



Roundtable news

A bimonthly newsletter on nutrition policy and legislation concerning the child and adult care food program

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CHAIR REPORT

Paula James welcomed the Roundtable and gave the following brief introductory remarks and announcements. She thanked Carol Ledesma, from CDI/Choices for Children for arranging the meeting space and refreshments. As the agenda contained a number of issues and training topics from the Nutrition Services Division after the introductions Paula called Janice Hunt up to begin her report.

NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION

Janice Hunt welcomed the participants and along with Kelley Knapp gave the following state report.

New Reimbursement Rates: Janice announced that the new reimbursement rates are out and handed out a flier (*members can download a copy of the Federal Register at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/eddocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-14029.pdf>*). The cash-in-lieu rate is \$0.175; the CA state meal rate is \$0.1413.

Reorganization & Staffing: Janice made a number of announcements including,

- Dolores Lozano has been named Manager over Food Distribution.
- Paperwork has been submitted for funding a sixth Field Services Manager to cover a new "Inland Region," taking some of the workload off the LA and Central Valley regions. Three new CNC's will also be hired.

- The new Program Unit is taking shape Janice reported. Second interviews are underway for the Staff Services Manager II over the new unit. Many of the analysts from Field Services have returned. It will be much like it was before. Three analysts will be assigned family child care duties and will be the contact person, handle the renewals and work more closely with sponsors on quarterly reporting. They are Karen Gillham, Ruth Cardiel and Donna Slattery. Sponsors will still have an assigned CNC for the conduct of reviews.
- Janice reported that Division staff is being trained presently on "workplace survival & success." The training is skill building and deals with communications. Staff will attend three sessions, managers six.

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It is time to sign up for the Roundtable's 14th Annual CACFP Sponsor's Conference!

Renewals: Janice reported briefly here on renewals (and in more detail below). The renewal packet for homes will be out shortly (for centers it will be out in about two weeks). The due date is August 31. Sponsors will receive a hard copy, an electronic copy on disk and may request an emailed copy. The packet will contain a self-calculating spreadsheet as last year. Due to changes in the Second Interim Rule and the fact that renewals can be every three years they have decided to make FFY 2006 a new base year. Sponsors will not have to retype everything from last year if it has not changed; they may reference attached documents and/or cut and paste. The back page of the document contains the new Program Administration Team Contact List.

Advances: Janice reported that NSD is taking a look at advances. They are considering recovering center advances over a ten month period. Recovering home administrative advances is not being considered at this time. Janice reported that there is an Accountability Panel at the Department which is looking at CDE's financial vulnerability. The panel is across divisions and consists of mostly upper level management personnel. Phyllis Bramson-Paul, Debbie Meeker and Sandip Kaur are members of this panel.

New Data Base: Janice reported that the Division is moving forward with the feasibility study for its new database system - CNIPS. One of the contractors would like to speak with some sponsors and get feedback on the kind of system we would like to see. Janice asked members interested in

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Child Care Food Program Roundtable is to promote health and well-being of children in child care through providing leadership and advocating for enhanced and expanded CCFP.

being on the focus group to sign up the day of the meeting and include their email address.

Training: Kelley Knapp presented the state report on training. She shared with participants a copy of a training alert to be mailed to all sponsors the week of July 18th. It contains information on **mandatory** CACFP Second Interim Rule training for center and home sponsors. The training actually is a compilation of program changes from the First and Second Interim Rules as well as the Management Improvement Guide, Kelley reported. Working with Cal-Pro-Net, the NSD has developed both online and offline training modules. Sponsors are strongly encouraged to take the online course however if you do not have access to a computer and the Internet you may take the course offline for a \$15 photocopying fee. Kelley carefully explained that center sponsors that took the PIN 2005 course earlier in the year are not now required to take the online course; however they may do so if they wish. Sponsors that did not take the PIN 2005 course and do not take the online course between August 1 and September 15, 2005 will be considered "seriously deficient!" Kelley went on to explain that the online course is very user friendly. The quizzes are not pass-fail but self correcting and sponsors may print them out for study prior to taking online. There are 8 modules she explained, 6 that are instructional. Each will take around 20-30 minutes. At least one person from each agency must take the entire course and receive a certificate of completion. Others may take it. Sponsor staff may also take just relevant modules but will not receive a certificate.

Kelley went on to say that the center module is completed and was tested by 4-5 center sponsors.

