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HEALTH IMPACTS OF WIC – PLANNING A RESEARCH AGENDA

July 20-21, 2010

ST. GREGORY LUXURY HOTEL & SUITES - St. Gregory Ballroom

2033 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

PURPOSE: Through presentations and discussion, the workshop will illuminate issues related to future priority WIC research topics and methodological challenges and potential solutions. The outcome of the workshop will be a report that USDA/FNS can use to inform the planning of a program of research to explore the contemporary impact of the WIC program on maternal and child health outcomes and costs.

Tuesday, July 20, 2010: Day 1

OPENING SESSION

8:00 am

Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose

*Gail Harrison, University of California, Los Angeles,
Workshop Planning Committee Chair*

Perspectives from USDA

Jay Hirschman, Special Nutrition Staff, Food and Nutrition Service

Perspectives from National WIC Association

Reverend Douglas Greenway, President and CEO

Opening Remarks

David Paige, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

SESSION 1: WIC AND BIRTH OUTCOMES

8:30

Moderator: *Gail Harrison, Chair*

Speakers:

*Michael Lu, University of California, Los Angeles
Theodore Joyce, City University of New York*

Discussants:

*Marianne Bitler, University of California, Irvine
Patrick Catalano, Case Western Reserve*

9:45

Break

SESSION 2: WIC AND OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY

- 10:05 Moderator: *Patricia Crawford, University of California, Berkeley*
- Speakers:
Robert Whitaker, Temple University
Elsie Taveras, Harvard Medical School
- Discussants:
Sara Benjamin Neelon, Duke University Medical Center

SESSION 3: WIC AND BREASTFEEDING

- 11:05 Moderator: *Miriam Labbok, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*
- Speakers:
Karen Bonuck, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Maya Bunik, University of Colorado, Children's Hospital, Denver
- Discussants:
Larry Grummer-Strawn, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
Cynthia Howard, University of Rochester, School of Medicine

12:20 pm Lunch

SESSION 4: FOOD INSECURITY AND HUNGER

- 1:30 Moderator: *Maureen Black, University of Maryland, School of Medicine*
- Speakers:
John Cook, Boston Medical Center
Edward Frongillo, University of South Carolina
- Discussants:
James Weill, Food Research and Action Center

SESSION 5: DIETARY INTAKE AND NUTRITIONAL STATUS

2:30 Moderator: *Barbara Devaney, Mathematica Policy Research*

Speakers:

Nancy Cole, Mathematica Policy Research

Nancy Krebs, University of Colorado, Denver

Discussants:

Suzanne Murphy, University of Hawaii

3:30 Break

SESSION 6: NUTRITION EDUCATION

3:50 Moderator: *Shannon Whaley, PHFE – WIC Program*

Speakers:

Lorrene Ritchie, University of California, Berkeley

Marilyn Townsend, University of California, Davis

Discussants:

Maureen Black, University of Maryland, School of Medicine

Loren Bell, Altarum Institute

5:05 Discussion Period

5:30 Adjourn

Wednesday, July 21, 2010: Day 2

SESSION 7: HEALTH CARE AND SYSTEMS COSTS, BENEFITS, AND EFFECTIVENESS

8:00 am Moderator: *Barbara Devaney, Mathematica Policy Research*

Speakers:

Sally Findley, Columbia University
Helen Jensen, Iowa State University

Discussants:

Paul Buescher, University of North Carolina

SESSION 8: THE REACH OF WIC

9:00 Moderator: *Jackson Sekhobo, New York State Department of Health*

Speakers:

Susan Bartlett, ABT Associates
Loren Bell, Altarum Institute

Discussants:

Zoe Neuburger, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

10:00 Break

CLOSING SESSION: WRAP UP and
METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES AND DATA CONSIDERATIONS

10:20 Highlights of Previous Sessions
Moderators

11:20 Methodological Issues and Data Considerations
Moderator: *Gail Harrison, Chair*

Speakers:

Philip Gleason, Mathematica Policy Research
Theodore Joyce, City University of New York

12:20 pm Open Discussion (including comments from participants)

12:45 Summary of Key Elements of the Workshop
Gail Harrison, Chair