



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 5.

DATE OF MEETING: November 17, 2014

REQUESTED BY: Mark Seitz

SHORT TITLE: USDA SNAP-Ed Funded Nutrition Educator

BACKGROUND: USDA SNAP-Ed grant funding, managed through NCSU, is allowing Pender County to hire at least one, and possibly two, three quarter to full time Nutrition Educators. The Nutrition Educator will provide foods and nutrition education to elementary students in the low income schools in Pender and Duplin Counties. Programs will begin in January 2015 with Pender County providing office and kitchen space in the Agriculture Building. All salary and benefits funding will be drawn from federal dollars managed by NCSU. The goal is to reach youth and teach them how to make better food choices to begin to stem the obesity tide in Pender County.