

February 14, 2013



Dear NLN Participants,

The time is drawing near for our meeting in Marina del Rey; we will see you in about a month. At this point we have some requests to ask of you in preparation for the meeting.

### 1) Abstracts

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, as we did last year, 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.

As we did last 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 2013") so that you can review them prior to the meeting. We will be sure we 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. As you know, the theme of this year's meeting is *"The Public Health Nutrition Workforce: Looking to the Future."* 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. If there is more than one person/project from your state, please prioritize among yourselves about which to present in case time is short.

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. The deadline for abstract submission is **Friday, March 1st**. Please submit your abstracts to Susie Silah at: [uclapartners@ph.ucla.edu](mailto:uclapartners@ph.ucla.edu) in Microsoft Word format (.doc), 1" margins, and 12 pt Times New Roman font. The abstracts from last year can also be viewed at:

<http://www.mchnutritionpartners.ucla.edu/events/nln-sharing-session-abstracts-march-2012>

Please include the following in your abstract:

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

The parts of the abstract should include:

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

### **1) Thursday's Morning Session on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Interconception Care**

Attached to this email and posted to our website we provide you with several websites for you to explore to become familiar with the provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in general and specifically to your state as well as how they relate to the future demands of the public health nutrition workforce. We would like you to use this information to prepare for the session on Thursday morning. As you will recall, we are asking you to come with information about the situation in your states so that you can respond to the following discussion questions:

1. What planning (if any) is going on in anticipation of the implementation of the ACA in your state?
2. What changes to public health service delivery (if any) are expected? Will there be a Medicaid expansion?
3. Which aspects are most challenging to address? What are the barriers?

For the session that follows in the late morning on Interconception Care we have provided an article attached by Dr. Michael Lu and colleagues from the Maternal and Child Health Journal entitled, "Preconception Care Between Pregnancies: The Content of Internatal Care." We would like you to use this reading to prepare for this session and respond to the following questions:

1. Is the idea of interconception care being talked about/considered in your state?
2. If so, what are the potential implications for nutrition services? WIC services? Public health services?
3. If not, why not?

### **3) Thursday's Afternoon Session on the Public Health Nutrition Workforce**

Attached to this email and posted to our website we provide you with a two publications for your review. These are the "Visioning Report: Vision for the Continuum of Dietetics Education, Credentialing, and Practice" released by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) in September 2012 and a summary of the recent Joint Meeting of ACEND, CDR, Council on Future Practice, Education Committee and Nutrition & Dietetics Educators and Preceptors DPG also from AND. Please use these readings to prepare for this session and respond to the following questions:

1. What are the positive and negative implications of this report?
2. With these proposed changes, what knowledge and skills do you foresee will be needed for the public health workforce in the future?

3. What types of jobs do you anticipate will be available for 4-year degree graduates with bachelor degrees vs RDs with graduate degrees? In what sectors of the public health nutrition community will they find employment?

#### **4) Preparation for Friday's Leadership Session "Quality Improvement for Leaders"**

Our facilitator, Lloyd Provost, from Associates in Process Improvement has asked that we purchase the following book: *The Improvement Guide: A Practical Approach to Enhancing Organizational Performance* by Langley, Moen, Nolan, Nolan, Norman and Provost. He has suggested the following optional and assigned readings to prepare for this day of leadership training and discussion.

1. Background (***optional reading***) Pt. 1, Introduction to Improvement – Chapters 1-3.
2. Focus of the Workshop (***assigned reading***) – Pt.. 2 – Methods for Improvement – Chapters 4-9.

You will also find all pertinent meeting information posted at our website:

<http://www.mchnutritionpartners.ucla.edu>, click on "NLN Annual Meetings" and then click on "NLN Meeting 2013". We will also be posting additional information regarding the meeting site, ground transportation, as well as other details along with the final agenda in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,



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