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1) March meeting minutes and April Updates: Approved

2) Chesapeake Food Policy Leadership Institute – Kathy Gaskin and Audrey Hess

Report on workshops attended:

Applying Systems Thinking to Food System Work

A bit esoteric, not much to report

Good Laws, Good Food: Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic presented.

Handout they reviewed is linked here. [Good Laws, Good Food: Putting Local Food Policy to Work for Our Communities](#)

Who Sits at Your Food Policy Table: Center for Livable Future

Discussion of timing of meetings to get different perspectives, agency reps vs. community members; ways to engage community members in formats other than formal meetings (e.g. tables at community events, attendance at other groups’ meetings, listening sessions, participation on specific action committee)

Cross-cutting Policy Action

State and local perspectives presented. Discussed ideas on what we could do on state level – Good Samaritan, farm to food pantry, composting were ideas. Read about [food recovery tax deduction legislation](#).

Tell the Story of Food Policy

Stressed telling a good story rather than data --especially positive stories not overwhelming problems. Too much data or terms with multiple understandings (e.g. “sustainability,” “healthy,” “food desert,” “disadvantaged,” etc.) can make issue difficult for people to understand or support.

Policy Selection for Action

How to prioritize? See attached “**Policy Selection Matrix**” to help decide to what to work on. Weigh addressing easier-to-address issues with less potential impact vs. more complex issues with potentially greater impact

Putting Policy to Work

Use recovered food at sessions to demonstrate the impact of our work; interest at federal level for supporting regional collaboration

**** Mark Winnie is willing to come back to do strategic planning with us, if we are interested. Review attached self-evaluation tool, “AFJ Advocacy Capacity”. We could consider using it before inviting Mark.***

3) FINI Grant

- USDA has asked for additional specific information which has been time consuming, but it's coming together.
- We are still waiting for the official announcement and then we'll have a meeting with Kennie's in June or July.
- Amy Dailey offered to support with research pre and post.

4) Updates:

a. Adams County Local Foods Guide

- i. Ready to print

b. The Gleaning Project

- i. \$5,400, 350 people attended, 100 volunteers
- ii. Bowls from 16 different places, soup from 15 restaurants
- iii. Distinguished Service Award at PA CAAP Conference
- iv. T-Shirts are available, if you'd like one!
- v. Looking to buy walk-in cooler before end of May
- vi. Soon hiring an Assistant Coordinator to work through November
- vii. Community garden at 7th Day Adventist Church
- viii. Good advertising at Come Walk With Me event

c. Adams County Farmers Market Association

- i. Opening this weekend, May 7th Outlet Shoppes
- ii. Volunteers are needed for outreach table, two shifts on Saturdays 8am-12pm, 11am-3pm. Two shifts on Wednesdays, 1-4pm, 2-7pm.
- iii. Offering vouchers for parking worth \$1.35. Customers will be reimburse with market money if they show parking app.
- iv. Goodie Giveaway – weekly draw worth \$5.
- v. Adams County employees will receive Wellness Bucks. 650 employees, 310 signed up to join the wellness program. Each gets \$10 for use at the market. More will be handed out after assessment of first round.
- vi. Ribbon Cutting with Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, June 2 at 3pm to encourage restaurants to use market produce.
- vii. Kids Day at the Market will take place on Tuesday, June 28 at YWCA.
- viii. Food Demos downtown – June 30 (Marty Qually chef), July 31, Aug 20.
- ix. Radio Ad on Saturday, July 16 – Froggy 107.7. Twenty \$20 Giveaways.

d. Healthy Options

- i. Target of 100 families
- ii. Families will be informed of acceptance soon.

- iii. 10 community leaders, 3 new ones – they are organizing 4 community walks throughout the season in three regions of the county so the walks are at a consistent time and place.
- iv. June 2, 4-6pm and June 4, 10-2pm are set for voucher distribution at market
- v. Wellspan Employee Giving Campaign – \$17,000 ~~deso~~-far! Three disbursements of cash – first will come mid-summer.
- e. Arts Council with HO Participants
 - i. Five 6-session cooking classes with HO Families were held throughout the winter
 - ii. Monday Zumba classes were also held.
- f. Children’s Health and Nutrition Task Force
 - i. Working to get restaurants to sign up to be considered “Healthy Dining” if they meet criteria. Modeled off of Carroll County, MD. If they qualify, the restaurant will be promoted as a “Healthy Dining” option.
 - ii. FDA now requiring all chain restaurants to give calorie information.
- g. Painted Turtle Farm
 - i. 25 families, over 100 people each Monday night
 - ii. 18 CSA members
 - iii. Potlucks are June 6, July 11 and August 22
- h. Campus Kitchen
 - i. Green Goodies – 30 home-bound seniors will get weekly produce bags throughout the season. This is through an AARP grant and is an extension of Healthy Options for homebound seniors who can’t attend market. Seniors provide preferences and produce is obtained from Five Points Farm.
- i. Healthy Adams County
 - i. Come Walk With Me – excellent event! Will do it again next year.
 - ii. Corner store initiative – still waiting for intern approval, but she’ll work on research for that.
 - iii. Commissioners Forum on Affordable Housing will be held on May 24.
 - iv. Thursday June 9 – Affordable Housing Summit. The goal for the summit is to develop a few models for Adams County to possibly use.
 - v. Community Based Participatory Academy - Amy Dailey and Kathy Gaskin were accepted for year-long program through [The Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center.](#)

5) Upcoming events:

- a. Specialty Crop Study Circle for Spanish Speakers, May 5 from 6-8pm at Twin Springs Farm. See attached flyer.
- b. Gettysburg Green Gathering. May 21 from 11-4pm at the Ag Center. Live Music, food vendors, environmental educational displays and workshops, the Master Gardeners will have their plant sale that day.
- c. Year of Food at Gettysburg College, includes Bryant Terry on April 4, 2017. [Community based learning placements in the community are listed online](#) in case faculty want to incorporate it into their classes.

6) In the news:

- a. Maryland Became First State in Country to Restrict Bee-Killing Pesticides. It's possible Governor Hogan could veto this bill; he has until May 19th to do so. Action alert at: <http://www.capwiz.com/mpn/issues/alert/?alertid=71428626&type=SW>

