

NDPHA Nutrition Section Year-End Report 2022

Paragraph for Annual Report:

The Nutrition Section began this past year with an interest and engagement survey. Survey results guided our consensus-based decision to support increasing the one Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Nutritionist at the ND Department of Health and to support actions to increase nutrition in MCH. Updates were shared throughout the year on food insecurity, health equity, food access challenges, safe infant feeding practices, and the infant formula shortage. Given the food supply chain disruptions that were set in motion by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Nutrition Section is bringing forward a resolution in support of local food systems.

Meeting &/Or Communication Description	Date of Event
Annual Meeting, section breakout via Zoom	6.2.21
Update on September, Hunger Action Month, food insecurity data via email	9.17.21
Encourage membership renewal, health equity & food access updates + season's greetings and encouragement for public health practitioners	12.17.21
Release of NDPHA Nutrition Section Interest and Engagement Survey online https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScowyRINUkSA2bVKBvC4On1-khtlMallHW9PKN-3WsZyRYerA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0	2.2.22
Section Meeting: Discuss responses of interest and engagement. Determine focus: take action to improve food and nutrition and to see more nutrition in public health in North Dakota. Time for working on projects is limited; interest and action and some resource availability intersect w/Children's Healthy Weight State Capacity Program led by M. Schlosser at NDDPI	2.23.22
Provide meeting summary; share mapping of intersections w/local public health units, tribal organizations, NDSU Extension nutrition programs, and Full Service Community Schools. Through connecting and leveraging one another's assets, we can do more together.	3.1.22
Provide email update on safe infant feeding & formula shortage	4.14.22
Provide details for annual meeting and draft resolution in support of local food	5.16.22
Provide details of updates to resolution based on feedback	5.19.22
Share details on upcoming regional listening sessions for WH Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health in September, 2022	5.20.22
Request input from state public health nutrition on WH Conference	6.1.22
Send annual meeting reminder & agenda	6.4.22

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