**Food Directors’ Collaborative Meeting**

**Meeting Date: February 16, 2017**

***Present:*** Glen Noffsinger, Paul Yettaw, Laura Reynolds, Pat Donato, Jessica Rauch, Shara Jamierson, Sherry Palmer, Don Schils, Susan Jones, Danni Heddinger

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| 3:03 | Welcome & Introductions* Welcome Pat Donato from Athens schools
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| 3:04 | 1. **Minutes Review**
* Participants were given minutes from the previous meeting.
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| 3:05 | 1. **PLE Exemptions**
* Food costs have risen but Pennfield hasn't raised lunch prices
	+ Charge $2.40 for lunch
* Lakeview would like to take the exemption
	+ $300,000 towards new equipment for the new renovations
	+ Lakeview Middle School has revamped their lunch and have placed new items on the bars
	+ Charges $2.50 for lunch
* Athens charges $2.00 for their lunch
* Marshall taking over Albion has given an inheritance of $188,000 fun balance towards lunch
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| 3:10 | 1. **Tuesday Teleconference Charging and Bad Dept**
	* No one attended/listened in
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| 3:11 | 1. **Sodium Target 2 Levels**
	* Finding ways to use other seasonings other than salt to create flavor
	* Challenge to season foods without going over sodium levels
	* Lakeview uses spice and heat instead of salt
	* Lakeview to try and add a spice taste test in March for their elementary schools
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| 3:19 | 1. **GSRP and Direct Certification**
	* Union City claims Lakeview's GSRP students (bills Union City)
	* Evaluation process is tedious
	* Lakeview High School qualifies for an after school snack but doesn’t have it and employees don't want to wait till 3:15 start it (after busses leave)
	* As long as an enrichment program offered, kids can grab and go, they don't have to eat it on site.
		1. Count numbers, no names
		2. You cannot tell students no, it has to be allowed for all
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| 3:30 | 1. **School Meals Program & Medicaid Tied to Direct Cert**
	* Can use Medicaid number for reduced lunch application
		1. Exempted from verification pool
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| 3:33 | 1. **MDE Conference in June in Frankenmuth**
* **Procurement Training**
	+ Hopefully done at the June conference
	+ Basically, order from one company, or you procure
	+ Matter of understanding guidelines
* **Cacfp Sessions**
	+ If Marshall gets a grant, it will allow for after school snacks and dinner to be had at the schools (Claim through cacfp)
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| 3:40 | 1. **BCCF Updates**
	* Operation Fit
		1. Meeting with School Wellness Teams
			1. More ownership from the school, writing action plans
		2. Creating Student Wellness Teams
			1. Helping to name the fruits and veggies
		3. Don surveyed the amount of fruits and veggies taken off the salad bar (Will do so again in a few months)
		4. 6 schools received a Building Healthier Communities grant
		5. Riverside wants to get rid of chocolate milk in the schools
			1. Waste vs. Nutrition
			2. Kids don't consume as much white much as they do chocolate milk
		6. Pennfield got rid of strawberry milk a year and a half ago due to dye
		7. Montessori only offers chocolate milk on Fridays and their milk consumption has gone up 40%, participation by 25%
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| 3:52 | 1. **Future Meeting Topics**
* Food Service Employee Meals
* Food Allergies
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|  | 1. **Adjourn**
 | **Next Meeting:**Thursday, April 20th 20173:00-4:00 p.m.BCCF Community Room |