DRAFT Agenda - Tuesday, April 26, 2022 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Cogswell Building, Rooms C205-C207, 1400 Broadway Street, Helena, Montana

Join by Zoom Link: https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/84433485142?pwd=b1F2SDZ6TDcycmw3MU8yd1BiNVVCZz09

8:00 am – 8:30 am Registration

8:30 am – 9:15 am Welcome and Introductions
- Prayer
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- Meeting Purpose & Format

9:15 am – 10:30 am SNAP Services in Montana (SNAP)
The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides eligible households crucial assistance in purchasing the food they need for a nutritionally adequate diet. We will discuss eligibility, benefits, and access points for SNAP in Montana. The department is interested in a discussion with tribal partners on how SNAP benefits and administration impact tribal communities, and would like feedback on the ability for tribal families to navigate the SNAP eligibility process.

10:30 am – 10:45 am Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm SNAP Education (SNAP-Ed)
SNAP Education provides education around healthy food and lifestyle choices and food resource management. We will discuss services and activities, materials, barriers to participation, and integration of community recipes. The department is interested in a dialogue with tribal partners on how SNAP-Ed can benefit tribal communities, and seeking feedback on how the SNAP-Ed program can meet the cultural needs of tribal families.

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm LUNCH (provided by DPHHS)

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm SNAP Employment and Training (SNAP E&T)
SNAP Employment and Training assists eligible SNAP household members in gaining skills, training, and work experience to help obtain regular employment and gain self-sufficiency. DPHHS will be expanding the SNAP E&T program to new regions of the state in the fall of 2022. The department is interested in a conversation on the potential for partnership and collaboration opportunities between SNAP E&T and tribal entities to provide employment and training services to tribal families. We also would like feedback on the possible benefits SNAP E&T can provide for tribal communities and ways to remove barriers to tribal member participation in the program.

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Public Comment

2:45 pm – 3:15 pm Recap and Next Steps

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm Closing Comments and Wrap Up

Have questions? Please email Andréa at acheroske@mt.gov, or call her at (406) 283-3061