

Retailer Advisory Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct 21, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Conference call

State WIC Office Attendees: Paula Garrett, Megan Nason, Alex Acharya, Brian Tun, Jennifer Trower, and Amy Romero.

Facilitator: Amy Romero

Recorder: Jennifer Trower

- The meeting began at 2:00pm
- **Paula Garrett** (WIC Director) provided an update for the WIC division
 - Budget has been extended until 12/3/21.
 - Public Health declaration the WIC clinics will not see participants until mid-April 2022. They will continue to do tele visits.
 - Formula shortages (Sensitive, not Advanced) all over the country – Abbott is aware.
 - Question from Darry Rimmer – Will substitutions be allowed? Answer- Paula will ask questions internally and decide.
- **Megan Nason** (Program Manager) provided an update for the program
 - New Food Lists will be released early spring 2022.
 - WIC App is being tested by the SWO right now. Features like WIC approved foods and store locator are features of the App
 - CVB – benefits increase – saw great responses and the benefits ended on 9/30/21. New legislation expect to see an increase again in Dec 2021
- **Alex Acharya** (Vendor Team Manager) provided an update for the vendor team
 - Egg waivers (med, large, jumbo, organic and non-organic) have been extended until 12/31/21. Does not include Egglan's Best
 - Train-the-trainer was a successful online training
 - Abbott won the Formula Contract, so no changes are slated for retailers
- **Miscellaneous**, open to all
 - Email us at WIC_retailer@vdh.virginia.gov if you have any questions you didn't get to ask – or if you need to be added to our email list to receive information about the RAM calls in the future.
 - Remember the retailer webpage is here: www.virginiawicretailers.com
 - Find new retailer bulletin: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/44/2021/10/WIC-Retailer-Bulletin-October-2021.pdf>
- **The Date for the Next Meeting is Jan 20, 2022 at 2:00pm**