

HAC Highlights

Jan 26, 2024

SNAC Steering Committee Update with Erin Raczynski, DHS:

- Chronic staff shortages, other issues caused by
 - Salary
 - Cross-program awareness
 - Data sharing challenges coming from client privacy
 - Questions posed for HAC:
 - “How can we retain talent?”
 - “What is SNAC’s role in SEBT?”
 - “How can HAC contribute to SNAC?”
 - E.g. “Would it be helpful if [Charity ABC] did [XYZ] to help SNAC?”
- 3 Year Plan (FY 24, FY 25, FY 26)
 - Increase access and awareness of Food and Federal Nutrition Programs
 - Increase utilization of Federal Nutrition Programs
 - Increase communication and consistency across State Agencies

Federal and State Policy Overview with Adele Anaya, DBME Policy:

- Adult student eligibility for Nutrition Assistance through a Career and Technical Education program
- 5 appeal methods
 - Online through HEAplus
 - Hearing Request (FAA-0098A) form
 - Hearing form included with decision notice
 - Written statement from the participant or authorized representative
 - Verbal request
- Electronic Benefit Theft Replacement
 - Participants can report electronic benefit theft via phone line or in-person
 - Toll Free – 888 997 9333
 - Toll Free – TTY – 800 367 8939
 - Participants can request a new EBT card
 - Does not count toward excessive card replacement
 - Replacement fee is waived
- ABAWD Work Requirements
 - Employment and training program for veterans
- Replacement issuance of used NA Benefits
 - Benefits can be restored if food purchased was destroyed

- Beyond control of budgetary unity
 - Disaster
- Clarified compliance with MAC within 30 calendar days after effective date of closure
- Spouses are now included in RMP (Restaurant Meals Program) eligibility
- NA Work Requirements now have exemptions for refugees
 - If eligible for Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP)
 - If subject to work or training programs provided RRP / Refugee Job Service
- Bill to repeal history-of-drug-use ban introduced to AZ House of Representatives

Program overview and Deep Dive with Cara Alexander, AZ Dept. of Education:

- Rural designation map
 - USDA took feedback and have improved the user interface significantly
- Piecing together matching requirements for Summer EBT
 - Unsure if that will be a line item for DES, ADE
 - Low budget first summer
 - Expecting performance to improve as the program matures

FDPIR Overview with Gloria Garcia-Hernandez & Round Robin:

- **Gloria, HRP:** CSFP from 55 to 84 tribal distribution sites (2019-2024)
 - 1.1 million lbs of food
 - Some boxes are being home-delivered
 - CSFP eligibility questionnaire is more strict
 - USDA will be aiding FDPIR to expand CSFP
 - Cara Alexander (ADE) will be contacting Gloria (HRP) to collaborate over FDPIR
- **Malea Chavez, Community Food Bank:** working to expand meals on wheels addressing threat of reduced funding
- **Tamera Zivic, Hunger Hurts-WHEAT:** working with FEMA, religious organizations, et al. to ensure that people crossing the border are taken care of

Additional Resources:

[HAC Agenda 2024.01.26](#)
[HAC Bylaws.docx](#)

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[2024 Anti-Hunger Playbook](#) – Courtesy of Jessica Herbert at Arizona Food Bank Network