Using Food Service Guidelines / Nutrition Standards to Promote and Provide Access to Water and Healthier Beverages

Background

Under the new CDC FOA, *State Public Health Actions to Prevent and Control Diabetes, Heart Disease, Obesity and Associated Risk Factors and Promote School Health*, the following strategies incorporate beverages.

- **Basic Component**: “Promote the adoption of food service guidelines/nutrition standards, which include sodium.”
- **Enhanced Component** - “Environmental approaches to promote health and support and reinforce healthful behaviors:”
  - Access to healthy food and beverages
  - **Food service guidelines/nutrition standards where foods and beverages are available. Guidelines and standards should address sodium.**
  - Supportive nutrition environments in schools

Call participants will listen to presentations and network to discuss:

1. How food service guidelines can be used to align institutional food and beverage service with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and best sustainability practices.
2. How local governments can implement guidelines and standards in a variety of settings to support offering healthier beverage choices sold and served to populations.
3. How to include supportive strategies to encourage consumers to select healthier beverage options and sustain efforts beyond project investments.

**Agenda**

**Introductions** and announcements – Susan Anderson

2:05-2:20 Joel Kimmons* will provide an overview on operationalizing food service guidelines such as the [HHS/GSA Health and Sustainability Guidelines for Federal Concessions and Vending Operations](#) with a focus on beverages and water.

2:20-2:30 Michelle Wood* will share examples of nutrition standards for beverages and other environmental strategies being implemented in various food service settings in the County of Los Angeles including worksite cafeterias, vending machines, and other food settings.

2:30-2:40 Ashley Lederer* will provide an overview of New York City’s efforts to offer healthier beverages and water through implementing nutrition standards in public and private sector environments.

2:40-2:55 **Networking** - call participants

2:55-3:00 **Gather suggestions for speakers and topics for future calls.**

Proposed/tentative for 2013:

- September 10 or November 12: (tentative) Surveillance update – BRFSS optional questions, other surveillance updates

**Closing announcements** – Susan Anderson

Save the Date for next call: September 10, 2013, 2-3 PM Eastern.

*Speaker information is below"
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**Purpose:** The purpose of the networking calls is to provide a forum for public health practitioners to share programmatic information that addresses strategies to support healthier beverage choices. The findings and conclusions presented are solely those of the presenters and do not represent the official position or policies of the US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nor does the mention of trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.

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Speaker Information

Joel Kimmons is a nutrition scientist and epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. His focus is improving dietary health and sustainability with environmental and food system approaches such as using food service guidelines to increase the availability of healthy options in worksite and other institutional settings. Joel received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis in International Nutrition and epidemiology.

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