

February 18, 2014



Dear NLN Participants,

We are excited to hear about all that you have accomplished during the past year. In an effort to organize our "sharing session" and maximize information exchange, we would like to ask each of you to please **write a brief abstract** so that your NLN colleagues can get a sneak preview of what you have been up to during the past year.

We will compile these abstracts and post them to the Western MCH Nutrition Partners website (<http://www.mchnutritionpartners.ucla.edu>, click on "NLN Annual Meetings," and then click on "NLN Meeting 2014") so that you can review them prior to the meeting. We will be sure to post them in an easy-to-download format should you want to bring a copy with you to the meeting. In an effort to be greener, we will not be providing copies at the meeting.

If you have more than one project that you would like to share, you may submit additional abstracts. However, because our sharing time is limited and we want everyone to have a chance to speak, please select just one project that you would like to focus on for the purposes of our discussion. If there is more than one person/project from your state, please prioritize among yourselves about which to present in case time is short. As you know, the theme of this year's meeting is ***“Public Health Nutrition in an Evolving Health System: Using Communication to Promote Behavior Change.”*** If any of the projects you are working on involves this topic and you would like to share it, that would be an added bonus.

The deadline for abstract submission is **Friday, March 14th**. Please submit your abstracts to Miranda Westfall at: uclapartners@ph.ucla.edu in Microsoft Word format (.doc), 1" margins, and 12 pt Times New Roman font. Once the abstracts are posted we would like to ask you to look them over and think about the types of questions you would like to ask of your fellow NLN members. We also encourage you to submit **updates to your abstracts from last year** so that we can share your progress on the website. The abstracts from last year can be viewed at: <http://www.mchnutritionpartners.ucla.edu/events/nln-sharing-session-abstracts-march-2013>

Abstract Instructions:

Please organize your abstract as follows:

- Background/Introduction
- Project Goals
- Methods
- Results
- Summary/Discussion

Be sure to include:

- Title
- People involved in project and organization they belong to
- 300 words or fewer

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Marion Taylor Baer'.

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