

Present: Kathy Gaskin, Nikki Bennet, Kristy Kraft, Rayna Cooper, Etta Saltos, Megan Shreve, Jorja Barton, Steve Early, Beth Hamilton, Subarna Sijapati, Season Miller, J’Amy Graham Thomas, Audrey Hess

- 1) Approval of May meeting minutes
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Central Pennsylvania Food Bank-- Jorja Barton, Steve Early, Beth Hamilton-- joining the council / presented on their Bold Goal initiative to close the meal gap.
  - a. Have been visiting county-level meetings
  - b. Since 1982, serving 27 counties in PA
  - c. Harrisburg and Williamsport warehouses—about 90 staff, 16 trucks
  - d. Nutrition now more of a priority than in early years of distribution
  - e. Part of Feeding America—regional food banks—(one of 9 in PA)
    - i. Shared Feeding America video about food banks/food pantries
  - f. Bold Goal
  - g. Adams County partners—
    - i. handout with Adams County food pantries, backpack programs
    - ii. 1.7 million “meal gap” in Adams County—this gap is being addressed in part through Gleaning Project and other local donors to food pantries/backpack programs—need remains!
  - h. Pennsylvania Agriculture Surplus System (PASS)--State-wide \$1 million grant for additional funding being administered by Central PA Food Bank
  - i. Here at FPC meeting to see how we can partner together
  - j. SNAP community partner—HELP LINE for SNAP application process
  - k. Donated inventory—less regulation in terms of income-eligibility—Food Bank aims for at least 51% income eligibility for distribution of donated food
  - l. Question from Megan Shreve to Jorja—what policy advocacy could we tap into related to raising eligibility cut-off for food bank resources to 200% FPIG? Advocacy is priority within Food Bank—Karen Woodings is an advocate on legislative issues
  - m. Health screenings using medical students at food pantries—in conjunction with Hamilton Health Center
- 4) FINI grant next steps
  - a. Now official letter of grant has been received! Need to wait until publicized nationally to publicize locally
  - b. Set up meeting with Kennie’s for meeting soon
  - c. Research component pre-survey—Amy Dailey will help design

5) Updates:

- a. Adams County Local Foods Guide
  - i. 6,000 were printed
  - ii. Distribution: 4,000 distributed the week of May 23
  - iii. Additional boxes are at CPS for us to distribute
- b. Healthy Options
  - i. Report on Kennie's Winter Program—only \$900 of \$13,000 grant remaining—looks like very good percent utilization—will have final data soon upon receipt of final invoices
  - ii. Funding Update
    - 1. WellSpan Employee giving campaign now up to \$18,000
    - 2. Partnership with ACOFA 50 or 70 individuals
      - a. ACOFA would determine own eligibility criteria
      - b. \$40/month for farmers market vouchers
      - c. surveys
  - iii. Summer programmatic update
    - 1. Kick-Off Distribution at markets on June 2 and 4
    - 2. 101 families
    - 3. leaders have taken initiative in planning regional walks within county
- c. Adams County Farmers Market Association
  - i. Thursday market downtown Gettysburg—
    - 1. ribbon cutting ceremony tomorrow in conjunction with Chamber of Commerce –3 pm June 2—all invited!
    - 2. 8-9 vendors, some rotating
    - 3. outreach to restaurants downtown
  - ii. Saturday market Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg
  - iii. June 28 Kids' Day at Y—tokens for children upon participating with activities—which children can then spend at the market
  - iv. Cooking demos at Farmers Market—3 throughout season
  - v. Publicity—mailer went out to about 8000 homes with sign-up card for Goodie Giveaway
- d. The Gleaning Project
  - i. Hiring assistant
  - ii. Starting some gleans—will be busier in July
  - iii. Food has been out in stand
- e. WIC FMNP kick-off event June 7

- i. Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) voucher distribution to eligible WIC households
    - ii. Good publicity for community with visitors from USDA and PA Dept of Ag.
  - f. Children’s Health and Nutrition Task Force
    - i. 4 restaurants implemented Healthy Choices for Kids menu program
    - ii. New focus—based on Carroll County MD’s healthy dining guide—help highlight options already existing for healthy eating out options
      - 1. info sheet
      - 2. sticker
      - 3. survey about menu at restaurant to inquire about healthy menu items available
      - 4. Collaborating with Hanover Hospital to get the word out in Hanover
      - 5. “Where the Health can you Eat Around Here?”
  - g. Healthy Adams County
    - i. Housing Summit –Thurs June 9 –8:30 am-3:30 pm—register with Jen Gastley at Healthy Adams County office
- 6) Strategic Planning with Mark Winne – Do we want to do this? When?

For future discussion

- 7) Upcoming events
  - a. Painted Turtle Farm/Healthy Options Potluck: June 6 at 6pm