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Greetings NAPIPM Members!

It is with mixed emotions that I write to you today. In the past few weeks, I've reflected on our annual NAPIPM Conferences in places like Phoenix, Dallas, Reno, Philadelphia, Boston, Little Rock, Greensboro and Portland and all the things we learned and shared, work accomplished, problems solved, friendships made, and all the fun things we did together.

For the past few years, we have seen caseloads increase and state revenues decline. Although the downward shift in the economy seems to have stopped, many federal, state and local government budgets are still feeling the pinch from the recent decreased revenues and the expiration of federal economic stimulus funds. Our Government leaders in Washington are trying to get control of our federal budget deficit.

The NAPIPM Board members were faced with a difficult decision regarding the 2011 NAPIPM Conference. Taking all the factors into account, like our fellow state and federal partners' ability to pay travel expenses to attend the 2011 NAPIPM Conference, the NAPIPM Board made the decision not to hold an annual conference in 2011.

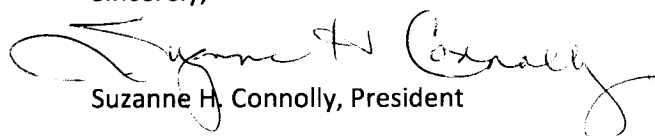
Although we will not be holding a formal conference in the coming year, the NAPIPM Board members want to continue good communication and networking as a resource to you. We will be taking advantage of technology and hope to host several national webinars and teleconferences featuring speakers from the federal agencies, USDA/FNS, CMS and others, as well as state "Best Practices". TANF Reauthorization is due in October 2011; we hope to share the news from ACF, APHSA and the TANF Directors with you as soon as it hits the press.

NAPIPM touches many different programs; Child Care, TANF, SNAP, Medicaid and LIHEAP. Many of the APHSA affiliates in these program areas hold annual conferences; NAPIPM will work with the APHSA affiliates to provide NAPIPM related workshops at affiliate conferences to keep you and your peers up to date on program evaluation, increased accuracy through error prevention and process improvement.

NAPIPM will continue to post current information and updates on our website at: www.NAPIPM.org and we welcome you to visit the site often. Additionally, we will send invitations to NAPIPM webinars, teleconferences and workshops at APHSA affiliate conferences to you via e-mails. NAPIPM is also part of "Big Tent's" Social Network website at www.Bigtent.com/groups/NAPIPM (or access it from the NAPIPM homepage), and we will be posting information in that location, too. If you are not already a "Big Tent" member, you can join on their home page.

Although we will not be able to meet face-to-face this year, NAPIPM looks forward to hearing from you and working with you in the coming year. We are just a phone call or e-mail away. Please keep up the GREAT work and don't hesitate to contact NAPIPM Board members or me.

Sincerely,



Suzanne H. Connolly, President