



Roundtable news

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



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ADVOCACY ACTION PLANNED FOR AUGUST RECESS

The time has come for all members to step up to the plate and make change happen for the CACFP! No one else is going to do it for us! As we explained in the last newsletter, all members should plan to visit their Congressperson this year or hold an event and invite them to it. At the last Advisory Committee meeting we decided to try to concentrate all of our efforts during the August recess when members are back in their districts.

Roundtable members serving clients in the districts of House Education & Labor Committee members are strongly encouraged to plan an event and invite them. Committee members in CA include:

- George Miller – D 7th (Contra Costa Co.)
- Lynn Woolsey – D 6th (Marin & Sonoma Co.)
- Susan Davis – D 53rd (San Diego Co.)
- Linda Sanchez – D 39th (Whittier, Lakewood, Lynwood, South Gate)
- Howard “Buck” McKeon – R 25th (Santa Clarita; San Bernardino, Inyo & Mono Co.)

If you simply cannot plan an event it is quite okay to make an appointment to visit with them or their staff in their district office instead.

Find information on how to contact your Congressperson, plan your visit, as well as talking points and a sample packet for your visit on our web site under the Legislation & Advocacy tab. Start with the “Leg Kit” on our web site, remove the 2 pages referring to the Roundtable if you wish, add some personal information and pictures about your program, and help “put a face on the CACFP” See **Advocacy Plan**, page 2, column 1

Hayward, May 17, 2007

CHAIR REPORT

Paula James welcomed the Roundtable and gave the following brief introductory remarks and announcements. She thanked Stephanie Clarke, from 4C’s of Alameda County for providing the refreshments and the nice meeting room.

What’s Happening Around California in CACFP:

During the introductions Paula had members give their usual identifying information but then asked folks to share, if they wished, an item of interest from their programs. Here are a few examples:

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for your Congressperson. If you are uncertain who your Congressperson is, you can find out by going to www.house.gov and typing in your zip code. If you are from a state other than CA, you can see if your member is on the House Ed & Labor Committee by going to <http://edworkforce.house.gov/about/members/shtml>

It is very important that everyone try to do this in August to have sufficient impact! If you would like guidance on setting up your appointment, planning your event or preparing your presentation package, please contact Ed Mattson at mred94523@earthlink.net or 925-677-9410. August is not that far away so start your plans now! Take a look at the “Leg Kit” and begin work on your own picture story today■

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- Rosa Ortiz, from the Chicano Federation, shared that they will have an intern during the summer from Brown University that will do activities with the children at the provider's home. The activities will be done in groups such as “circle time” where the children will learn and practice the alphabet. For each letter of the alphabet she will assign a vegetable, fruit, a type of meal or other kinds of healthy items (for example, “A is for Apple” and “L is for Lettuce.”) As a way to command their attention and encourage them to learn, she will incorporate games with colorful toys, illustrated books and bright drawings where they will have to differentiate between healthy foods/habits

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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.

and unhealthy eating practices. She will also have story time with animated books with themes that promote healthy living and eating.

- Debbie Zaragoza, from Child Development Associates, shared that in addition to the regulations this year, they will have the field reps talk about dental health with the providers/children and discuss what foods are good for their teeth. They have a children's storybook entitled "Food for Healthy Teeth" to read and handouts "Keeping Your Child's Healthy Smile" & "Baby Bottle Tooth Decay". They have networked with County Health for years now and are able to get some tooth brushes, magnets, notepads, etc. for free from their Dental Department.
- Stephanie Clarke, from 4C's of Alameda County, shared that during the month of March for National Nutrition Month, they held their annual contest. Providers enjoy a craft/nutrition project with the kids and then submit them for consideration. Some providers did stamping with fruits and vegetables. Others created a chef's hat and on the hat were healthy foods. All submissions receive a little gift. Stephanie went on to share that for their next quarterly training they will be focusing on reducing the amount of sugar and educating providers about trans-fats. To help kids appreciate that there is something better than soda, they allow kids to make their own. The kids then make up a name for their “soda,” create a label (and a jingle for the older kids). All creations shared with the sponsor will receive a free gift for their child care.

