

Healthy Franklin County Nutrition Task Force  
Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce  
Garden Workshop

### **Minutes – December 15, 2016**

**In attendance:** Kari Coleman (Laurel Life/Manito), Barb Houpt (YMCA), Noel Purdy (Chambersburg Chamber), Nickie Fickel (Summit Health), Lori Young (Franklin County), Josh Mosetley (Network Ministries).

**Community Garden Map/Inventory:** Ask Elizabeth to send out for review/input. Quincy Village has 20 lots to be added (from last meeting).

**Community Garden Interest Survey:** Noel shared an overview of surveys received to date. 262 electronic surveys have been filled out and 50 hard copy (the hard copy surveys need to be inputted into surveymonkey). Kari Coleman has lead the effort to target residents in the Redwood Townhomes community and other areas of the third ward that are low to moderate income populations. She will continue to focus efforts in the neighborhood and will work with Network Ministries and Boys and Girls Club. She has also connected with a FCHA program manager who can connect us with other housing developments in the CASD school district footprint. The group decided to extend survey collection through Icefest, with the goal of obtaining surveys during IceFest as well. Summit Health, Keystone Health, Franklin County Government and the Borough of Chambersburg have or will send the survey out to their employees. We will continue to send it through Chamber channels, social media and will send a press release out after the first of the year. The results of the survey thus far are very encouraging. We will dig more into the survey results and the inventory at our February meeting. We will need to develop follow up communications with the folks who gave us their contact information.

**Resources Lists- no update.**

**Technical Assistance Connections & Policy –** Kari expressed a need to develop basic guidelines for the group as we evaluate opportunities to provide technical assistance to interested parties. The group suggested that location be a consideration, with the high priority, economically distressed location with in the Borough being at the top, an evaluation of existing resources/capacity with the proposed need. The group felt like these general parameters were enough to get going and may evolve as needed. There was also consideration for understanding the resources/needs of existing gardens before building out new gardens.

**Other –** Nickie shared that the Waynesboro Hospital Health Fair is on March 11 and Summit would like to have a kids garden (planting) activity but volunteers were needed to help. Several suggestions were made including Master Gardeners, Students in FFA, FCCTC (Dave Perry), high schools for service hours. Possible sources for supplies include American the Beautiful, Burpee Seeds, Martins Produce Supply.

#### **Next Steps:**

- Elizabeth to update inventory and send to committee for review/input
- Continue outreach for survey

**Next Meeting:** February 8th at 1:30 in the Sentry Trust Building (785 5<sup>th</sup> Ave) 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room