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The day care home module is near completion and she asked for 2 volunteers to test it the week of July 25th. The course is in Blackboard software which requires that certain protocols be followed. For instance, it asks for date of birth. The software also contains a blackboard where trainees may post questions and an analyst will get back with the answers.

Kelley briefly mentioned plans for putting PIN training online as funding is available. It would be a great help for new staff and/or rural sponsors that cannot afford to attend other training options. She reported that she and Lynette are also exploring the feasibility of putting other “skill-building” courses online to complement the administrative overview in PIN.

Renewals in-Depth: As a result of discussions last year the Roundtable offered NSD an opportunity to present training on budgets & renewals at the Lake Tahoe Meeting. The idea was to help sponsors and by implication the Division through the process this year by pointing out pitfalls and common errors from previous years. So for this month’s training Janice Hunt agreed to review this year’s family child care renewal packet with members and point out some of the past problem areas.

Janice began by reminding sponsors to be sure to:

- include their cost allocation plan if they plan to allocate costs;
- include their approved indirect cost rate agreement with their cognizant federal agency if they plan to claim indirect costs (NSD cannot negotiate indirect cost rate agreements);
- send copies of all contracts;
- include an organization chart;
- include their outside employment policy; and
- check for required signatures.

Janice pointed out that the application/renewal is organized by performance standards in the regulations – viability, capability and accountability. Under viability she brought up the issue of so-called “sole source” sponsors and the

availability of other sources of funds in cases of disruption of state/federal funding stream. Janice pointed out that new sole source sponsors have a difficult time being approved now because of this issue. Members asked what the definition of “temporary disruption” was. In short cases many have a line of credit at the bank. Of course they must assume any interest costs. Janice pointed out that they are looking here for other funders and/or support from the community. She did not say what the Division would do if an existing sponsor did not have such sources (*Editor’s note: that of course has been one of the great un-asked questions for some time in the CACFP community*). Finally Janice admitted that OIG had found that some sole source sponsors caught in this fiscal squeeze were prone to falsify records. Members pointed out that multi-funded agencies are not really any better off. They cannot use funds earmarked for other programs to bail out the CACFP for any period of time before the budget ax falls. R & R’s caught in this squeeze are dropping off the program with some regularity. Members wondered if anyone really is financially viable the way USDA chooses to define it? Who has money sitting around for such contingencies? Contingency funds have never been approved in 796-2.

Janice then pointed out usual problems with budgets:

- NSD looks at claim history over the past 6 months and compares to the budget; sponsors may not factor in estimated growth.
- If your program grows you must submit a budget revision.
- For overtime you may estimate ahead what you may need.
- Per diem and mileage rates may be set by the sponsor but they must be reasonable.
- Be sure to include copies of personal services contracts.
- Attach copies of any leases.
- Cell phones must be in the name of the organization not the individual.
- An APB from USDA is coming out on insurance.

- Be sure to include your written compensation plan.

Block Claiming: Finally, in this month's expanded NSD report Janice reviewed a recent USDA APB (#03-05) on Block Claiming and there was general discussion of its meaning and impact on sponsors (*find a copy eventually at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Care/Regs-Policy/PolicyMemos/2005-07-01.pdf>*).

In the interim rule a block claim is defined as, one in which the same number of meals is claimed for one meal type (*i.e.*, breakfast, lunch, snack, or supper) by a facility for 15 consecutive days within the claiming period (generally, one month). If a facility is providing care on weekdays only, that means the block claim trigger would be reached with three weeks of identical claims. If the facility is open on weekends as well, this will mean that the block claim trigger will be reached after just over two weeks of identical claims.

This has not changed although Janet Allen suggested that as we have had some question about the definition of "consecutive days" that we comment on that fact and ask for further clarification. She further admonished that when we comment on the rule we offer alternative solutions if we think a particular regulation will not work.

The proposed rule goes on to require that sponsors, upon receiving a block claim from a provider, must conduct an unannounced visit within 60 days of its submission, and document that there is a valid reason for the block claim. Ed shared that there had been a great deal of discussion of the workload impact of this requirement at the FRAC/Forum conference in February. As a result USDA had agreed to look at ways to possibly relieve that burden by allowing so-called "pre-validation" reviews. This memorandum clarifies that new policy. It states that "**under certain circumstances,**" sponsors are permitted "**to evaluate and document the reason for a block**

claim prior to its submission." The block claiming rule goes into effect on October 1, 2005. This policy memo further clarifies,

Therefore, beginning with reviews on or after August 1, 2005:

- If a sponsor conducting an unannounced review of a facility observes a block claim in the facility's meal/menu records,
- and the sponsor is able to determine and document that a valid reason exists for the block claim,
- then the sponsor will be exempt from conducting the follow up review, normally required to be conducted within 60 days of detecting the block claim, for the remainder of the current review year (emphasis added).

