



Roundtable news

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

SEASON'S GREETINGS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

DECEMBER 2005

ROUNDTABLE SETS MEETINGS IN 2006

At a November 30 meeting the Roundtable Advisory Committee discussed the regular meeting schedule for 2006. Members agreed that with implementation of all of the integrity changes in 2006 we needed to maximize our meetings and locate them as near as possible to the greatest number of California members. Accordingly, the Lake Tahoe meeting, ordinarily scheduled in July, was cancelled and replaced with one in Santa Barbara nearer a group of central coast sponsors. Members further decided to try to have two meetings each year in the greater Los Angeles and Bay Areas. This change necessitated a November meeting, which had been cancelled a few years back due to lack of interest/close proximity to the Fall Conference. We will have to see how it goes this year. Members agreed to continue the Thursday meetings to avoid Friday afternoon traffic. Finally, working with NSD staff, we agreed to try to have a training opportunity on the regulations at every meeting. The tentative schedule is as follows:

JAN 19 – Sacramento at EDD Auditorium, 722 Capitol Mall. Training will be provided on block claiming and five-day reconciliation process.

MAR 16 – Monterey Park at East Los Angeles College, 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

MAY 18 – San Francisco at the offices of USDA at 550 Kearny Street, Room 400, San Francisco, CA 94108.

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CFPA REPORT

California Legislative Picture: Ken Hecht, CFPA's Executive Director, recently gave the following brief overview of the past legislative year. He reported that nutrition related legislation had an unprecedented year because of the Governor's obesity summit. The effort has not been duplicated anywhere in the country. He went on to report that as the Governor may be interested in a second such year, CFPA has proposed a long agenda to his staff from which they have not yet heard back. This past year saw the complete ban on sodas in K-12 schools, establishment of minimum nutrition standards for "competitive foods" in schools, passage of SB 281 which will put whole fruits and veggies in the

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JUL 20 – Santa Barbara at the offices of the County Office of Education at 4400 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

SEP (date to be determined) – San Jose, exact location to be determined

NOV 16 – Los Angeles tentatively at the offices of the International Institute, 3845 Selig Place, Los Angeles, CA 90031.

Training topics for the remaining meetings will be set as we progress through the year implementing all of the changes, based on feedback from you and NSD Field Staff ■

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School Breakfast Program and AB 1385 which will phase in over a few years automatic enrollment of all kids on Food Stamps/ CalWORKs for school lunches (referred to as “direct certification”). He said we also got AB 1392 from the Department of Education (sponsored by Superintendent Jack O’Connell) which tightened loopholes schools had used in the past to get out of serving summer lunches. This latest legislation will be a challenge for small schools but CFPA is prepared to help them out. Mr. O’Connell has also convened an advisory committee to discuss ways to implement the points in his recent position paper. Phyllis Bramson-Paul has convened a work group to

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.

design a model wellness policy helping schools meet the September 2006 deadline.

Ken reviewed for members the provisions of SB 281 which would give \$18.2 million to schools for substituting a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables for the usual juice in the breakfast meal pattern. The fresh issue is changing to include canned, frozen or dried fruits Ken reported. There are some that want to substitute “nutritious” for “fresh,” but CFPA prefers fresh. None of the money will be going to the Department of Education; it is all for the districts. The legislation would give the schools ten cents per child per breakfast, one cent of which could be used by the school to administer the program. It is a pilot program for this year but he reported that the Governor’s Office sees this as a permanent program. Debbie Meeker reported that she has been working on the emergency regulations and that they went to the board already. A final version is due by December 8 and will be posted on their web site. The regulations must be drafted, she reported, in collaboration with the Departments of Health Services and Food & Agriculture. Their goal is to get the regulation approved by the board in January.

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Federal Picture: On the federal level budget reconciliation and tax cuts have been in the news for the past few weeks. Members have received several action alerts asking them to contact their Congresspersons. On November 18 the House passed its version which contained \$50 billion in spending cuts to programs such as Medicaid, Food Stamps, student loans, child support enforcement, child care, foster care, SSI and other critical support programs. Earlier the Senate had passed its version with \$35 billion in cuts but saving many of the programs for the poor skewered by the

House. The differences will have to be worked out in Conference after the recess. The House version, even after last minute changes, still cuts Food Stamps by \$700 million! FRAC urges everyone to contact their members of Congress (House and Senate) and tell them you oppose any Food Stamp cuts in the budget reconciliation conference report. Before members return to Washington contact their district offices and urge some sanity. Hanging like a dagger over the proceedings and casting a very dark pall indeed is the fact that Congress will be finalizing massive tax cuts for the wealthy shortly after returning to DC and paid for with these same program cuts. The Senate has already passed its \$60 billion version. Find out more at:

