

Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) Call – August 2015

Conf Call #888-706-6468 Participant Code #811393

Agenda/Minutes

Location: PTC 6th Floor Conference Room

Date: 11-3-15

Time: 10:00am MT

Participants

Lily Bell	Gene Wallace , Pauline, Craig Johnson, Walmart	Amanda Erickson, Mudlake Market	
Jayne White	Deanna – Trading PF	Trudy Nebeker, Paul’s Market	
Emily Waddoups	Gina Crowley, WinCo	Jenifer Rogers - Safeway	
Todd – Alberstons/ Safeway	Brad Erikson	Debbie – Phil’s	
Sandra - NWA	Shannon Beason, Bob A - Alberstons	Tony – Pilgram’s Market	

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Welcome and Introductions –	Thank you for participating in today’s call, offering your input, and helping us build the vendor advisory committee. State Office Vendor Staff and Retailer Representatives on the call			
Purpose and Goals	VAC will serve as open forum for dialogue and collaboration between the program staff and authorized vendors. - Gather retailer input and share perspective - Create more opportunities for communication - Share news regarding program changes - Gain better understanding of both sides of the partnership Hope to have representation of all store sizes in all regions. We’ll be working to grow participation as we establish the committee. Welcome vendor perspective on what works/doesn’t in your experience with other VAC calls – share now or email. Help us shape Idaho’s VAC and make it valuable to everyone participating.			
State Updates	eWIC Update: Introduce Public Knowledge			

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	<p>Planning Progress Public Knowledge is a contractor that will help Idaho WIC make a plan for transitioning to eWIC by the 2020 mandate. They are currently working on a Stakeholders Summary, a document that helps the program see where we are at and what we need to accomplish the project.</p> <p>Vendors are a part of this process. Public Knowledge will reach out to retailers at some point in the near future.</p> <p>Committee input: Considering change to egg sizes – large only (no small, med)</p> <p>Gina – WinCo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pretty good price difference from small to large maybe need to consider <p>Feedback on new items – yogurt, pasta, infant formula Deana – going well, everyone likes the yogurt, selling quite a bit more</p> <p>Gerber Soy transition – what were challenges, how can we help Gene – Walmart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timing issue, modular reset was a few days after. More internal communication will be planned next time. <p>Brad – Kroger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Problem with getting it into the warehouse with so many states going, communicate as early as possible. - Takes direction from State office not suppliers <p>Trudy – Paul’s Market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timing issue for them 			

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	<p>- Vendors in advance sounds great</p> <p>Coming next: Manufacturer Submissions/Food List Review</p> <p>Cashier Survey – training methods and tools</p> <p>eWIC Basics – we will start ending each call with a general overview of eWIC basics for callers who are interested in remaining on the call.</p>			
Next Call Topics	1. eWIC Updates			
Next Meeting Agenda	February 2, 2016 10:00 am MT	Email invite and agenda		ID Vendor Team