

## February Meeting Minutes

Zoom, 8:30 AM

### Attendance:

Kathy Gaskin – Healthy Adams County  
Mary Ann Leidigh, Cumberland County Food System Alliance Shippensburg  
Sarah Weigle – Adams County Planning GIS  
Tammy Hoff- Gettysburg College/Campus Kitchen  
Ryan Prater- Central PA Food Bank  
Dawn Watson – Central PA Food Bank  
Amy Santarelli – Penn State Extension Nutrition Links  
Jen Gastley – Adams County Community Coordinator Wellspan Health  
Matthew Moser – The Gleaning Project  
Leah Yingling – New Hope Ministries, Littlestown  
Kelly Clancy – YWCA  
Stephanie McIlwee - PICPI  
Nick Milone – GASD Food Service Director

### Approve January minutes

- Meeting minutes were approved

### Review Planning for 2024

Topics will be kept on the agenda:

- Outreach - Always looking for ideas to engage others during meeting presentations or involve new members.
  - PA Nutrition Education Network invited several members to be on a facilitated panel April 23<sup>rd</sup>, during their annual conference April 22-24. The topic of the panel is “Food Policy Efforts in PA”, should be a good opportunity for outreach.
- Liaison to County Emergency Services – SCCAP was approached, but staff does not have time to commit. There will be a 60-90 minute orientation at the Department of Emergency Services, anyone is welcome to attend. Training will consist of a series of videos. Kathy will take the training and is looking for one other person. Mary Ann offered to take the training with Kathy, even though she is based in Cumberland County. Maybe Adams and Cumberland representatives could be a back-up resource for the other County? Training dates during the week of February 13<sup>th</sup> are being evaluated.
- Military/ Veteran Share Program Update – Looking into finding a host site. During the Volunteer Advocacy Network meeting in January, two people from the Carlisle Share Program offered to vet the applications for Adams County and help with sign-up.

### Committee Updates:

- **Policy - Ryan**
  - Another resolution was passed to extend appropriations, March 1 and 8<sup>th</sup> are the new deadlines. Urge lawmakers to keep government open. Ryan will continue to monitor and provide updates, hopefully avoid a shutdown.

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- The Farm Bill was extended for one year, through September 30, 2024. Will continue to advocate for a strong Farm Bill.
- Revised Child Tax Credit, continue to advocate to get back to pandemic level amounts.
- Governor Shapiro released his budget proposal for the Commonwealth with a deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup>. It's in the legislator's hands, with opportunities to engage in the process. Some of the items include: continuing universal breakfast, \$3M increase to the PA Agricultural Surplus System, and continued funding for the State Food Purchase Program and Senior Food Boxes.
  - Would still like to explore the possibility of taking a group of lawmakers around the County. Reach out to Chris Kimple (Rep. Moul)?
- **Dashboard/website/Local Food Guide - Sarah**
  - Pantry locations and info was checked. There were a few updates, which were made to the FPC website listing and Brochure.
  - With the Pantry's verified, they were mapped with the Local Food Resource points, which are used in the map in the handout. A web map was started to be incorporated into the website.
  - Continuing to fill in data point cells of the Dashboard. The 2022 Census of Ag is scheduled to be released February 13<sup>th</sup>. This census is taken every 5 years.
- **Food Programs - Kathy**
  - People seem to be drifting to the Gettysburg Kennie's, there has been an uptick in vouchers used at this location.
  - Fruit & Veggie Bucks is going smoothly and will continue through the end of May.
  - Kathy writing a grant to fund the Programs, seeking \$11,000 from Highmark Wholecare.
  - Food Programs Committee has combined with the AC Farmers Market Program subcommittee, some of the same people are on both.
  - Carly Auchey, who used to be on the Council, has moved back to the area and is working at Gettysburg College.

### Member Updates

#### Matthew Moser

- There will be a charity night benefitting The Gleaning Project at Fourscore on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm, they will receive 10% of sales.
- Empty Bowls has been scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2024 from 4-7pm in Plank Gym at Gettysburg College. If organizations have flyers, they can be added to the bags.

#### Dawn Watson

- Central PA Hunger Mapping project for Franklin County and Adams County is scheduled to be underway in 2024 – 2025.
  - The Lebanon County Report was released in mid-January. Links to the article and summary, which include links to the full report were provided. Research questions how we think about the groups that are affected by food insecurity or are there hard to reach communities in the County, like the Amish population in Lancaster?
  - Lebanon County Hunger Mapping: <https://www.centralpafoodbank.org/take-action/policy-research/lebchm/>

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- Central PA Food Bank Releases Lebanon County hunger Mapping Data:  
<https://lebtown.com/2024/01/31/central-pennsylvania-food-bank-releases-lebanon-county-hunger-mapping-data/>
- The process will include data collection, surveys, and stakeholders as partners to address the underserved. Data collection for multiple counties is underway. It's important to be thorough, the support work is happening on the ground. Data collection isn't done through the holidays. Volunteers will be needed.
  - Will 2020 data be used? The landscape for charitable food is the same as in covid. Some data analysis is multi-layered.

Mary Ann Leidigh

- South Mountain Partnership has released their State of the Region Report Card:  
<https://www.southmountainpartnership.org/state-of-the-region/>
- The Cumberland County Food System Alliance will sponsor "Community Conversation: Exploring Local Food Access" on March 4, from 3-4:30 pm. LEAF (Leadership, Education, and Farming) will present their research findings and facilitate break-out group conversation around local food access themes.

Nick Milone

- GASD Food Service has been working with the wellness committee to build structure and capacity. There is an initiative for athlete resources, to provide a space for athletes to get healthy, grab and go meals at a kiosk after school hours.
- Nutrition for Sports Program pilot is scheduled for early April for 2-3 weeks in the food court.
- A Farm to School Program is in the beginning stages, establishing a team and program in the Food Services Department. Having growers on campus was a thought.
- Looking for creative service models for breakfast, as Districts struggle with increased participation.
- Matthew offered support from the Gleaning Project to coordinate with growers and Amy offered help with nutrition education from Penn State Extension.

Adams County Farmers Market – Kathy

- Progress report on Food Program at the Market was released in December. The SNAP pandemic benefit ended last year, but those using SNAP at the market came more often.
- Significant increase in use of FMNP vouchers.
- About a 20% increase in sales at the new location last year.

Kathy

- Mental Health and Wellness Day at HACC, May 11. The event is in the planning stages, considering activities, resource tools, and presentations.

**Next Meeting: March 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM (in person)**

Ag and Natural Resources Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Rd, Gettysburg  
Downstairs Classroom