- Bergen Watterson, from Children’s Council of San Francisco, reported that they have set a goal to get a mini-farmers market at their agency, so providers and parents can have increased access to healthy, affordable, fresh foods. Bergen has spoken to farmers at many of the markets around the city, and communicated with agencies like Community Alliance with Family Farmers and Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association. She reports having mixed responses, but has started to forge a relationship with two farms: Pie Ranch and Bluehouse Farms. They have been discussing the possibilities of both a farm stand/market and a CSA program for the providers. They also do farmers market tours for the providers on weekdays and weekends at various sites around the city.

(Editor’s note: as I reread these I realized what great things to share with our legislators on our visits this August. When we have talked about “take a picture, tell a story” in the past, this is what we have had in mind. Look at all the wonderful things CACFP sponsors do. Congress needs to know this!)

Roundtable & CFPA Grant Overview: Paula briefly reviewed for members four overlapping grant proposals that will help CFPA and the Roundtable take a good look at the nutritional quality in California’s child care settings. She said that the purpose is to help CFPA craft legislation to make needed improvements.

- In the first, a grant from the Gilbert Foundation in Los Angeles, the Roundtable, CFPA and Public Health Foundation Enterprises (PHFE Angels) will assess the nutritional level of foods and beverages served in LA County child care facilities. They propose to do this with a combination of site visits and focus groups.
- In the second, a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, they intend to look at nutrition in child care on a statewide basis through the use of a mail survey. The hope is to put these first two pieces together, using the money to compliment each other.

- In the third, a grant from the California Endowment, they hope to partner with the R & R Network and look at participating and non-participating licensed facilities and do some planning on what will improve nutrition in CACFP.

- And finally, the Roundtable’s proposed Vitamin Settlement Grant will develop and implement enhanced nutrition standards and provide funding for legislative advocacy and outreach.

Paula reported that Ken Hecht had said he is optimistic that we will receive funding for all four grants. He wants to use the results to make better legislation that AB 1503 and SB 20. He said he had hoped that the legislature and the Governor would have held off on their proposals until after the research in the above grants was completed.

New Provider Survey: As part of the above effort Paula suggested that maybe Roundtable members (in CA) would be willing to do a quick pre and post survey of new family child care providers over the June-August period. New providers added in the 3 month period would be asked about the lunches (and possibly breakfasts) they serve now or plan to serve. Sponsors would then follow up after they have been trained and participating on the CACFP, to see if there had been any improvements in the nutritional quality of their meals. Paula said that she hopes to get out an email to members on the survey as soon as possible. Please stay tuned!

California Nutrition Network Reinvented: Paula reported that the California Nutrition Network has become the new “Network for a Healthy California” that focuses on “Champions for Change.” The changes reflect changes made in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the change from “Five-A-Day” to “Fruits & Veggies: More Matters.” She pointed out to members that most of their counties receive some of this new funding and it is a perfect opportunity for sponsors to partner with other stakeholders to get some of it. She said there will also be a push to increase participation in the program through these funds and that provides even more opportunity.

CFPA REPORT

AB 1503/SB 20 Update: Ken Hecht reported briefly Wednesday on two bills that contain provisions affecting child care nutrition. AB 1503 carries the Governor's provisions; it would be easier to implement because it has fewer nutrition standards including the elimination of trans fats and fried foods. CFPA would like to substitute in place of the fried-foods provision a requirement that child care agencies serve fresh fruit three times a week at breakfast and juice not more than 2 times. CFPA also supports SB 20, which contains more comprehensive nutrition standards. Ken had reported that he will be trying to make sure that child care is included in any such legislation moving forward in the legislative process, but if it is not then he may be asking us to do some advocacy work – sending letters and/or making phone calls. *(Update: On May 23 Ken confirmed that funding for increased reimbursement for child care was included only for Prop. 98 facilities and not for non-Prop.98 facilities, and CFPA and the Roundtable worked on an email alert that went out to the members, as well as all participating centers, late in the day on the 23rd and early the 24th).*

