

Attendance:

Kathy Gaskin – (Healthy Adams County)
Teresa Rogers – (Adams County YWCA Senior Childcare Administrator)
Grace Bushway – (Healthy Options & AmeriCorps VISTA at Gettysburg College)
Tammy Hoff – (Gettysburg College CPS & Campus Kitchen)
Yeimi Gagliardi – (WellSpan Community Health)
Sarah Weigle – (GIS Specialist at County Office of Planning and Development)
Lynn James – (Penn State Extension)
Cheryl Moyer – (Grant writer at SCCAP)
Ryan Prater – (Community Engagement Associate CPF)
Reza Djalal – (Adams County Farmer’s Market Manager)
Irene Hawkins – (Prof. of Environmental Studies, Gettysburg College)
Tamara Ramer – (American Heart Association)
Molly Bryan – (Gleaning Coordinator)
Hyacinth Gayl – (Patient Care at Family First Health)
Lisa Beaver – (SCCAP Pantry Coordinator)
Belinda Wallen – (Gettysburg Area School District)
Zach Zook – (Policy Analyst CPF)
Ann Talbot – (Adams/York Link Coordinator)
Jen Eckerson – (Adams County Housing Authority)

Minutes

- Approved for March

Presentation from Teresa Rogers (YWCA Adams County)

- Initiated a farm to table program last year through \$1,000 grant
- During the beginning of the pandemic, converted sandbox to box garden
- Partnered with Master Gardeners to get it started
- Goals:
 - Educate kids on local food and where it comes from
 - Serve local, healthy foods to kids and adults
 - Increase community involvement with YWCA
- Lots of stem activities with kids (measuring, weighing, etc.)
- Kids try different foods in various ways and journal to track it all
- 22 harvest dates last year; various fruits and veggies
- Short Term Expansion Goals:
 - Just wrote a \$3,000 grant to the Whole Kids Foundation to fund irrigation systems
 - Would like to increase to 7 total beds
 - Hoping expand program to Fairfield (currently in Adams Commons Business Park)
 - They’ll convert sandboxes
 - Working with Walmart for soil and tools
- Long Term Expansion Goals:
 - To work with local farmers for education and field trips for kids
 - To eventually start composting
 - To have a fruit stand up and running for kids to sell what they grow
 - To help families with food insecurity by providing food to them

- Thoughts from the council:
 - A youth farm stand would be a great highlight at young entrepreneur day at ACFM
 - Potential connections to PSE with additional classes and tastings for families

Committee Reports

- Website Committee – Jay
 - Not met; updates to come
- Policy Committee – Ryan
 - Met Thursday March 31st
 - 5-6 others on the call
 - Future meetings on the last Tuesdays of month 4:30-5:30pm
 - Email Ryan if interested!
 - Good conversation about what direction the committee wants to go
 - Trying to walk decide what initiatives and policies they want to pursue
 - Most participants already work in healthcare, food security, anti-hunger areas
 - Existing areas of the group will not limit policies they explore (ex: agriculture)
 - Want to make the group an open forum; invite concerned citizens, connect them with legislators, and/or help them work on issues close to them
- Local food Guide – Tammy
 - Not met (just Tammy)
 - Met with Gretchen Carleson-Natter in the Center for Public Service about ways to involve student volunteers
- Outreach – Yeimi (Update from Kathy)
 - Not many folks could attend meeting time
 - Continuing to plan for this year's outreach initiatives
 - Presentations for Rotary and Kiwanis clubs
 - Sharing presentation with the Adams Economic Alliance (newsletter)
 - Still trying to work something out with the Chamber of Commerce
 - Will eventually assess outcomes of programs running
- Food programs – Kathy
 - Meeting set up for next week
 - Goal:
 - Assess how all food programs are going
 - Take a look at program outcomes and how to efficiently gather data
 - Anticipate changes
 - Brainstorm how to make them more successful/attract more participants
 - Hoping to revise marketing materials for programs

Other Announcements

- *How the Other Half Eats* by Priya Fielding-Singh
 - Kathy and others currently reading the book
 - Perhaps we can have some discussions/book groups with community
- Hiring new community health worker to work with Yeimi
 - Hope to pull into FPC work; data collection; coordinating food programs
 - Hopefully will begin next month
- Another backpack program meeting
 - End of April, maybe into May

