

Healthy Franklin County - Community Garden Work Group
December 12, 2018
MINUTES

Present: Barb Houpt (EXIT Realty), Kari Coleman, Noel Purdy (Healthy Franklin County), Nickie Fickel (Summit Health), Chris Mayer (Wilson College), Sheryl Snider (F&M Trust), Abby McElhiney (SCCAP), Liz Hills (SCCAP), Josh Mosely (Network Ministries), Troy Okum (HoundPacks/Vista).

Absent: Trey Gelbach (Waynesboro Area Human Services), Denise Esser (Waynesboro Area Human Services), Dr. Elizabeth George (MacWell/HEA)

The group reviewed the October 2018 **minutes**.

Project Planning – Updates

Community Garden Workshop

Noel reported that the planning committee created a project plan, sourced a location, finalized a date and has confirmed a few speakers/panel members. Sammi Bradley with St. Paul's Methodist Church, Josh Mosely from Network Ministries and someone from Master Gardeners will definitely participate (Barb is confirming who). It was suggested that we reach out to Quincy Village to see if someone would like to talk about their community garden. Noel will reach out to them. Barb noted that if we have four panel members we will need to change the schedule to reflect that. Chris has been working to secure a keynote speaker, Rick Sayles, who is the garden program coordination for Steelton High Spire High School; she and Nickie saw him speak at a PA Regional Food Alliance conference a couple of years ago. Wilson College and Summit Health will cover any speaking and travel fees. The group also reviewed the draft flyer (Noel will make changes). The planning group will meet again before the event to iron out details. Noel will create google documents for the list of prospective speakers/experts for the roundtables, list for invitees, prospective topics list and questions for the panel members. A possible meeting date for the planning committee is January 10th.

Stevens Elementary Community Garden Feasibility

Noel reported that she emailed the principal at Stevens Elementary school to inquire about the status of their community garden and promoting the garden at Network Ministries to families at Stevens. The principal said that they don't have the staff to operate the garden. Josh said Network has plenty of plots available for interested parties. Noel will continue conversations with the principal to clarify interest in a mobile classroom concept using Network gardens and promotion the gardens to families at Stevens.

Master Gardeners / SCCAP & Network Ministries

Barb reported that she and Josh are talking about skills share workshops at Network with the Master Gardeners. She also reported that she believes the Master Gardners/SCCAP gardening/food prep program will continue in Chambersburg but due to staff changes at Penn State Cooperative Extension the expansion to Waynesboro will not happen.

The next regular meeting is on Wednesday, February 13, 2018 at 1:30pm.