- FRAC – www.frac.org
- Fair Taxes for All – www.fairtaxes4all.org
- Coalition on Human Needs – www.chn.org
- Center for Budget & Policy Priorities – www.cbpp.org

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Time to Renew Membership: Ed reminded members that it is NOW time to renew your membership (if you have not already done so). The membership year is January 1 to December 31. All membership renewals **MUST** be accompanied by a completed membership form so that we may update our membership database with your latest contact information. Be sure to include your clearly printed Email address! If your fiscal office is sending the check, please be sure they include the renewal form with the check. A membership/renewal form is available on our web site at www.ccfproundtable.org under the Membership tab.

Advisory Committee Election: It is time to elect/approve your Advisory Board for 2006. A typical board is made up of 15 members elected from the general membership in California and serving a three-year term. There are no term limits and generally board members seek reelection every three years but vacancies do happen. To insure consistency the board is divided into thirds with 5 (unless there are vacancies) coming up for re/election each year.

This year's members up for re/election include: Cary Steen, incumbent, Terry Talavera, incumbent, Joan LaRocque (appointed by the board to complete Diane Butler-Joyner's term), Noemi Torres a new candidate from Options Child Care Food Program in Baldwin Park and Debbie Zaragoza a new candidate from Child Development Associates in Chula Vista.

To vote, please send an email to Ed at mred94523@earthlink.net not later than December 30 and indicate your concurrence or non-concurrence with each of the candidates or the entire slate of candidates.

GET INVOLVED

As we move into the new year we face real challenges implementing all of the program changes from the recent regulatory changes. In addition sponsors are increasingly challenged to make ends meet as reimbursement has not kept even with costs. One way to deal with this phenomenon is to get more involved with the Roundtable. We are here to serve your needs. We try to offer not only networking opportunities at our meetings and annual conference but also training and a chance to dialogue with staff from USDA and CDE's Nutrition Services Division. Our Advisory Committee, made up of members just like you, do provide us with valuable feedback but we can also benefit by hearing from you. Although family child care business seems to take a lot of our attention at meetings we also wish to serve the needs of the child care center and Head Start communities. We have recently recruited two new center members to our Advisory Committee but also want to hear from you.

Consider this an invitation to get involved. Tell us what your training needs are; give us feedback on Roundtable meeting agendas; help us plan a workshop at the annual conference that you would like to send your staff to. Tell us if you or a staff member is qualified and interested in conducting a workshop at the conference or bi-monthly meeting. What are your issues with NSD? We cannot advocate on your behalf without hearing from you. Help us help you in 2006!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR
THE NEXT TWO ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
EDD Auditorium
722 Capitol Mall, Sacramento

TRAINING TOPIC:

We will be discussing block claims and five-day reconciliation during site visits.

LODGING INFORMATION:

Hotel	Address	Phone	Air Shuttle
Crossroads Inn	221 Jibboom St.	916-442-7777	No
Discovery Inn	350 Bercut Dr.	916-442-6971	No
Fountain Suites	321 Bercut Dr.	916-441-1444	Yes
Governor's inn	210 Richards Blvd.	916-448-7224	Yes
Holiday Inn	300 J Street	916-446-0100	Yes
La Quinta Inn	200 Jibboom St.	916-448-8100	Yes
Motel 6	227 Jibboom St.	916-441-0733	No
Vagabond	909 3 rd St.	916-446-1481	Yes
Sandman Motel	236 Jibboom St.	916-443-6515	Yes

PARKING & DIRECTIONS: From the Bay Area take 80 east; just before the river exit on Jefferson/State Capitol. Proceed up over the freeway and the river bridge to Capitol Mall. The EDD Building is down the Mall on the right between 7th and 8th Streets. Parking is available in several locations nearby including under the mall on K Street (left at 2nd signal, through one signal then down under mall and right at signal into parking lot).

The **Advisory Committee Meeting** is on Wednesday, January 18, 2006, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Room 1122-B in the Westfield (K Street) Mall behind the General Store (on the south side of the mall across from where we go up to NSD's offices).

For more information contact Ed at 530-677-9410.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
East Los Angeles College (exact room to be determined)
1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park

TRAINING TOPIC: To be determined

LODGING INFORMATION, PARKING & DIRECTIONS: will be in the next newsletter in January.

The **Advisory Committee Meeting** is on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Child Development Center on the campus.

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