TDA Updates

1. **Review of member request:** In the January meeting, CACFP members asked if the Texas Hunger Initiative (THI) could host regional best practice sharing sessions for CACFP Contracting Entities (CEs). As a follow to the request, TDA discussed the opportunity with THI; THI expressed interest in hosting session on regional platforms with CACFP and will provide TDA more details to share with members as they are able.

2. **Input requested:** National CACFP week March 11-17, 2018.
   a. New resources are available on TDA’s webpage to celebrate National CACFP Week
      i. Digital worksheets for children
      ii. Downloadable placemats
      iii. Cycle menus for both adult and child daycare
   b. Feedback was requested from Input Workgroup members regarding:
      i. Suggestions to increase participation
      ii. Additional resources to support National CACFP Week

Members suggested XYZ. TDA XYZ

3. **Input requested:** 3E’s Grant
   a. Establishing the 3-Es Grant is a state funded grant aimed at improving child care centers
      i. Servicing participants ages 2-3,
      ii. Two options of participation:
         1. Healthier CACFP Award;
         2. Wellness
   b. Feedback was requested from Input Workgroup members regarding:
   Improving the 3E’s application process
   suggestions on developing a criteria for obtaining a bronze, silver or gold award

Members suggested XYZ. TDA XYZ

*Note:* The E-grants are available annually with notifications sent to licensed daycare centers last week of March and a set deadline historically the first week of May. Grants are reviewed and scored by a three-person panel. ESCs are available to provide technical assistance in completing a grant.

**Grant Information, Recourses and Application:** [http://squaremeals.org/FandNResources/HealthierCACFP.aspx](http://squaremeals.org/FandNResources/HealthierCACFP.aspx)
4. **Input Requested**: Compliance Survey – SNP, SFSP, CACFP
   b. Survey overview and process
      i. Surveys are sent the month following the review to request feedback on the review process, the reviewer and to provide suggestions for improvement.
      ii. 1. 40-60% response rate (high percentage positive with constructive feedback)
           2. TDA reviews feedback received on survey forms to enhance operations
   c. TDA requested feedback from the CACFP Input Members whether the survey could be improved (additional questions, edited questions, etc...).

*Note: Feedback was solicited by email prior to the meeting. CAFFP Input Members did not have any suggestions to edit the survey.*

5. Policy – TDA was provided guidance from USDA regarding federal procurement requirements. Sponsors of affiliated sites required to follow federal procurements regulations; non-affiliated sites are not subject to those regulations. An email will be sent to CACFP Input Members, soliciting comments regarding the impact of this regulation, with a 2-week response request.

6. **Update**: Monitor form – CACFP Input Members provided feedback related to the usability of the CACFP Monitor Form. TDA is reviewing those comments.

**Review and Report on Sub-Committees**

1. Program Review – Members posted questions regarding Program Reviews for At-Risk sponsors.
2. Financial and Procurement Review Process – No updates
3. Complying with the new Meal Pattern – No updates

Committee Items – no new discussion.