Child Nutrition Highlights from Governor's May Revise: Ken also reported Wednesday that the Governor's May Revise came out on Monday May 14. It contained devastating cuts to human services programs, as well as just 4.7 cents for state meal increases mentioned above. On a positive note, Ken reported that the May Revise added \$11.1 million from Prop 98 to permanently establish the California Fresh Start Program. In addition it contained \$5.4 million for School Breakfast and Summer Food Service Program start-up grants. The funding for 2007-08 would fund an estimated 501 grants. Ken then concluded by reporting that on Tuesday the 15th they learned from the Legislative Analyst's Office that there might be a problem with Prop 98 funds that would result in a \$300 million deficit. This is very likely to impact the California Fresh Start Program and the state meal increase. He said he thought it might take a lot of pushing and shoving to get AB 1503, with the child care funding, through.

BREAKOUT SESSION

Today's breakout session addressed three critical issues on the family child care side of the program: 1) what motivates providers to keep their paperwork up-to-date, 2) what gets results when doing parent contacts, and 3) how do monitors approach block claiming with providers. We broke into three groups and members discussed best practices in all three areas. The groups then reported back to the body what they had discussed. Following are the highlights:

Provider Paperwork: This was an extremely difficult topic to find best practices in. However commenters pretty much covered the entire spectrum of ideas.

- Newer providers seem to have fewer problems completing their paperwork timely.
- Paperwork is easier when providers use a master menu.
- Providers respond to increased contact and tips for keeping up their paperwork.
- Suggest that providers do their paperwork at the end of every day when it only takes 5 minutes *(and follow Tom Copeland's example of the estimated hourly rate for doing so - \$12-24 per hour)*.
- Some providers prefer online systems (such as WebHX) that require daily entry.
- Keep meal count and menu records close at hand and complete while children are eating.
- Use preplanned menus as a shopping list.
- Recognize a provider of the month for each monitor.
- Simplify forms and/or use bubble/scanable menus.
- Remind providers that they are receiving reimbursement in return for their completion of the paperwork. Reimbursement is their tax dollars too.
- Remind providers that good documentation of meals is required for tax purposes.
- Remind providers that this is a small business and proper documentation is required.

Parent Contacts:

- Calling the parent is usually more effective than sending a letter.
- When calling don't leave a message; hang up if you cannot speak directly with the parent.
- Calls to work or cell phones are frequently the best.
- Be sure to include a statement about the possibility of being called in information sent home to parents including enrollment documents, notifications of CACFP participation, menus, etc.
- Warn providers that parent surveys might be conducted; be honest.

Block Claiming: One of our members had asked that we discuss in breakout, how others are approaching providers that are block claiming, what wording they use, and how many have been declared seriously deficient as a result. Here is what others had to say.

- Be sure to explain what a block claim is and use a positive rather than an accusatory tone. Compliment the provider where possible for positive aspects of her program.
- Consider using the phrase, "I'm glad you have consistent attendance; how are you able to do this?" Then let them speak; don't feed them possible answers.
- On your first meeting be sure to explain block claiming and how you will be monitoring for it in the future. Explain how the state will be reviewing sponsors for how well they train and monitor providers on this issue.
- When approaching a provider, don't express a personal opinion. If not sure their reason is good enough suggest, "Let's change places, how can you validate this?"
- Most participants in the breakouts have yet to declare a provider seriously deficient for block claiming.
- Add questions on the monitor review form about who already ate the meal before your arrival and who might still eat after your departure and why.

Editor's note: It would probably be a good idea, if you have not already done so, to sit down with your monitoring staffs and go through some of these

block claiming scenarios, role play and work on some consistent approaches.

NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION

Ronna Jakobitz welcomed the participants and along with Ruth Cardiel gave the following state report.

Centers: Ronna advised that the Child Care Center Team has developed a new eligibility form based on a model from USDA. Find it at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/cc/celigmaterials.asp>. Their intention was to make as few modifications as possible to facilitate use of USDA's foreign language versions at http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/care/Translations/Meal_Benefit_Form_Translations.htm (also linked from the NSD site). Ronna went on to point out that center online training this year is on eligibility issues and that the renewals for center sponsors will be out by the end of May. She pointed out that this is the base year, so sponsors should expect a lengthier document. Independent center renewals were mailed May 15 and are due back to NSD by June 15.

