From: Mengesha, Isabelle - FNS
To: Steed, Arianne - FNS; Adams, Bernadette - FNS
Cc: Loretta - FNS Robertson (loretta.robertson@usda.gov)
Subject: RE: ICR Stakeholder Feedback Request
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021 3:48:00 PM
Attachments: FNS583 2018 Farm Bill Mockup final.pdf

Hi Arianne,

We have a response for Robertine! Please pass it on at your earliest convenience, along with the Mock Up of the FNS-583 with the changes (attached).

Hi Robertine,

Thank you for submitting comments for the changes to the FNS-583. Below are our responses to your questions. Additionally, attached is the mock up to the FNS-583 including the proposed changes, to show you what the reformatting on the form will look like.

- Will there be a section other than number 6 to capture the information for mandatory programs? It would definitely be confusing to add a column to number 6, in the number who participated in each component, just for mandatory participation.

The four (4) data elements for mandatory States will be the only new requirements, inclusive of the entire State SNAP population and inclusive of ABAWDS and Non-ABAWDS. There will be additional question lines available to enter in the responses for each of the 4 additional reporting components for mandatory States which will be labeled as the lines nine through twelve, as well as an additional section for the voluntary reporting of case management participants.

- If there is another section for the mandatory programs, will that section capture information for ABAWD and Non-ABAWDs as number 6 does?

No, the State will not be asked to report if the participants were ABAWDS or Non-ABAWDS in questions 9-12. Instead, States will only report on the total number of SNAP Applicants and Recipients in each category.

- Please explain the reason for reporting the number of participants who received case management when it is a requirement for all SNAP E&T participants. That number should be the same number as number 7 on the FNS 583 Report.

Primarily, we want to make clear that this is an optional field for State agencies to report the provision of case management services. It is true that the number of individuals receiving case management should be equal to the total number of individuals participating in the Employment and Training program. in previous versions of the FNS-583, prior to the addition of case management services introduced by Employment and Training Opportunities Rule, some State

agencies had requested the ability to track the provision of intake actions such as orientation or assessment. FNS is just further expanding the State agency's ability to monitor the types of case management services provided by their providers, if the State agency so chooses to utilize this function of the FNS-583.

Thanks,

Isabelle

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Subject: RE: ICR Stakeholder Feedback Request

Hi Isabelle,

Attached is LA's feedback on this.

Have a great afternoon!

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"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Ghandi

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Hi SWRO,

OET has posted a 60 day notice in the FR for an information collection request, having to do with inputting the updates relating to new reporting measures for Mandatory States from the Final Rule into the FNS-583. As a part of the process, it's required that we request feedback from 3 non-Federal stakeholders. OET was hoping to ask Louisiana to review the notice and provide feedback.

Would you be able to provide the contact information for someone in LA, or facilitate the connection however you see fit?

Below is the blurb that we could send to the State, and attached is the notice.

Please let me know what you think!

Thanks,
Isabelle

FNS is in the process of seeking OMB approval for a new information collection request (ICR) for the Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS), specifically relating to updates in the reporting requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) FNS-583 form, as well as the 366B Program Activity Statement form. This ICR provides details on the reporting requirements which Mandatory E&T States must begin reporting on in the FNS-583 form, the reason behind the new requirements, and the estimated burden on stakeholders as a result. The ICR also includes new updates to the FNS-366B, to revise currently collected metrics related to SNAP recertification policy.

The next step in the ICR process is requesting stakeholder feedback on the proposed information collection which is outlined in the attached 60-Day Federal Register notice. Would you be willing to review the attached notice and provide any feedback you may have by November 19th?

If so, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you.