This rule only applies if the sponsor "determines the cause of the block claim during an unannounced review conducted **prior** to the facility's first submission of a block claim during the current review year."

Janice then led a discussion on "valid" reasons for a block claim. USDA will not publish a definitive list she said; it is up to the sponsor to determine if the reason is legitimate and document it. Carolyn Brown offered that at recent USDA training she attended some of the reasons cited as possible examples included, providers that accept drop-in care, take care of very few children or the children from only one family, or children from low-income parents without sick leave. Sponsors will need to determine each case on its individual merits and approve or disapprove it based on a judgment call. The determination must then be documented.

Q & A:

1. **Q.** Status of the Management Manual Rewrite?
A. A draft revision is being reviewed but must

be updated to reflect changes in the Second Interim Rule.

2. **Q.** If an agency is new and cannot get an organization cell phone, what are the options?
A. Janet Allen suggested that now days you can simply buy a phone and add minutes to it without a contract. Otherwise on a case-by-case basis individual calls may be charged.
3. **Q.** Can older children opt out of the program?
A. Yes, same as infants but it must be by parental choice and documented.
4. **Q.** If the annual school list is missing data for a particular school or the data is incorrect what option(s) does a sponsor have? **Discussion:** CA sponsors have been working with NSD on this important issue. A Southern CA school district's data was incorrect. The district went through official procedures to update the data with CDE but the error was not corrected because the agency within CDE that releases the data advised that it is done only once a year. We had asked USDA at the last meeting what can be done. **A.** Janet Allen clarified that CAC-97-18 states that sponsors may not use data obtained directly from the school/district. She further clarified that state agencies must insure that sponsors have the current timeliest data. They can give permission to use locally obtained data.

USDA

Janet Allen, Director of Special Nutrition Programs for USDA, WRO, gave the following report.

Child Care Assessment Project (CCAP): Janet reported that where those assessments completed in the Western Region were fine, some in other regions showed significant problems similar to those observed by the Office of Inspector General (OIG). The findings are disconcerting she admitted. With all the training and new regulations they still found providers with no children and addresses without a provider! She asked rhetorically how do we as a community root out these people. If we do not protect the program from abuse we could lose it

she warned. If it does not work how do we write effective regulations?

Janet then spelled out the remaining CCAP schedule. This year there were 3 in CA and 1 in WA. In 2006 she expects 6-7 in CA. Western Regional Office (WRO) staff will lead 2; the remainder will be led by other regional offices but with at least 1 WRO staff on the team. The state agency may also have a member on the team. Sponsors selected will receive a letter from the Regional Office leading the team.

Integrity Rules/Training Update: Janet reported that they have recently completed the second round of integrity training for state agencies. She reminded members that the comment period for the Second Interim Rule is still open (until September 1) and that providers can comment too. She admonished members to be sure to offer alternative solutions to problems if commenting that a particular rule does not work as intended. She advised that after the close of the comment period the Department will be taking comments from both the First and Second Interim rules and rolling them into one final rule in about a year and a half. The Management Improvement Guide will then be updated following the issuance of the final rule.

New USDA Pyramid: Janet reported that the new MyPyramid is out now and available at www.mypyramid.gov. Within the next month and a half she expects the Department to announce a new children's pyramid with interactive games on the web site. Included will be more materials to go along with the dietary guidelines.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ed briefed members on the salient policy issues from Wednesday's Advisory Committee meeting with NSD staff, not already touched upon in the NSD Report.

- o **Recordkeeping** – members were concerned about recordkeeping time limits. USDA confirmed that they will shortly be issuing a policy bulletin clarifying that state agencies and institutions must keep records of seriously deficient sponsors/providers for

7 years or until either is taken off the national disqualified list (NDQL). In cases not pertaining to individuals or institutions placed on the NDQL the standard three year requirement, or until an open audit is closed, still stands.