Family Child Care: For family child care Ronna expects the year II renewal documents to be completed by early to mid-June. These will be sent to the sponsors pre-printed just like last year and are to be returned within a two week period. The budgets are separate and will be out after the new reimbursement rates are announced. The formulas have been removed from the spreadsheets this year, she advised; so you will have to do the computations yourself. They are due back by mid-August. Family child care online training this year is on monitoring and training and will be out in July. Family Child Care Eligibility Documents are in the revision process and hopefully the package will be finalized by the middle of June. When completed she will post them to the web and send out an email notice.

Minute Menu/WebHX Documentation Issue: Ronna advised that NSD has decided that family child care providers using either scanable reporting forms (menus and attendance sheets) or online

claiming (such as WebHX) must maintain their source documents for audit or review. She stated that their recommendation is that the forms be maintained for the entire fiscal year. This caused a great deal of concern and discussion with members pointing out that providers doing traditional forms are not required to maintain a separate copy for a year. Ronna explained that the federal regulations require daily record keeping so if the providers are not posting the information daily, they must maintain their source document. NSD maintains that this is not a change in policy – sources documents have always been a requirement. NSD’s reviewers and CDE’s auditors will disallow meals when there is no source document available because without the source document unless the provider is posting daily there is no documentation of daily record keeping. And NSD’s is also concerned that OIG might be back out again looking at family child care in the near future. Member’s failed to see that as adequate justification and felt it would be enough to offset the benefits of conversion to scannable forms/online claiming and possibly even stop any further conversion by sponsors looking to reduce costs by automation. Further, sponsors may find this to be the tipping point and choose to drop the program all together. Members pointed out that the only way to prove that a provider is counting and documenting meals daily, under either a traditional or computerized system, is to verify it during an on-site visit. There should be no double standard for providers using scannable forms or online claiming. In order to move on with the agenda, we agreed to table the topic for further research and discussion later (*Editor’s note: this is really an issue that should be addressed nationally; the Forum plans to address with USDA National Office*).

Miscellaneous: Ronna and Ruth wound up their remarks by reminding members of the following:

- If sponsors have questions regarding the use of Dataquest – used to obtain school eligibility data this year – they should contact Ruth Cardiel at (916) 322-8319.
- Sponsors are reminded that they are required to send out their notice to parents annually.

- Sponsors are reminded that they need to send in their list of providers that are Tier I eligible by participation in the Food Stamp Program by April 15 each year.

Q & A:

The members submitted the following written questions during the meeting:

1. **Q.** Does Head Start need to collect CACFP eligibility applications for CalWORKs families that are over income according to Head Start income eligibility guidelines? **A.** Yes but if qualified for CalWORKs the family would also be categorically eligible and would complete the income eligibility application accordingly.
2. **Q.** Does a sponsor have a timeframe for implementing guidelines contained in Management Bulletins? **A.** Yes, immediately unless otherwise stated.
3. **Q.** Do providers who claim online have to retain their source documents, and if so, for how long? Do providers that use scannable forms have to maintain any kind of proof that they record their documents daily? **A.** NSD believes that source documents should be maintained for the entire fiscal year. Unless the provider is posting their information on-line or on the scannable form daily – if so then the on-line or scannable form is the source document/daily record.
4. **Q.** Do enrollment forms have to be printed and signed the day the child first begins or can they be enrolled before the end of the month and claimed as of the first day of attendance? **A.** Ronna stated that a child must be enrolled in child care before meals can be claimed. Licensing requires enrollment for care before the child can be left with the provider. Children are not “enrolled” in the food program. For the meals to be claimed, the child must be enrolled for care.
5. **Q.** Why is it that when a provider is absorbed by a new sponsor when their original sponsor is terminated/self-terminates that they need a visit

within the first 4 weeks? They should already be familiar with program requirements and their home has already been reviewed by the previous sponsor for program suitability. May a sponsor request a waiver? **A.** Ruth explained that this is federal requirement and that a provider moving to a new sponsor (for whatever reason) is considered to be a new provider for that sponsor. Tim Thole concurred with this statement.

