were reviewed including:

- Meet Preparedness & Disaster
- Working with Older Americans
- The Salerno Family Story
- Be Informed: Tornados

Statistics about tornados were handed out on an announcement sheet. Managers were told to share this throughout the month with participants to make sure that they know where to go if bad weather strikes. The announcement's must be signed, dated and returned by 5/21/12.

Hills told everyone about the I.C.E. (In-Case of Emergency). The Watertown Senior Center is promoting this. The idea is to have cell phone uses this acronym rather than names in their contact list so in case of an emergency responders can easily contact who an individual would want contacted on their behalf if they were unable to do so.

The next training came from the Busy Cooks Website, and a quiz on Summer Food Safety was taken as a group and discussed.

Set Next Meeting Date & Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for July 24th . Agenda items will include roundtable discussion, food/menus concerns and training.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Bare, seconded by Pinnow and passed unanimously,

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager
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