- **Standard Agreements** – members were reminded that they may modify the language of the standard sponsor-provider agreement with NSD approval.
- **Enrollment Forms for Provider's Own** – members were advised that a new enrollment form is required for provider's own children too.
- **Uncashed Provider Checks** – members were reminded to review page 103 paragraph IX E 2 j (1) of FNS Instruction 796-2 Revision 3 on this topic. They should review their bank's policy, write up a sponsor policy and procedure and return applicable funds to NSD along with adjusted claim(s). Outstanding provider checks cannot be retained forever. At some point the funds must be returned to USDA.
- **Serious Deficiency Task Force Status** – The subject task force is nearing completion of its assignment to draft guidance for sponsors on the process. When the project is completed members will then focus on updating NSD's household contact policy.
- **Regional Meetings' Recommendations & Questions** – Ed has consolidated and NSD has agreed to review and comment on the best practices and questions from the past two year's Roundtable regional meetings. The target date for the review is not later than the September 22 meeting in San Diego.
- **Sponsor Closures** – members expressed concern for the welfare of providers whose sponsors came off the program recently including the 4C's of San Mateo County

and Bridges in Southern California. The numbers picked up by other sponsors were small, perhaps because they had been inactive or Tier II or both. The situation in CA is becoming one of grave concern as more and more sponsors consider dropping the program. Who will cover the providers? What happens to the nutritional safety net?

- **Interagency Child Care Outcomes Group to Reconvene?** Members briefly discussed a situation where R & R agencies will not share what is considered protected information about providers with sponsors investigating suspicions/allegations of fraud. The Child Development Division needs to issue a Management Bulletin instructing R & R's to cooperate with ongoing investigations. The NSD agreed to contact CDD, as well as CCLD, and set up the meeting.
- **Complex Serious Deficiency Letters** - members expressed concern for the complexity of the model serious deficiency letters and whether providers could understand them. Most agreed that the letters, while complex, are understood by most providers. All agreed that it is a good idea to speak with the provider in person or by telephone during the process to make sure they understand what corrective action you want them to take and in what timeframe.
- **Notification Protocol** – one member was upset that CDE Fiscal Services apparently did not follow notification protocol when she submitted a claim with a math error which was not paid timely. NSD agreed to investigate.

ROUNDTABLE REPORT

Announcements:

- Dave Evans reported at the meeting that he and Minute Menu had merged recently.

- Members might find the article “Food and Nutrition Programs: Reducing Hunger, Bolstering Nutrition,” on the CBPP web site worth reading. Take a look at www.cbpp.org/7-19-05fa.htm.
- The Nebraska state agency has a serious deficiency and hearing training module available for sponsors and hearing officers online at www.nde.state.ne.us/NS/PPT/hearingofficer_training_files/frame.htm. Check it out.
- Congratulations to the following Victory Against Hunger Award recipients here in California:
 - Love Little Children, Inc in Sacramento
 - Contra Costa Child Care Council in Concord
 - Del Norte Child Care Council in Crescent City
 - Sports for Kids in Oakland

CONFERENCE REPORT

The Roundtable’s 14th Annual Conference, “CACFP: Healthy Kids Start Here” is preparing to kick off October 17-19, 2005, in Anaheim, California. Sponsors are reminded to not miss any registration deadlines:

- Scholarship requests are due not later than *August 13*.
- Exhibitor/Sponsor deadline is *August 31*.
- Early Bird reduced registration rates end ***September 5***
- Sign-ups for the optional Medieval Times Dinner & Show are due *September 23*.
- The hotel’s blocked room guaranteed rate of \$99 ends *September 23*.

It is time to sign up!

Find out more about our conference, the keynote speakers and **43** workshops online at www.ccfproundtable.org under the Conference tab.

This year’s workshops are some of the best we have ever offered. For instance, center and Head Start

sponsors, in addition to all the other workshops on program management, professional growth and development and foods & menu planning have an array of interesting workshops just for them, including:

- “Get Moving! Simple Ideas for Physical Activities for Young Children” – with Diana Dixon from CDA Nutrition Program in Chula Vista, CA.
- “Nutrition Can Be Fun! And Good For You Too!” – with Nicole Spain et al from La Petite Academy in Chicago, IL.
- “The Nuts and Bolts of Menu Production Records” – with Kelley Knapp from CDE, NSD in Sacramento, CA.
- “Health Issues and Children’s Learning” – with Bonnie Burt from Orange County Head Start in Santa Ana, CA.
- “Nutrition Policies in Centers” – with Mary Ann Ferrera and Shirley Zuorski from Contra Costa Child Care Council in Concord, CA.
- “Meeting Multicultural Needs: Hands on Food Experiences and Parent Volunteer Programs” – with Valerie Wallace and Yvonne Ormond from Orange County Head Start in Santa Ana, CA.
- “Best Practices in Monitoring and Training” – with Genevieve Pyeatt, Nancy Osborne and Alita Taylor from three different sponsorships in CA.