6. **Q.** What is the ratio of day care home providers to staff needed for an agency of 300 providers? **A.** The sponsor needs to have 2 full-time monitors (346 staff hours per month) for 300 homes. NSD will look at the other staffing of agencies throughout the state and make a recommendation as to the type and number of administrative staff that an agency may need to fulfill all the requirements.

7. **Q.** Any suggestions for emergency food supplies at preschools, day care homes and infant toddler programs? Any online resources? **A.** Find information at www.72hour.org. (Editor's note: find additional information online at: www.nrc.uchsc.edu/SPINOFF/EMERGENCY/Emergency.pdf. See also www.cphd.ucla.edu/headstart.html, www.nccic.org/poptopics/disasterprep.html, www.bananasinc.org/uploads/1080333354.pdf and <http://www.childcareaware.org/en/tools/resources/disasters.html>).

8. **Q.** Are there any new guidelines for complaints? **A.** No. But Shirley Rhodes is the new coordinator at NSD. You may contact her at 1-800-952-5609. Someone also asked about new *And Justice for All Posters*. They are available until they run out by contacting Shirley Rhodes. Tim Thole stated that USDA is designing a new poster now.

USDA REPORT

Tim Thole, State Program Manager for USDA, WRO, addressed a number of issues briefly.

- He advised that the WRO Special Nutrition Programs staff have recently reorganized and now he leads the California Team. His team works across the board on all programs including School Lunch, Summer Food and CACFP. Team members include Jeanne Falla, Armando Rodriguez and Angie Fitzgerald. Their intent is to address issues in a more holistic way.
- The CACFP meal pattern is being revised internally at FNS to better reflect the changes in the new 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, Tim advised. The child care part is completed but the adult meal pattern is still in progress. He said they hope to have something out by the end of 2008. The reason for the delay is the lengthy clearance process.
- Tim reminded members that the USDA CCAP effort wraps up this year (*hooray*).
- He observed that while day care home participation has plummeted, child care centers have increased by 25% and At-Risk snack programs have increased by 60%.
- Concerning paperwork reduction efforts, Tim pointed out that he is a member of the task force. They meet again in early June and will be addressing the sharing of eligibility information, technology advancements and day care home meal pattern compliance among sponsors and state agencies. One of the recommendations they will consider is doing away with production records for child care centers. He said that by this fall we should start seeing memoranda from USDA implementing some of the recommendations.
- Regarding the findings from the recently completed tiering study he said they will be addressing the issue of profit and loss statements completed by providers who cannot for some reason use their IRS Form 1040 to document their income. The study had found that many sponsors have been accepting them in error. It might be he surmised that providers

will need to attach source documents to the profit and loss statements. Expect additional guidance on this policy later.

- Tim reported that the final rule will not be out any time soon. He said he expects it will be 2-3 years. There are just too many other regulations being written right now including, for instance, those for the new Farm Bill.
- Tim reported on a policy issue concerning children that have lunch at school and then again at child care or vice versa. He stated that USDA does not have a problem with any eligible child doing this not just certain kindergartners as had been the policy in the past. They of course must be enrolled for care and served at regular meal times with other children.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

IPIA Feasibility Study: On February 27 the USDA published in the Federal Register a request for proposals on a feasibility study for the CACFP. The study, part of the Department's continuing efforts under the Improper Payments Information Act (IPIA), would conduct a feasibility evaluation of four possible data collection methods for validating the number and type of meals claimed for reimbursement by family child care homes in the program. The four methods include: 1) recollections of parents, 2) parent sign-in and sign-out logs, 3) a combination of 1 & 2 above, and 4) observations made on-site. The notice asked for written comments by April 30. Ed reported that the National CACFP Forum board had sent in comments (a copy of which can be read online at www.cacfpforum.org). If USDA does determine that there is an acceptable methodology, then it will be implemented nationwide and could very well impact our already overburdened workload. It could also fall on state agencies to conduct such data collection. We will have to see how this develops.

