DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant and Fetal Nutrition: Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 1, et seq., 5 U.S.C. App., this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant and Fetal Nutrition.

DATES: Date and Time: July 19–21, 2011; 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Place: The meeting will be held at the Food and Nutrition Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 204 A & B, Alexandria, VA 22302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant, and Fetal Nutrition will meet to continue its study of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CFSP). The agenda will include updates and a discussion of WIC Reauthorization, Breastfeeding Promotion, the new WIC food packages, WIC funding, Electronic Benefits Transfer, CSFP Farm Bill provisions, and current research studies.

Status: Meetings of the National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant, and Fetal Nutrition are open to the public. Members of the public may participate, as time permits. Members of the public may file written statements with the contact person named below before or after the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audrey Rowe, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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Forest Service

Allegheny Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Allegheny Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Marienville, Pennsylvania. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to review project proposals received and prepare for the final review and prioritization of projects to occur at the September meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 13, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Marienville Ranger District Office, 131 Smokey Lane, Marienville, Pennsylvania. Written comments may be submitted as described under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Mohney, RAC Coordinator, Allegheny National Forest Supervisor’s Office, 4 Farm Colony Drive, Warren, Pennsylvania 16365. Please call ahead to Kathy Mohney at (814) 728–6298 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at 4 Farm Colony Drive, Warren, Pennsylvania 16365. Please call ahead to Kathy Mohney at (814) 728–6298 or e-mail kmohney@fs.fed.us.

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Audrey Rowe, Administrator.

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the previously established 2010 breastfeeding objectives.

While all WIC local agencies are required to implement policies and procedures to provide breastfeeding support and assistance throughout the prenatal and postpartum period, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) requires USDA to implement a program to recognize exemplary breastfeeding support practices at WIC local agencies and clinics. This program is expected to provide models and motivate other local agencies and clinics to strengthen their breastfeeding promotion and support activities. The HHFKA also authorizes the appropriation of funds for this local agency recognition program.

USDA plans to begin recognizing exemplary agencies and clinics during fiscal year 2012. Awards may be monetary or non-monetary, based on the availability of funds. USDA will develop and implement this recognition program through careful consideration of information from existing recognition and incentive programs, key stakeholder input, and public comments to develop recognition award criteria and application procedures.

II. Key Issues on Which Public Comment is Requested

In recognizing exemplary local agencies and clinics, the HHFKA requires that the Secretary consider:

1. Performance measurements of breastfeeding;
2. The effectiveness of a peer counselor program;
3. The extent to which the agency or clinic has partnered with other entities to build a supportive breastfeeding environment for women participating in WIC; and
4. Other criteria the Secretary considers appropriate after consultation with State and local program agencies.

This notice serves as one means of consulting with State and local agencies and the general public. FNS would like comments on the criteria for the recognition, specifically:

1. What additional elements should FNS consider as a component of the selection criteria for this local agency recognition program?
2. What sources of data or information are available to support this recognition process?

Dated: June 23, 2011.

Audrey Rowe, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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