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## **All LHD Teleconference Notes**

February 13, 2014  
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **PHI Contract**

Dr. Talarico: NEOP was unable to renew the PHI contract due to Government Code 19130, which prohibits contracting out if the services can be fulfilled by state employees. The contract terms out September 30, 2014. There are 45 new positions in the Governor's Budget for NEOP for the new fiscal year, and an additional 13 positions which will be through an interagency agreement. We are in the process of terming out the contract and developing duty statements and recruiting. We hope to start hiring in July. These positions are still subject to change in the May revise, but we don't anticipate that they will be cut. This is underway in conjuncture with the Branch restructure which is being done by functionality.

### **TRC Contracts**

Melissa Meade: All seven TRC contracts have been approved. Four have been signed and returned and will most likely be executed in February. The remaining three contracts will most likely be executed in March. The contracts are for a 12-month term beginning February 10, 2014.

### **Work Plan and Feb Forum update**

Michele van Eyken: We have shared the Work Plan template with Andy Riesenbergs and he is pleased with the overall concept. He requested some changes that could be considered editorial and there are some issues to be addressed in Evaluation and Reporting. The template is quite different from the first draft sent out in November based on feedback from the LHDs and comments from Andy. We will send a final draft to Andy by February 18 and we hope to have a final template to send out to the LHDs by February 20, in advance of the February Forum.

Michele Fast: We have posted the FAQ from the February 5 webinar to the website. Registration for the Forum ends February 19. We have secured another room block, at the Marriott Garden Highway. We are finalizing the agenda and will post and send out soon.

February Forum schedule:

February 26: TRC Training/Pre-forum (orientation for TRCs—by invitation only)

February 27 and 28: Work Plan Track and Training Track

## **One-year State Plan for 2015**

Michele van Eyken: We have proposed that we continue to send a one-year state Plan to USDA this year and work on the three-year Plan for next year. We are working on developing a worksheet tab for each of the three years to assist LHDs in planning what they want to accomplish over the three years. For the April 30 due date, LHDs will just submit for the one-year.

Q: When is the Plan due to the State?

A: It is due to CDPH by the end of April.

Q: We have had difficulty reaching our regional partners?

A: Some agencies are still working on their contracts and may not be able to perform work yet until those contracts are executed. Please contact the state implementing agency representative for assistance.

## **Champion Providers**

Dr. Talarico/Susan Lopez-Payan: The Champion Provider pilot project, a new pilot program to help LHDs in their obesity prevention policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) efforts. The Champion Providers include physician speakers committed working outside their practice and advocating for PSE changes in local communities. We have sent out a request to LHDs to nominate up to five local physicians to participate. We will select a maximum of 50 Champion Providers and bring them together for a two-day conference to train them on PSE and communication skills to create a speakers' bank for LHDs. Please provide your nominations by March 7.

Q: Do the physicians have to work in low income communities?

A: It is not required but they should understand obesity prevention. The criteria will be more about their passion and willingness to be available for this endeavor rather than specialty.

## **Farm Bill**

Michele van Eyken: The outcome of the Farm Bill was generally positive. There were no cuts to SNAP-Ed and Physical Activity was written in.

## **Other/Questions**

Q: Will we get enhancements for next year/rollover funds?

A: This is something that will be reviewed by the SNAP-Ed Advisory Task Force in their quarterly meeting, in March.

Q: Should subcontractors attend the May meeting?

A: The May meeting will include a wide spectrum of partners including those funded and not funded by SNAP-Ed funds. Subcontractors should attend