School List Available on Dataquest This Year:

Ed reported that at Wednesday's meeting with NSD they had explained that the school list as we know it

is taken from Dataquest and reformatted into the form we have become familiar with. To speed up the process and save time NSD intends to start using Dataquest as is for the next two years until CNIPS is up. A draft Management Bulletin on the new procedure for obtaining the data was shared with the Roundtable for comments and testing before the meeting. As a result of our comments NSD made changes that clarified the new procedure for contacting school districts when necessary to get missing or questionable data. The Management Bulletin should be out shortly. Ruth Cardiel advised that she can help sponsors with Dataquest who need it. If you wish to get started go to <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>.

Center Outreach Brochure Update: The Advisory Committee decided on Wednesday to put completion of a center outreach brochure back on the Roundtable to-do list. It should be completed before the end of the summer.

Update on Policy Discussions with NSD:

- **Un-cashed Provider Checks** – The Advisory Committee had questioned NSD's decision in NSD-CACFP-05-2007 regarding the 9 month timeframe for returning funds to the state. It felt that more time would be necessary to insure that a sponsor not be stuck honoring a check without the funds. The NSD advised that USDA would not allow any further extension beyond 9 months (it had been originally 6) and clarified that if a sponsor does find itself in such a situation they will assist it in reclaiming funds from USDA.
- **Providers Reporting All Meals** – The Advisory Committee had submitted a Policy Consideration Request Form at the March meeting, following several months of discussion, about whether a provider might include in its meal claim all meals served to children. It had reasoned that sponsors, when processing the claims, sort out allowable meals and submit the correct number for each child to the state. In this way providers can maintain good documentation for tax records and NSD can be insured that claims are correct. The NSD

discussed this information with USDA and was told that the practice is okay. Accordingly, they advised that while they do not support it as a best practice, they have agreed to allow it.

ROUNDTABLE REPORT

Breakout Topics for July 20 Meeting: Ed reported that the breakout discussion topic for the July Roundtable meeting will be on definition of household, including a discussion of policies related to individuals living as “one economic unit,” and “provider’s own.” We will also talk more about making legislative visits and try to share related information contained on the Roundtable’s web site.

2007 Conference Report: The Roundtable’s 16th Annual Conference, “CACFP: A CAPITAL IDEA” will be October 15-17, 2007, in Sacramento, California. Speakers invited or under consideration include Governor Schwarzenegger, First Lady Maria Shriver, Senator



Tom Torlakson, Humorists Jim Pelley and Joel Weintraub, KCRA TV’s Dr. Tom Hawkins, the Prevention Institute’s Dr. Harold Goldstein, and Marion Standish from the California Endowment. Planning for the workshops is well underway with strong center and family child care tracks taking shape. Registration materials should be up on the web site towards the end of June.

2008 Conference Report: The Advisory Committee has directed Ed to start contacting hotel properties in Southern California for a 2008 conference. Possibilities include Long Beach, San Diego, Anaheim, Palm Springs, and maybe even Las Vegas.

WEB SITES FOR MAY 2007:

- www.ccfproundtable.org – The Roundtable’s very own web site! Yes. If you haven’t seen it for a while take a look. The new Spanish FCCH Outreach Brochure is now posted; many materials related to making legislative visits are now posted; some conference materials are posted already and the registration brochure will be up in June.
- www.72hour.org – find information on preparing for an emergency on this and the following web sites:
- www.nrc.uchsc.edu/SPINOFF/EMERGENCY/Emergency.pdf
- www.cphd.ucla.edu/headstart.html
- www.nccic.org/poptopics/disasterprep.html
- www.bananasinc.org/uploads/1080333354.pdf
- <http://www.childcareaware.org/en/tools/resources/disasters.html>

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

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2007, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Harrah's – 2nd Floor Conference Area
South Lake Tahoe, NV

TRAINING/BREAKOUT TOPIC: definition of household, including a discussion of policies related to individuals living as “one economic unit,” and “provider’s own.” We will also talk more about making legislative visits and try to share related information contained on the Roundtable’s web site.

