

# ACF Region IX State and Territorial TANF Strategic Session

September 15-16, 2010 | San Francisco, California



## Agenda

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

8:30 AM to 8:45 AM

### **Greetings and Introductions**

Dan Baker, TANF Program Manager, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance, Region IX

8:45 AM to 9:00 AM

### **“Where We Are and Where We Are Going: TANF, the Recession, and Moving Beyond ARRA”**

(Overview of objectives of the strategic session—solutions focused interactive time to move from policy to practice.)

Meeting Facilitator: Jeanette Hercik, PhD, Vice President, Family Self-Sufficiency, ICF International

9:00 AM to 9:15 AM

### **Welcoming Remarks**

Sharon M. Fujii, Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Region IX

9:15 AM to 10:00 AM

### **Current Priorities and Future Directions of TANF**

Earl S. Johnson, Director, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance

10:00 AM to 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 AM to 11:30 AM

### **“Where We Are: Current Developments in Region IX Jurisdictions”**

(Each State/Guam provides brief updates regarding important priorities, issues and concerns impacting their program and hear promising strategies to reduce the impact of challenges)

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11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

### **Topical Discussion: *Domestic Violence - Not Enough: What TANF Offers Family Violence Victims***

Grace Huang, Public Policy Coordinator, Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Lunch on your own

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

**Roundtable Discussion: “New Partners We’ve Met Along the Way: Working with Old Partners in New Ways”**

(Each State/Guam presents how they have collaborated with other agencies using ARRA funds, etc. to meet the needs of clients)

Moderator: Professor Susan Curnan, Associate Professor and Director, Center for Youth and Communities, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management

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2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

**Federal Partners Panel – ACF, DOL, HUD, and USDA**

(Local Federal partners react to the roundtable discussion adding ideas, policy questions, etc)

Moderator: Dan Baker, Office of Family Assistance, Region IX

Ed Cabrera, Regional Coordinator, Region IX, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Rosemary Cowan, Chief, Division of Workforce Investment, U.S. Department of Labor, Region VI

Karen Jirsa, State Program Officer, Western Region, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service

3:30 PM to 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 PM to 4:45 PM

**Topical Discussion: “What Makes a Great Partner?”**

(Capturing the overall essence of the discussion above along with her research view on the partnerships needed to facilitate client success)

Professor Susan Curnan, Associate Professor and Director, Center for Youth and Communities, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management

4:45 PM to 5:00 PM

**Status Check & Looking Ahead**

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5:00 PM

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**Thursday, September 16, 2010**

- 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM      **Status Check-in**
- Dan Baker, Office of Family Assistance, Region IX
- 8:45 AM to 9:45 AM      **On Line Work Readiness Assessment (OWRA) Demo and Lessons Learned**
- Moderator: Dan Baker, Office of Family Assistance, Region IX
- Al Fleming, Federal Project Officer, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance
- Meeting Facilitator: Jeanette Hercik, PhD, Vice President, Family Self-Sufficiency, ICF International
- OWRA Training Coordinator: Damon Waters, Senior Associate, ICF International
- 9:45 AM to 10:00 AM      Break
- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM      **“Where We Are and Where We Are Going: TANF, the Recession, and Moving Beyond ARRA”**
- (Participants will work together to determine strategies for meeting the needs of TANF participants and other clients despite the challenges. Participants will develop action plans and identify possible technical assistance needs to implement action items)
- Moderator: Dan Baker, Office of Family Assistance, Region IX
- Meeting Facilitator: Jeanette Hercik, PhD, Vice President, Family Self-Sufficiency, ICF International
- 12:00 PM to 12:15 PM      **Recap Next Steps/Commitments**
- Dan Baker, Office of Family Assistance, Region IX
- 12:15 PM      Adjourn