- Will discuss summer plans; whether programs will still plan to provide food during the summer as they did for the bulk of the pandemic
- CHNTF still working on the handout for them

Project & Program Updates

1. Food Programs in General
 - a. Kathy put in all grant applications to fund food programs
 - b. Asked for funds for 10 more families for Healthy Options
2. Healthy Options
 - a. Senior HO participants were surveyed and several indicated that they would give their market vouchers to families on the HO waitlist
 - b. Finishing up the Kennie's season (April 30th) and preparing for the summer now
3. Fruit and Veggie Bucks
 - a. About 220 in the program this year
 - b. Program ends May 31st, then direct people to shop at market with FMNP vouchers
4. Local Food Guide
 - a. Nothing new

Member Updates

- Lynn:
 - Retiring at end of the month!
 - Her position will be filled, though it will take some time
 - Close to hiring someone in York (covering Dauphin and Perry) who will supervise Nutrition Education Advisor classes
 - Will keep volunteering for the ACFM and FPC
 - After 4/29, can be reached at: Lxj111@gmail.com
- Molly:
 - Empty Bowls Fundraiser!
 - April 22nd from 5:30-7pm | Gettysburg Middle School
 - Tickets on sale on the [Gleaning Project Facebook](#) page
- Ryan:
 - State Level: Still working on the budget
 - State food purchase program; agricultural surplus system
 - Regional officials have suggested they are open to increases
 - There are some avenues for the Policy Committee to work with legislators for Adams County on these issues
 - Federal Level: Child Nutrition Waivers and Full Meal Program
 - Still has not been extended, set expire June 30th
 - Non-renewal will disrupt systems in the middle of the summer
- Grace:
 - Celebra tu salud: Sunday May 1st | 2-5pm | Gettysburg College Ballroom
 - About 20 vendors with various activities and services
 - Includes dance fitness, yoga, pediatric COVID vaccines, and more!
 - See flyers sent out with the minutes
- Reza:
 - Opening Day: April 23rd!
 - Just updated Flyers for Doubling programs
 - <https://www.acfarmersmarkets.org/our-outreach-programs>

- Farmers Market Coalition just launched website listing the different programs markets around the US are providing for their communities
 - <https://farmdirectincentives.guide/>
- Increasing amount of SNAP that can be doubled (\$25 → \$30) for a short time
- Hyacinth:
 - Mobile Mammograms May 1st at Gettysburg College!
 - 12:00-5:00pm | Call to register (see flyer in the minutes)
- Kathy:
 - Community Health Needs Assessment underway for Adams County
 - On track for final report by the beginning of May
 - Regional rollout of data set for June
 - Strategic planning meeting over the summer
 - Would like to have participation from each taskforce
 - Goal setting; direction for next couple years
 - Will notify everyone of meeting date
 - Hoping to schedule a fall forum for community to talk about the data
 - Ask community to take part in specific actions to meet goals decided at the strategic planning meeting
 - Summer plans:
 - Farmer's Market Programming (ex: Kids Day, Mobile Markets)
 - Will be offering Persuade and Refer trainings this summer (suicide prevention)
- Jen:
 - The Housing Authority still has rent relief funding
 - Use it or lose it by June 30th
 - Up to \$1500 for past due rent and utilities
 - Applicants must provide proof of income and a past due notice
 - New hire starting in next couple weeks
 - Looking for housing options that will accept housing vouchers
 - Currently 60 families, processing 40 families, about 100 on waiting
 - Misty Ridge Project
 - <https://www.luminest.org/meadow-view-townhomes>
 - Affordable (\$900 or below) 2-3 bedroom townhouses
 - 60% of area median income will be the maximum income range
 - They are accepting applications for their fall opening
- Zach:
 - Beginning to creating dashboard to filter new survey data by county
 - Data analyzes main drivers of food insecurity
 - Administering a client survey through Feeding America
 - Network analysis of neighborhoods and access to grocery stores
 - Happy to help with data analysis with any work FPC does, like food programs
- Lisa:
 - Looking into automatic tracking program with CPF

Meeting ended at 9:28am

Next Meeting: May 4, 2022 @ 8:30am