Home sponsors have workshops geared for them too, including:

- “Best Practices for Unannounced Visits” – an updated panel presentation lead by Pat Gattke from Rainbow Valley in Bellevue, WA.
- “Helpful Materials and Tips for Working with Kids in the Kitchen” – with Melissa Owens from Association for Child Development in Westchester, IL.
- “Provider Training Best Practices” – a panel presentation lead by Debbie Zaragoza from CDA in Chula Vista, CA.
- “How Monitors Can Approach Cultural Diversity” – with Tom Browning from

Association for Child Development in Westchester, IL.

- “Best Practices for Handling Serious Deficiencies” with a panel lead by Rod Hofsted with Adults & Children’s Alliance in St Paul, MN.

Everyone will benefit from the following great workshops:

- “I’m Not a Food Cop” – with Suey Linzmeier from AEYC in Juneau, AK.
- “The Importance of Internal Controls in Your Business Activities” – with Bob Gray, former USDA Inspector General now retired in Port Townsend, WA.
- “Tips on Reducing Stress” – with Carol Ledesma and Carol Whittington from CDI/Choices for Children in CA.
- “Legislative Advocacy Made Easy” – with a panel of experts including Matt Sharp from CFPA in San Francisco, CA, and Cindy Pierce and Donna Gower from Mid-Michigan Child Care Centers in Freeland, MI.
- The ever popular “USDA Integrity Update” – with Ed Morawetz and Keith Churchill from Alexandria, VA.

These are just a taste of the many workshops including an entire track on nutrition & health, professional growth & development, program management, and general CACFP. This is an opportunity not to be missed! Support the Roundtable; learn how to improve your program; spend the weekend at Disneyland! Sign up today.

CALIFORNIA FOOD POLICY ADVOCATES

Ken Hecht was unable to attend but sent the following report on California legislative issues in:

California State Budget: Governor Schwarzenegger signed the state budget on Monday, July 11 and the news is gradually emerging about what’s in and what’s out. Here’s a brief summary of nutrition-related items:

There is a stunning obesity-prevention item to report. The final budget includes the Governor’s

May Revise proposal for \$18.2 million to add fruit and vegetables to the School Breakfast Program. This is great news for all of us who care about improving kids’ access to nutritious and affordable food! Action Alert readers will remember CFPA’s “HealthierCalifornia” proposal from the start of this legislative session, which included the call to add a piece of fruit to the School Breakfast Program. Recognizing the importance of getting healthy food into schools (as well as junk food out), the Administration showed strong interest in adding this idea to its package of obesity prevention policies right from the start. The plan is to implement this initiative through SB 281 (Maldonado).

The other exciting piece of nutrition news is that the ABAWD (Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents) waiver issue has finally been resolved. After welfare reform, states had the option to apply for waivers to the federal requirement that single, able-bodied adults only receive food stamps for three out of any 12 months if their unemployment rate crossed a certain threshold. However, California didn’t take advantage of the waiver, losing millions of federal food stamp dollars. Now, DSS must apply on behalf of any eligible area (individual counties or the whole state), although counties can opt out if they notify DSS.

However, the budget includes disappointing news as well:

- Finger-imaging is still funded. As reported earlier, some Republican legislators had balked at the Budget Trailer Bill language that would have eliminated finger-imaging and, since a two thirds vote was needed, the proposal died. The Democrats had no leverage to bring it back, so we’ll need to make this happen through AB 696!
- The Governor vetoed funding for counties to help them transition from monthly to quarterly reporting. As reported by the San Francisco Chronicle, he vetoed \$23.7 million, including \$13.7 million in federal funds that would have paid for county-level food stamp administration. Counties are still required to complete the transition—but

they no longer have these resources to support the switch. In his veto message, the Governor called upon the Department of Social Services to “work with counties to determine the true impact of quarterly reporting,” so that his January budget can reflect a consensus on how much this new system will cost.

