

Healthy Franklin County - Community Garden Work Group  
June 13, 2018  
**MINUTES**

Present: Barb Houpt (Chambersburg YMCA), Josh Mosely (Network Ministries), Kari Coleman (Folium), Abby McElhiney (SCCAP), Dr. Elizabeth George (MacWell/HEA), Sheryl Snider (F&M Trust), Noel Purdy (Healthy Franklin County), Nickie Fickel (Summit Health)

Absent: Chris Mayer (Wilson College), Danelle Wagner (Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition), Crystal Griffin (SCRC), Trey Gelbach (Waynesboro Area Human Services), Nickie Fickel (Summit Health), Denise Esser (Waynesboro Area Human Services)

The group reviewed the April 2018 minutes.

**Network Ministries Community Garden Expansion:**

Josh reported that 9 new beds have been built and 4 are taken now. They are planning to build up to 12 beds and add 14 gardeners. Josh suggested that we schedule a Community Garden event for building gardens and for those interested in having a plot to apply – on July 9<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-6pm. Noel will create an event on facebook.

**Community Garden Workshops at Network Ministries**

The skills training workshops will be scheduled for fall/winter with the Master Gardeners.

**FCHA Community Garden Survey -Waynesboro**

Noel will schedule a meeting with Denise Esser and FCHA in Waynesboro to discuss the findings.

**Community Garden Toolkit/Resources Guide**

Noel will put this completed guide on the website and will share with the partners and post on social media.

**FY18/19 Work Plan & NTF Action Plan Update-This was a joint discussion with the Food Insecurity & Community Garden Work Group**

Noel shared with the group the items to be updated on the Nutrition Task Force Action Plan: Noel will work on obtaining year two performance measures. The group reviewed the year 2 action plan and made recommendations for year 3 program year which starts on July 1, 2018:

- Noel contact Andrea Nunez about Choose to Lose program at Waynesboro YMCA to see if they continued with the program and / or will next year
- Noel to contact Dr. George about Healthy Eating Adventure program data and plans for next year; update performance measures to include Cholesterol, BP, BMI
- Noel to reach out to Boys & Girls Club about Triple Play status in light of staff transition
- Nickie and Karen will maintain existing connections with TASD & CASD wellness committees; Denise will inquire about WASD wellness committee
- Plan 3 Nutrition Block Parties for next year: Shippensburg Resource Coalition, the Towers and WCHS
- Add new activity of exploring feasibility of Snoke's property re-use for education/micro-enterprise; contact Bonnie Zehler first with Valley Community Housing Corporation to assess their interest in the property
- Delete Garden of Success
- Update mobile market activity to support expansion of gleaning project produce into Franklin County Housing Authority
- Add new activity promote WIC voucher program and senior vouchers
- Add new activity promote local farmers markets
- Add new activity support expansion of NSFAM and Waynesboro farmers market

- Support back pack program by promoting awareness and best practices within providers network

The Community Garden & Food Insecurity work group discussed the following:

- Continue to support Network Ministries garden & provide technical assistance as needed
- Assess feasibility of Stevens Elementary program
- Explore feasibility of farm-to-school program at CASD & TASD
- Evaluation Stevens After School program; continue next year?
- Feasibility of Chambersburg Hospital community garden, serving local food in cafeteria
- Assess mobile food market concept with larger scale employers including Summit Health

Dr. George reported that she has been working with Chambersburg Hospital to offer a plant-based option on the patients menu; she anticipates this will go online in 2018.

Noel will update the plans and circulate.

**The next regular meeting is on Wednesday, August 8, 2018.**