

eWIC Vendor Team Meeting
June 19, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. CST

Attendees: Cheri Bellamy, Super Value; Paige, AWG; Polly Martin, AGRMA; Jason Cooper, Curtis Wiggins, Brookshires; Norman Williams, Walmart; Joanie, Walmart #230; Chris DeSalvo, City Market; Jennifer Simpson, Kroger; Charlene, Food Giant; Pam Woodard George, Leslie Foreman Brian Musick, Karen Lee, Brenda Davis, Brian Musick, Karen Lee, Brenda Davis, Leonard Green, State WIC Office

- Introductions
- Staffing
- Requests for Proposals
 - Project Implementation Contractor
 - The eWIC Project Implementation Contractor (PIC) RFP was advertised January 15 and closed March 7. The contract was awarded to Etegrity, L.L.C., which is run by Penny Tisdale. The Arkansas WIC Program's initial WIC EBT planning and funding request was submitted, approved, and funded by the USDA. The awarded contract will be sent to the Legislative Review Board and, if approved, will have a start date of September 1.
 - Process started July 2013
 - Offline Module Developer
 - The Offline Module has undergone initial review by ADH Procurement, Office of State Procurement (OSP), and USDA FNS. We are currently working on the second draft of this document.
 - 8 months development time anticipated
 - Claims Processor
 - Arkansas WIC and the Office of Procurement are currently looking into contracting with Solutran for the eWIC Claims Processing services by piggybacking off of the Wyoming contract.
 - Wyoming also offline; exact same requirements
 - Save money per household (same as TX card contract)
 - Save 6 months time

- eWIC Timeline
- Calendar Month Transition
- eWIC Funding
 - Extension approved for initial grant through September 30, 2015. Runs year-to-year → Federal Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sept 30.
 - Additional funding has been requested to include clinic enablement (supplies they'll need to make the transition from paper to cards) and vendor reimbursement.
 - I've gotten some questions about vendor reimbursement, so wanted to cover it on the call in a little more detail. We will send out a formal policy in writing, but right now it all is contingent upon us receiving the requested funds. So, please don't go out and spend any money expecting to get reimbursed until we issue the official policy.
- eWIC Lab
 - The stand-beside system for the WIC EBT Lab has been received and the MIS Staff have been trained on it.
 - Total Retail Solution has installed the ISS45.
 - NCR ACS-IR to be installed. NCR fulfillment issues.
- eWIC Smart Cards
 - Procurement
 - The Arkansas WIC Program is finalizing the EBT card contract with Solisystems and will send them our card design soon so that a proof can be created for approval.
 - Test and Production Keys
 - Training Cards
 - Card Design
 - Proposed design features vegetables
 - SNAP features the Arkansas River
 - Minimize stigma

- Questions/Comments
- Set Next Meeting