

Healthy Franklin County Nutrition Task Force  
Food Insecurity Work Group Minutes  
April 11, 2018

**Present:** Abby McElhiney (The Gleaning Project/SCCAP), Lenelle Baer (Penn State Cooperative Extension West Capital Region Nutrition Links Coordinator), Denise Esser (Waynesboro Area Human Services), Christy Unger (Healthy Communities Partnership), Barb Houpt (Chambersburg YMCA), Marina Hertzog (Summit Health Intern), Noel Purdy (Healthy Franklin County). **Absent:** Sheryl Snider (F&M Trust), Samantha Robinson (Penn State Cooperative Extension Client Relationship Manager Area 8), Kari Coleman, Danelle Wagner, Crystal Griffin.

The group reviewed the minutes from February 14, 2018.

#### **Food Insecurity Map**

Noel reported that the food in security map is still being worked on. The County GIS department will be adding Latino grocery stores, grocery stores that accept food stamps, and back pack programs; we are currently doing an inventory of Countywide programs. Noel will send the map out to the committee for review and will also send Denise.

#### **Food Distro FCHA – Chambersburg**

Abby reported that she and Jay attended the Fresh Express monthly distribution to observe their distribution model. The food is distributed once a month at the Boys and Girls Club and includes mostly boxed food with some produce. Abby wasn't sure that a distribution program, on the scale that Kari did it, was worth it since the free food stand is up the street in front of the SCCAP offices. The nutrition task force suggested exploring a food stand model, that could either be unmanned or staffed by volunteers who live in the neighborhood. It was also suggested that crates with produce could be available in the neighborhood. Noel contacted Ben Cook at FCHA to ask if he thought there was a need for produce and if he thought a food stand concept could work. Noel did not hear from Ben before this meeting however, Ben followed up with an email on April 12 and indicated that a veggie stand sounded promising and there could be support from the Boys and Girls Club. Abby mentioned that Josh Mosely had expressed an interest in working with the youth too; Noel will circle back with Abby, Ben and Noel on next steps.

#### **Nutrition Block Parties**

Danelle wasn't able to make the April 11 meeting but sent an email later that said the Shippensburg Resource Coalition is interested in working with HFC on a Nutrition Block Party. Noel reported that she needed to follow up with Pat McCollough on a NBP at the Towers, as they are interested.

#### **Back Pack Program**

Christy reported that Healthy Communities Partnership/Communities that Care provides coordination support for the back pack programs in the (elementary) Chambersburg Area School District. Schools with programs include: Ben Chambers, Stevens, Grandview, Lurgan, Marion, Hamilton Heights, Fayetteville, Scotland, Andrew Buchanan, South Hamilton and Guildford. Christy has been a connector for James Buchanan in Mercersburg. Denise coordinates the back pack program in Waynesboro. CASD has 350 students in elementary who participate in the back pack program. WASD has 178 student in both elementary and high school. Noel will send the survey to Danelle in Shippensburg and Denise and Christy will make sure to get it to her other contacts outside of CASD. The group also discussed adding an activity to help HCP coordinate a best practice conference/workshop for all of coordinators in the County.

#### **Partner Updates**

Denise reported that WAHS is having a cash flow problem right now; they aren't buying food or diapers. They are working on fundraising. Lennelle reported that NEA job opening has opened up in Adams County. Abby reported that the Gleaning Project will be hosting the Empty Bowls fundraiser in Gettysburg and they hired an assistant coordinator for the program. Christy shared that HCP is working on Double Dollars at NSFM and POP (which has no funding). They are looking for volunteers to help.

**Next Meeting June 13, 2018.**