



Meeting Called to Order: The February 26, 2025 business meeting of the Missouri WIC Association Board was called to order at 10:02 am at the MO Department of Health, Jefferson City, MO.

Present:

Lakeisha Davis
Deb Cullum
Tammy Drake
Cate Reando
Joan Brundage
Derek Nelson
Tara Williams
Brenda Hilboldt
Lisa McClaran
April Bridges
Jentsy Philpot
Nikki Berry
Tracy Williams
Donna Wallace

Webex:

Heidi Loecke
Stacy Savage
Megan Justice

Guests: Introductions & Welcome

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Approval of Minutes: Minutes reviewed from the November 13, 2024 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes: Cate Reando

Second: Nikki Berry

Minutes approved as presented.

Financial Report: November 2024 and February 2025 financial report was presented by Deb Cullum, Treasurer.

Motion to approve November 2024 financial report: Cate Reando

Second: Nikki Berry

Motion to approve February 2025: Tracy Williams

Second: Jentsy Philpot

Financial reports approved as presented.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

- **Northwest** – Lori Bunton Miller/Brenda Hilboldt
 - Tina Amick – presented on the transition to on-line ebt
 - Ernestine – discussed substance abuse education, calibration sticks, scale inspections, annual breastfeeding CEU's, and microcuvette orders
- **Eastern** – Tracy Williams
 - No meeting
- **Northeast** – Lisa McClaran
 - Meeting held Jan. 31, 2025
 - Tina Amick – presented virtual training on new ebt
 - Jill & Abby – discussed conflict of interest policy, new submission procedure for job openings through the state, WIC-19 need to be signed & scanned, how the Voter Registration question is to be stated word for word, any unused equipment should be sent to state office, contact Jill Crossland if your WIC office closes for inclement weather, ordering microcuvettes, local agencies memberships for NWA have been renewed, NWA conference in Vegas, state office has milk collectors in large supply, discussed NE portion in Webgrants, documentation required for foods packages at cert, mid-cert, or changes made in between, and scale inspections to be paid by agency.
- **Southwest** – Nikki Berry/Tara Williams
 - No meeting
- **Central** – Derek Nelson
 - No meeting
- **Southeast** – April Bridges/Jentsy Philpot
 - Same as eastern district

Old Business:

- 2025 NWA Conference Attendees
 - Lori Miller will attend
- NWA Board Representatives
 - Lakeisha, Megan, Tracy, Lori
 - Annual Business Meeting May 15, 2025

New Business:

- MWA Board Member Terms
 - Terms Renewals and dates of terms reviewed
 - NE and Eastern – open positions
 - President may appoint someone currently on the board
 - NE represent – Joan Brundage – will finish term for 2023-2025 – appointed by President
- 2026 Conference Location/Contract

- St. Charles – Megan - not enough rooms in one hotel – would need to use surrounding hotels
- Kansas City – Lakeisha – higher cost
- Branson – contract for October 27-29, 2026
 - Send save the date to vendors
 - Hotel rates: State will need written dollar amount
- Look for other locations for future conferences past 2026 – Lake of the Ozarks, Columbia, Springfield, Big Cedar, Stoney Creek in KC
- Possibly change time of year
- Would food trucks be allowed?
- Strategic Planning - hold meeting at location for future conference locations (off year of conference)
- 2024 WIC Conference Survey
 - Overall – good rating for conference speakers
 - Recommendations for topics/speakers for next conference: Donna Forgey, Families with sensory or feeding issues, technology updates, food package updates, sessions for new WIC people
 - Recommendations: Distraction of infants/children, DJ Vanes session too long
 - Loved the premiums

State Updates: Angie Oesterly & Dora Crawford

- WIC-25 will be needed for new WIC card issuance – scanned to charts – March 17 – April 30
- Deactivated cards – how will local agencies know a card has been deactivated?
- Send questions to Tina Amick regarding new cards
- WINDOWS 11 – not compatible at this time, but after May 1 – not compatible with SWEM-SC – new computers will go out with Windows 10 – after May 1 there will be an upgrade to 11
- Certifier Role – Jill & Rose – New Nutrition training – transition from certifier to CPA – May 2025
 - May – September – training will be done each month – virtual trainings
 - Reviewed Policy 2.4.050 CPA – approved by FNS
 - Trainings will be posted on website – Professional training - 2 days now
 - Maternal, Infant, Child nutrition training will be 3 days
 - All trainings will have a quiz – must have a passing score
- SPIRIT WEB – on track for September 2025
- Formula contract – awarded to the lowest bidder, highest rebate (rebate has been cut back)
- Update for Webgrants for 2026
- President executive order – regarding non US citizens – WIC does not identify legal status or citizenship of participants – more information to come as to if this will exempt WIC or affect WIC – need interpretation of legalities
- Conference preference for time of year – not Aug or Sept
- Erin Marberry – working to update the policy to reflect changes for using WIC card as proof of ID – verify authorized rep, DOB, zip code

Other Discussion:

- On-line ebt
- Remote services with on-line ebt
- WICHealth.org – how agencies are using this learning tool
- Local Agency Monitoring – what to expect

Next Meeting: May 14, 2025 at 10:00 am at Jefferson City DHSS

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned 2:08 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Tammy Drake, MWA Secretary