

Attendance:

Kathy Gaskin – (Healthy Adams County)
Tammy Hoff – (Gettysburg College CPS & Campus Kitchen)
Reza Djalal – (Adams County Farmer’s Market Manager)
Sarah Weigle – (GIS Specialist, AC Office of Planning and Development)
Cheryl Moyer – (Grant writer at SCCAP)
Ryan Prater – (Community Engagement Associate CPF)
Jennifer Eckerson – (Adams County Housing Authority)
Grace Bushway - (AmeriCorps VISTA, Center for Public Service)
Hyacinth Gayle – (Patient Care at Family First Health)
Nick Milone - (Food Service Director, GASD)

Minutes:

The August meeting minutes were approved.

Kathy needs to leave early for the Commissioners meeting, the Suicide Prevention Proclamation is on the agenda. There were 175 suicides in Adams County since 2010, 8 this year.

Committee Reports:

- Food Programs – Kathy
 - Committee did not meet.
 - Fruit & Veggie Bucks materials are together and applications for registration are available at Kennie’s Market customer service desks (Gettysburg, Biglerville, and Littlestown).
 - Fruit & Veggie Buck Surveys in English and Spanish
 - Most fill out the pre-survey when they sign-up. There is not a great rate of return on the post-surveys. Moving forward on a text-based survey to show outcomes.
 - Photo Voice Project with Healthy Options
- Website/ Dashboard Committee – Sarah
 - Trying to schedule a meeting.
- Policy Committee – Ryan
 - Hunger Action Month Proclamation for the month of September was declared at the August 24th County Commissioners meeting.
 - The Central PA Food Bank participated in a live panel discussion, Putting Food on the Table: Food Insecurity, on WVIA.
 - White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health
 - The date of the Conference will be September 28, 2022. Additional details or agenda have not been announced yet, but it will take place online.
 - This is the first conference in 50 years, which created many programs in place today.
 - There was some discussion on whether this conference could be as transformational as the previous. It doesn’t seem that way, with the current political climate. There is a focus on the Farm Bill. There may need to be some

clarification between getting people food, which is different from nutrition. Some organization would like SNAP to restrict purchase of things like soda. Those using SNAP may not necessarily be eating unhealthy, but they still deserve to have freedom of choice. The issues to address hunger, nutrition, and health need to be considered differently.

- Local Food Guide – Tammy
 - Met with Kathy and Sarah to discuss where we're going with the Guide.
 - Also met with Carly Auchey to talk about the scale of work involved to update and put together.
 - Talked about paring down the information listed, producing less print copies, and using the QR pamphlet to direct users to the online pdf version.
 - Still in line with the previous timeframe.
- Outreach
 - No updates

Member Updates:

- Reza:
 - There are still events for the rest of the Farmers Market season, eight markets left. This Saturday is Young Entrepreneur's Day.
 - The Market will be moving to the Gettysburg Rec Park next year. More information will be released and a push to get the word out after this market season, so there isn't any confusion. Will need help so everyone knows the Market has moved, as some people don't know where the Rec Park is located.
 - Food Programs at the Farmers Market: The trend has been increasing, there was an increase in spending from SNAP shoppers, up 60%.
- Grace:
 - Healthy Options is on its second distribution of vouchers. In the process of going through the 150 applicants for next year, there is a waiting list.
- Nick:
 - Gettysburg Area School District opened their school year about 3 weeks ago. This will be a benchmark year, post-covid. There is a free meal program. The District is looking at the free/ reduced meal program, there have been numerous applicants to the school lunch and breakfast programs. Some discussion has taken place on what constitutes a "meal" versus a la carte and providing information for families. There was a modest increase in pricing.
- The October meeting will be held in-person at the PA Careerlink building on V-Twin Drive with breakfast provided!
- Reza received an email about a USDA grant for Food Policy Councils, will forward to the group.

Next Meeting: October 5, 2022 @ 8:30 am