

Healthy Franklin County Nutrition Task Force
Food Insecurity Work Group Minutes
February 14, 2018

Present: Jay Eury (The Gleaning Project/SCCAP), Nickie Fickel (Summit Health), Abby McElhiney (The Gleaning Project/SCCAP), Kari Coleman (Manito), Danelle Wagner (Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition), Crystal Griffin (SCRC Intern), Barb Houpt (Chambersburg YMCA), Marina Hertzog (Summit Health Intern), Noel Purdy (Healthy Franklin County).

Absent: Sheryl Snider (F&M Trust), Lenelle Baer (Penn State Cooperative Extension West Capital Region Nutrition Links Coordinator), Samantha Robinson (Penn State Cooperative Extension Client Relationship Manager Area 8)

Backpack Programs

- Reviewed survey and group suggested edits. Revise questions to include option for backpack program facilitators that coordinate to multiple schools, include question about biggest and 2nd biggest “headache” or challenge that survey respondent has in their coordinating work
- Discussed convening backpack program coordinators from across the county. Chambersburg Cares (contact Christy Unger) does some facilitation work involving backpack programs in the Chambersburg area, but potential for FIWG to expand that community of practice to county-level. Include Waynesboro schools (facilitated by Waynesboro Community & Human Services, contact Denise Esser) and Shippensburg schools (facilitated by Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition, contact Danelle Wagner) and Tuscarora schools.
- Some thoughts the group had about convening a best practices meeting for Franklin County backpack programs
 - Valuable to get them all in a room together
 - Particular challenges that Danelle highlighted in her work in Shippensburg with “Houndpacks” program include: funding, volunteer sourcing and retention, food choices and providing recipes, fresh produce inclusion and related logistical challenges, scaling up/meeting demand
 - Participants to a backpack program meeting could include: participating school guidance counselors, affiliated church lead volunteers, Chambersburg Cares, WCHS, SCRC, FIWG, Central PA Food Bank where most of the backpack food is sourced from...
 - Potential dates end of school year (April/May?) and/or beginning of school year (Aug/Sept?)
 - Danelle spoke of challenges and desire for support. Also highlighted the energy and creativity backpack programs can create within a community...
- **Next actions**
 - Noel: chat with Christy Unger about Chambersburg Cares connections and support of Cburg school backpack programs. Any desire for a convening facilitated by FIWG? And complications? What challenges could sharing best practices hope to assist with?

FCHA Food Distro

- Discussed need for volunteer support, especially new support (organizations or individuals), to sustain this existing, effective program
- FCHA Food Distro has been Saturday afternoons during the market season (June-Oct) the last 3 years
- **Next actions**
 - Noel, Abby, Jay, any others welcome...: Visit FCHA last Tuesday of the month (Feb. 27) to watch Central PA Food Bank ‘Fresh Express’ distribution, brainstorm piggybacking potential on that Fresh Express visit last Tuesday of each month, as well as brainstorm ways to sustain Saturday Food Distro
 - Noel/Jay: brainstorm and contact potential logistics volunteers, invite to that Tuesday
 - Abby: email gleaning volunteers to see if any interest
 - Jay/Kari: chat Wednesday 2/21

Nutrition Block Parties

- Reviewed ‘Goals, History, & Long Term Direction’ document - <http://bit.ly/2EtfRnV>
- All planning documents, photos, and meeting minutes from past events accessible here - <http://bit.ly/1TPg5WR>

- Discussed this [2018 Plan](#), special focus on what organizations might get real value out of having a Nutrition Block Party partner with them.
- Potential 2018 locations/partners
 - Tower at Falling Spring
 - low income focused, gleaned produce sourced
 - October?
 - Potential partners: Tower at Falling Spring, The Gleaning Project, others?
 - Shippensburg Produce Outreach / SCRC “Blessing of the Backpack” event
 - Low income focused, gleaned produce sourced
 - August?
 - Potential partners: SPO, SCRC, Shippensburg University, Boys & Girls Club, The Gleaning Project
 - North Square Farmers Market
 - General audience, produce purchased/donated by market vendors?
 - June? July?
 - Potential partners: HCP Power of Produce program, North Square Farmers Market, WIC, The Gleaning Project, others?

Next Meeting April 11, 2018.