

Healthy Franklin County Nutrition Task Force  
Food Insecurity Work Group Minutes  
December 18, 2017

Present: Jay Eury (The Gleaning Project/SCCAP), Lenelle Baer (Penn State Cooperative Extension West Capital Region Nutrition Links Coordinator), Samantha Robinson (Penn State Cooperative Extension Client Relationship Manager Area 8), Nickie Fickel (Summit Health), Abby McElhiney (The Gleaning Project/SCCAP), Noel Purdy (Healthy Franklin County).

Absent: Sheryl Snider (F&M Trust), Kari Coleman (Manito), Chris Mayer (Wilson College).

### **Food Insecurity Map Gap Analysis**

Jay and Noel reported that data has been sent to update the GIS map including the grocery stores and stores that accepts USDA Food Stamp in Franklin County. Noel is working with HCP on a survey to inventory the back pack programs. The Franklin County Visitors Bureau link previously shared which included produce farms/stands doesn't currently work; Noel will investigate. It was suggested that the voucher program will have a list of participating farms/food stands although it won't be comprehensive; Samantha will look for this data. The group also reviewed the GIS map that Sheryl is currently working on. Sheryl will continue to work on the deeper analysis of food insecure hot spots throughout the summer.

### **Food Distro Scale-Up**

Jay gave an overview of the current scope of the existing food distribution program which has been piloted for two years during the farmers' market season (May- October). Gleaned produce/NSFM left overs are delivered to residents who live in subsidized housing in downtown Chambersburg. One volunteer (Kari Coleman) distributed the produce each Saturday after the farmers market.

Noel spoke to Ben Camp at the FCHA regarding a partnership; the FCHA is very open to working with us. Ben reported that the [Central PA Food Bank distributes fresh express produce](#) and dairy products and elder boxes (pre-packaged) the last Tuesday of each month 9am-11am. Ben suggested we could piggy-back on their existing program.

#### *Suggestions for Scale-Up*

- Piggy-back on the existing Central PA/ FCHA program infrastructure, sign-up process, existing participants
- Possibly add another distribution day; so the residents can access fresh produce 2X's a month
- Train the kids who Kari has trained with Manito and/or train the kids who live in the neighborhood who have benefited from the program.
- Could distribute Master Gardeners plants; also cross-over promotion of community gardens

#### *Next Steps for Scale-Up*

- Jay/Noel write-up a plan; meet with Ben at FCHA and Kari; determine data to be collected and tools; visit FCHA during a Food Bank Distro to observe current process.

### **Nutrition Block Parties**

Jay explained that NBP can be a great vehicle for outreach and education. We discussed doing at least 2 NBP – one with a general population, such as during NSFM and one with a targeted population such as Network Ministries Harvest Festival (concept), Circles Program, or Stevens Elementary Parent Night (during their after school program). Noel will send the NBP program outline to Jay to update.

**The next regular meeting is on February 14 at 2:30pm.**