

**Attendance:**

Kathy Gaskin – Healthy Adams County  
Ryan Prater – Community Engagement Associate CPF  
Dawn Watson – Central Pa Food Bank  
Cheryl Moyer – Grant Writer, SCCAP  
Claudia Aguilar - ACFM Assistant/ Food Programs Coordinator  
Lisa Beaver – Food Pantry Manager/SCCAP Gettysburg  
Sarah Weigle – Adams County Planning GIS

**Minutes:**

The March meeting minutes were approved.

**Review of Strategic Planning Meeting in April:**

An in-person meeting was held April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am – noon at the PA Career Link Office.

- Kathy updated everyone on the work done at the meeting including a presentation from Ryan Prater on the Farm Bill, a dashboard working session with Sarah Weigle and planning for a food forum in the Fall.

**Food Forum Planning committee update – Kathy**

Brady suggested the Adams County Technical Institute as a venue for the Forum. A couple members met virtually with Sean Eckenrode and Jeremy Schaffner and selected a date, which will be the evening of September 13<sup>th</sup>. This location should work very well with the location, size, and a room available for childcare. Jeremy and his students will create the menu for a buffet dinner, the capacity is 80 people, 90 max. So we will need to think about who we would like to target for invitations.

The committee met to discuss what the program would look like. A basic agenda was formed and may be tweaked once we know better who the speakers will be:

- After the meal, a one-on-one with Russell Redding or someone from the Department of Ag in the first half hour
- The second half with a panel of 3-4 program participants expressing what happens around them with food insecurity, gaps, etc. to educate others. Maybe Circles participants?
- Then table discussions around different food topics (like food service in schools, etc.) and let the attendees choose their area of interest.
- Still need to identify more program participants, maybe the Food Bank and others?

It was asked if the program participants would be compensated? Kathy wasn't sure and thought that participation may be part of the project, which empowers them to speak up for themselves. It was noted that it has become more of a best practice to compensate for time, maybe a gift card?

A child care room is planned for the event. Most of the budget will go toward the cost of making the food and not the space. The cost could be offset by incorporating donations from local vendors or donation of products. The estimated cost is @\$12-\$15 a person and will be coming from the Healthy Adams County events budget.

**Potential Topics:**

- Food and disasters (Christine Heyser)
- Ryan will present policy updates
- School feeding programs/ meals, child nutrition
- A grower or someone from Penn State Extension on ag issues
- General food access
- Adams County Farmers Market – now that they are more visible and accessible, could be an opportunity for community feedback or discuss how they have brought in different partners over the last 15 years?
- May not want more than 6 topics. Two discussions could be held in the main room, not sure how many rooms we will have access to?

**Next Steps:**

- Layout the format
- Talk about the guest list – send a document with who to invite
  - Focusing on local representatives, law makers, local business leaders, interested agencies, growers (Gleaning)
- Deadline for menu details to Jeremy – August 19th

**Committee Updates:**

Dashboard/website – Sarah

- Update of available information for 2021-2022 is about complete.
- A few indicators that have not been easy to get were removed, but a copy of the original dashboard has been saved, in case they are revisited. New indicators may be added as different data becomes available and we move forward
- Cheryl noted that she finds the information useful for grant writing. This was great to hear because it has come up in the subcommittee as something to look into – who/ how is the dashboard being used? Additional data can be added to make it more useful.

Policy – Ryan

- The bill to suspend the debt ceiling until January 2025 was passed
  - But work requirements in two programs are changing with the package. “Work requirement” may sound great, but there isn’t really evidence that they work or increase the labor force
  - For SNAP, the time limits require adults need to have a job within 3 months or get kicked off SNAP. The Able-bodied rule was expanded to include 50-54 year olds. But homeless, veterans, and those transitioning out of foster care will be exempt.
  - Nothing major to reduce the debt
  - Defaulting would be much more detrimental to the economy
- Question about how the Farm Bill was affected?
  - The House is starting to write their version of the Bill
  - Still trying to invite Representative Joyce to the area
  - One of Governor Shapiro’s top priorities is the school breakfast program
  - A letter from the Food Policy Council could be helpful to layout priorities
- Planning a day to try and get Moul, Mastriano, and Ecker together with a few members to go on a tour of Adams County. Let Kathy or Ryan know if interested in joining.

Local Food Guide- Kathy for Tammy

- Not a lot of responses from the growers, becoming hard to maintain
- Meeting next week with a few ideas on moving forward
- Wellspan sponsored \$5,000 for printing

#### Outreach - Kathy

- Yeimi has a new role and may not be able to chair the committee, but many members promote the Council in their everyday work and at events.

#### Food Programs

- Healthy Options - Claudia
  - Both distributions for summer vouchers have been picked up
  - The Unitarian Universalist Church is having Claudia speak there on July 9<sup>th</sup> about the program.
  - Healthy Adams is hosting a picnic/fun evening on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Rec Park for HO participants. There will be games, food, and families can get to know each other.
- Fruit and Veggie Bucks - Kathy
  - Wrapped up May 31<sup>st</sup>
  - One day of free produce was offered and @\$1,000 was spent, so we're hesitant to do more than one day with the participation.
  - Program starts October 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - SCCAP received over 60 post survey responses, it's difficult to call people

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