

**Minnesota-Wisconsin Nutrition Education
Hmong Working Group
Minutes of the January 7, 2000 Phone Conference**

Participants:

From Minnesota:	Beth Sandell	From Wisconsin:	Tammy Hansen
	Donna Bailey		Linda Bruce
	Jean Randall		Brenda Schultz
	Faye McLain		Maiyoua Thao
			Carolyn Krueger
			Nancy Coffey
			Bev Phillips

Wisconsin Extension Hmong Task Force 2-day inservice in April.

Bev described the current plans for a 2-day inservice to be held on April 5 and 6 in Wisconsin Rapids (at the Mead Inn.) The first day will be on Hmong culture and working with Hmong audiences. Pang Cher Vue from UW-Eau Claire/UW Continuing Education/Extension is coordinating the presenters and information for that day. Day 2 will consist of smaller group workshops on working with Hmong learners in a particular programming area: parenting, food/nutrition, horticulture/agriculture, youth development, community development. All members of the MN-WI Hmong Work group are invited to attend. Costs for individuals will probably consist of a fee for meals and meeting space, and lodging.

Preliminary plans for the food/nutrition workshop on day 2 are for a time of sharing teaching resources, and discussions/demonstrations of teaching activities that are effective for Hmong learners. Nancy and Carolyn will present their new teaching resources on food resource management. Maiyoua, Brenda and Tammy volunteered to help plan the workshop. Any other ideas should be passed on to Bev.

Possibilities for staff exchanges or shadowing visits between Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Members felt that to better plan visits, it would be helpful if each person who would welcome a visitor could prepare a list of up-coming teaching events or meetings. Each work group member should send their schedule of future events to Bev for placement on our web site. This would enable members to schedule a visit to a county or project at a time when an interesting educational event would be happening.

Website.

All members of the work group are encouraged to continue to review information on the web site for appropriateness. Also, suggestions for additional resources and ideas for ways to improve the web site are welcome.

Evaluation methods and ideas.

Beth lead a discussion of non-pencil and paper methods of documenting the impact of educational programs with Hmong audiences. Use of "traditional" checklists and questionnaires often is inappropriate or ineffective with these learners. It is often the case that educators are seeing and hearing evidence of the impact of programs but lack a systematic and easy way to collect and report that type of evidence. Nancy Coffey reported that she has used interviews with learners (through an interpreter) and interviews with the interpreter (as an informed source) to collect evidence of the impact of classes. Jean Randall reported that she has used a video camera to capture "end-of-class" discussions about what participants have learned.

Project Reports

- Food Safety at Home: nothing new to report.
- Resource Management: work is progressing on the project in Eau Claire. Preliminary results and resources will be shared in a few months.
- Curriculum Review Form: is available on the work group web site for all members to use.
- Cultural Background: some new information is on the web site. Additional resources are welcome. Sources for recipes for Hmong foods are being pursued.
- Videos: Bev and Maiyoua will work together to place a list and ordering information for the Hmong cable television programs that are available.

Next meeting

Our next telephone conference call is scheduled for Friday, February 25, 2000 at 10:00 am.