

**Adams County Food Policy Council  
August 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Kathy Gaskin – Healthy Adams County  
Ryan Prater – Community Engagement Associate CPF  
Dawn Watson – Central Pa Food Bank  
Matt Moser – Gleaning Program  
Claudia Aguilar - ACFM Assistant/ Food Programs Coordinator  
Nick Malone- Gettysburg School District Food Service  
Sarah Davis – Penn State Extension  
Tamara Ramer – American Heart Association  
Tammy Hoff – Gettysburg College CPS/Campus Kitchen  
Stephanie Mcilwee – PICPI

**Minutes:**

The June meeting minutes were approved.

**Food Forum Planning Committee Update: September 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30 to 8:00 at the ACTI building**

Kathy reported that she met with Brady, Ryan, and Reza to continue planning for the forum. They discussed the Invitation list, Table Discussions and who should lead them and finding food donations to cut the cost of the meal being prepared by the culinary program at ACTI. Kathy has reached out to several health and human service organizations, the County Commissioners, Adams County Community Foundation, and a few individuals like Mike Cogliano, Gettysburg Hospital President. Ryan will be reaching out to his list of policy makers and state representatives. Kathy has asked Reza and Matt to reach out to some growers who they feel would be interested in attending. Kathy was reminded to invite the Gettysburg Hospital Foundation and she will also reach out to Adams County Planning Department. Kathy also will reach out to Claudia, Lisa, and Megan about program participants to invite to attend and also to be part of the panel.

Kathy asked if anyone has someone in mind that they feel should be invited to please reach out to her.

Next a discussion about the five table discussion topics began. Suggestions were made for people to lead the table discussions. They are as follows. Kathy will confirm with everyone if they are able to attend and willing to lead.

Food Systems/Disaster Planning: Led by Christine Heyser- Confirmed

Child Nutrition/School Food Service: Led by Etta Saltos (Children’s Health and Nutrition Task Force) and Nick Malone (Gettysburg School District Food Service)

Agriculture/Community: Led by Reza and Matt

Food Access: Led by Lisa Beaver, Claudia Aguilar and Kathy Gaskin

Policy: Ryan and other Central PA Food Bank Staff and possibly Dawn Plummer

Once everyone has confirmed Kathy will reach out with instructions for the discussions.

Food Donations: Matt confirmed that he will be able to donate apples for the dinner prep and Nick Malone offered to check with his suppliers to see if he can some produce or more fruit to contribute.

Child Care at the event: Tammy Hoff confirmed that CPS should be able to get students to help with this. The registration form asks everyone signing up if they would need childcare so we will know if it is needed and for how many.

### **Committee Updates:**

Dashboard/website and Local Food Guide– Sarah Weigle was not able to attend today but emailed earlier to say that the dashboard is up to date as much as it can be. She will be focusing her attention on the Local Food Guide on the website and helping Tammy with the print version. We will have more to share at the next meeting on the guide. The funding is in place to print once it is finalized.

### **Policy – Ryan**

- The state budget is still in limbo. Though the House and Senate have both passed the budget, there was a disagreement between the Senate and the Governor which has led to the Senate still not signing the budget. The budget does include funds for Universal School Breakfast and more funding for senior boxes. Nick reported that the school district has the go ahead to start the school year offering the free breakfast. He said that the utilization levels from last year were 30% for elementary and about 20% for secondary for the free breakfast.
  
- Ryan was able to set up a site visit at SCCAP for John Joyce. He will be visiting the Food Pantry and the Gleaning Program on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. He is hoping to do some advocacy for the Farm Bill which needs to happen soon within the 4-6 week period before it is due for a vote on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Ryan says the odds of it being voted on that day are about 5% but hopefully it will not be delayed too long. Funding will run through the calendar year even if it is delayed.

### **Food Programs**

- **Healthy Options - Claudia**
  - HO utilization rates so far this summer are 34.19 for families and 45.52 for seniors
  - Claudia felt that the senior utilization rate is higher as many seniors have been coming to get their FMNP vouchers that became available later than usual this year. They have seen a high rate of redemption already for the vouchers at the market.
  - 55 healthy options participants attended the picnic/event at the Rec Park and Claudia reported that they enjoyed the games with their families and hope that a similar event is planned again. Kathy enjoyed being there and meeting the families that attended!
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> distribution of the HO vouchers will take place on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the market and Claudia will be accepting applications for the new season on those dates as well.
  - Grace Bushway has finished her time as the AmeriCorp Vista and as the Healthy Options Coordinator. She has been able to train Claudia over the past few months. We will miss her but happy Claudia is in her place!
  
- **Fruit and Veggie Bucks - Kathy**
  - Planning to meet with Mark Hawn from Kennies this month to talk about registration kickoff in September.
  - Will update flyer and send mid August so it can be shared widely.
  - Program starts October 4<sup>th</sup>

- Should have some data from the pre and post surveys from the season to share at the next meeting.
- Asked for \$30,000 this year for the program and received it. Highmark Wholecare also promised more funding in the next calendar year.

### **Member Updates**

#### Adams County Farmers Market

- Claudia announced that it is Kids Day at the Market on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 1:00.
- In September the market will be having a Street Food Fiesta featuring Central and South America. They will be partnering with CASA de la Cultura who will host some games and activities as well as make some food to sell.

#### Gleaning Program

- Matt shared the Gleanamania information on their fundraiser. Tammy will send it out today to the council. He shared that it is their biggest fundraiser besides Empty Bowls. Any help to share with the community would be appreciated!

#### Campus Kitchen

- Tammy shared that she hopes to work with the Housing Authority to restart the congregate meals at their senior living facilities in Gettysburg that they were doing pre-COVID. Stephanie agreed that it would be a great idea and will work with her to help facilitate. If anyone knows of any other places that are within walking distance of the campus that students could bring food to share please let Tammy know.

**Next meeting: September 6th The meeting will be in person at the PA Career Link Building conference rooms A and B. The address is 150 V Twin Drive, Gettysburg. We will start the meeting at 9:00 a.m. as some need to drive in from other counties.**