- As reported in a recent Action Alert, California will not provide a COLA for either CalWORKS or SSI/SSP recipients. In the “Big Five” agreement, the state also opted to withhold one quarter of the federal COLA that is supposed to pass through to SSI/SSP recipients. According to the Western Center for Law and Poverty, the cuts equal about \$650 million over two years. The typical SSI recipient will lose \$751 over two years and a CalWORKS family of three will lose \$1,074 over two years. With less money on hand, these families risk having to skip food to meet other basic necessities.

Bills:

- CFPA-sponsored AB 1385 (Laird) has passed out of the Senate Health Committee on consent! It will be heard in the Appropriations Committee on August 15. AB 1385 directs the California Department of Education to implement statewide “direct certification,” using a computer matching system so that every child enrolled in the Food Stamp Program will be automatically certified for free school meals.
- AB 696 (Chu), the second CFPA-sponsored bill, reforms the Food Stamp Program in a number of important ways. It eliminates finger imaging, adapts six-month reporting, calls for a mail-in application process and makes other customer service improvements – all to make the program easier to apply for and to stay in. AB 696 has cleared the Assembly and is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 15.

- SB 12 (Escutia) implements SB 19 nutrition standards throughout the K-12 grades. It has cleared the Senate.
- AB 443 (Yee) gives school districts the ability to restrict the frequency of non-food service sales and sets parameters for non-food service sales. It has cleared the Assembly and will be heard in Senate Appropriations August 15.
- AB 444 (Yee) charges CDE with developing standards for foods sold and served on campuses. It has cleared the Assembly and will be heard in Senate Appropriations August 15.
- AB 569 (Garcia) prohibits the sale of competitive foods at schools during the time when reimbursable meals are being served. It has cleared the Assembly and will be heard in Senate Appropriations August 15.
- SB 965 (Escutia) is co-sponsored by the Governor and eliminates sodas from the high schools. It has cleared the Senate.
- AB 1392 (Umberg) is CDE’s bill to substantially tighten up the criteria for waivers allowing summer schools to avoid serving a meal to their students. It has cleared the Assembly.

WEB SITES FOR JULY 2005:

- www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/CHILDCARE - book your hotel room at the conference on-line here.
- www.supershuttle.com/Coupons/LAX/CCFPROUND.pdf - print your discount airport shuttle coupons for the conference here.
- www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/sn/gis05att.asp - find the Q & A for the Second Interim Rule here.
- <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-14029.pdf> - find the new reimbursement rates here.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR
THE NEXT ROUNDTABLE MEETING**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2005, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Child Development Associates, Inc.

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LODGING INFORMATION:

These three places are in the South Bay closer to CDA. The ones in Chula Vista have a Denny's close by for breakfast or Love's for dinner. The Holiday Inn should have its own restaurant.

Chula Vista

La Quinta
150 Bonita Blvd
Chula Vista, CA
619-691-1211

Ramada Inn
91 Bonita Road
Chula Vista, CA
619-425-9999

National City

Holiday Inn
700 National City Blvd.
National City, CA
619-474-2800

These places are closer to the airport/downtown San Diego. They are located in Old Town so there are plenty of restaurants either there or in the Gas Lamp district by PetCo Park.

San Diego

Comfort Inn - Airport at Old Town
1955 San Diego Avenue
San Diego, CA
619-543-1130

Holiday Inn Express
3900 Old Town Avenue
San Diego, CA
619-299-7400

San Diego Old Town
Courtyard by Marriott
2435 Jefferson St.
San Diego, CA
619-260-8500

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If traveling from Chula Vista hotels – take E Street West to 3rd Avenue. Turn left on 3rd Avenue and proceed to 678. Turn right into parking lot and park in any of the unmarked spaces

If traveling from the airport proceed out of the terminal onto N. Harbor Drive. Follow Harbor Drive to West Grape Street, turn left. Continue on Grape to I-5 South, merge into I-5. Approximately 8 miles to the south take H Street exit. Turn left onto H Street and continue to 3rd Avenue. Turn right on 3rd Avenue and end at 678.

From Holiday Inn in National City take 5 South to H Street and proceed with above directions.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:

Car Rental reservations boards are located near the baggage claim areas of both terminals.

Some Shuttle Companies are:

Airport Shuttle	619-234-4403
Could 9 Shuttle	800-9-SHUTTLE
Express Shuttle	800-900-RIDE

Taxi-Cab service is also available; CDA is about 15 miles from San Diego Airport

The **Advisory Committee Meeting** is at the same location, Wednesday, September 21, 2005, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.