LODGING INFORMATION: If you can try to stay at Harrah’s/Harvey’s or try these:

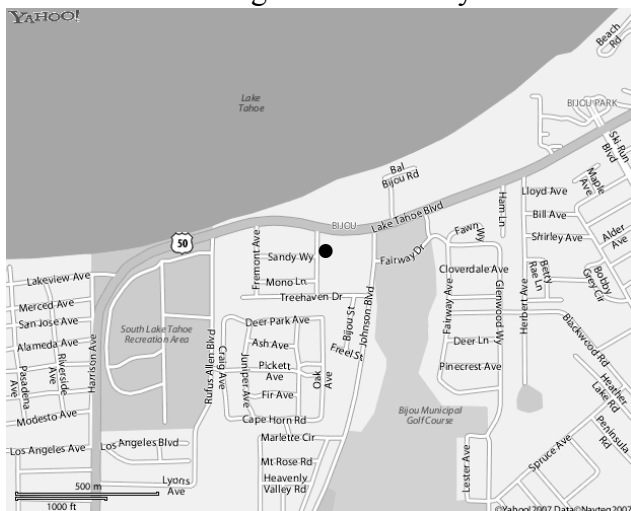
- Embassy Suites 1-800-362-2779
- Forest Inn Suites 1-800-822-5950
- Lakeland Village 1-800-822-5969
- Inn by the Lake 1-530-542-0330
- Best Western Timber Cove Lodge 1-530-541-6722
- Lake Tahoe Inn 1-800-972-8557
- Holiday Inn Express 1-800-544-5288
- Motel 6 1-530-542-1400

DIRECTIONS:

From Sacramento/Bay Area – take Hwy 80 to Hwy 50. Follow Hwy 50 into and through South Lake Tahoe and over the state line. Harrah’s Casino is the first casino on the right (just past Embassy Suites). There is free parking around the back; valet is basically the cost of a tip.

From Reno/Tahoe Airport – A shuttle service is available from the airport to all the casinos for a \$24 one-way/\$43 round-trip (South Tahoe Express www.southtahoexpress.com). If coming by rental car, take Hwy 395 to Carson City, then Hwy 50 up to South Lake Tahoe. Harrah’s is the last casino on your left before you cross over into California.

The **Advisory Committee Meeting** is at the CDI/Choices for Children office at 1029 Takela Drive, Suite 1, Thursday, July 19, 10:00 AM. Takela Drive is ¼ mile east of Rufus Allen Blvd, the street where the library is. It is one block east from the restaurants we would walk to from the library. The two closest motels that are pretty nice are the Best Western Timber Cove Lodge and the Inn by the Lake.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Options Food Program
13100 Brooks Drive #200, Baldwin Park, CA 91706

TRAINING TOPIC: To be Determined

LODGING INFORMATION:

- Hampton Inn, 311 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia (is a great value and good location near several restaurants) 626-574-5600.

DIRECTIONS: Suggest you look this up on MapQuest

- From LAX: Take 105 east (16 miles); take 605 north (14 miles); exit Lower Azusa Rd./Los Angeles St; keep right on Rivergrade Rd towards Rivergrade Rd; turn right onto Brooks Dr; fast right into first parking lot.
- From Burbank Airport: Take 5 south (9 miles); take 134 east (4 miles); take 210 east (11 miles); take 605 south (4 miles); exit Lower Azusa Rd/Los Angeles St. (turn right); turn left onto Lower Azusa Rd, then immediately bear left onto ramp; keep right onto Rivergrade Rd towards Rivergrade Rd; turn right onto Brooks Dr; fast right into first parking lot.
- From Ontario Airport: Take 10 west (22 miles); take 605 north (5 miles); exit Lower Azusa Rd/Los Angeles St; keep right on Rivergrade Rd towards Rivergrade Rd; turn right onto Brooks Dr; fast right into first parking lot.

The **Advisory Committee Meeting** is at the same location, Wednesday, September 19, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Call Terry Talavera at (626) 338-4165 x 628 for more information.

