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March 22, 2012

RE: Food and Nutrition Services Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Meeting

Dear County Directors of:

Alamance, Anson, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Columbus, Cumberland, Davidson, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Gaston, Gates, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Hertford, Johnston, Martin, McDowell, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Northampton, Pitt, Randolph, Robeson, Rowan, Sampson, Scotland, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne

ATTENTION: Food and Nutrition Services Directors, Managers and Supervisors

The Economic and Family Services Section cordially invites the counties above to attend the Food and Nutrition Services Nutrition Education Meeting, **April 27, 2012**. These counties have been chosen as they have either the highest FNS participation rates and/or the highest county obesity rates in North Carolina. This meeting will serve to introduce directors, managers and supervisors to the agencies providing nutrition education and obesity prevention services throughout North Carolina counties. In an effort to truly affect the crisis of obesity in North Carolina, this meeting will also present training designed to assist counties in developing strategies to provide nutrition education and obesity prevention services to the FNS eligible population.

The meeting will be held at the **North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609**. Registration will be 7:30am to 8:55 am, breakfast will be 8:00am to 8:55am and the meeting will begin at 9:00am.

As space and funding for this meeting is limited, the state is inviting the Director and two managers/supervisors from each of the above counties. A replacement for the director will not be allowed. A hotel room for one night (April 26, 2012) will be provided via direct billing to the state for each attendee for counties located 35 miles or more from Raleigh. Attendees do not have to contact the hotel to make reservations; the state will provide a room list directly to the hotel. It will be necessary for each attendee to present a credit card at check-in to cover incidentals. The State will pay for the room and taxes only, not including incidentals such as telephone calls, in-room movies, and room service. Hotel check in is at 3:00 pm but attendees may be able to check in early depending on the availability of the hotel. The State will provide actual mileage reimbursement for one vehicle per county. There is no registration fee.

Attached is the agenda and a registration form to be completed by each county. The registration form must be completed and returned by **12:00pm, Tuesday, April 3, 2012**. We apologize for the short response time required to provide the registration form however, the state strongly feels this meeting is needed at this time.

The State will not reimburse for attendees meals outside the meals provided. Please note that breakfast and lunch will be provided for all attendees on **Friday, April 27, 2012**. It is very important that we have an accurate count of those who plan to attend the meals as well as the meeting. Please assist us with this effort by returning the registration form as soon as possible, but again, not later than **12:00pm, Tuesday, April 3, 2012** so we can be as accurate as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Veronica Bryant at (919) 334-1263 or via email at Veronica.Bryant@dhhs.nc.gov. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean Simpson".

Dean Simpson, Section Chief
Economic and Family Services

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Attachments (2)

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