

Adams County Food Policy Council | October 4, 2023

October Meeting Minutes

Zoom, 8:30 AM

Attendance:

Kathy Gaskin – Healthy Adams County
Christine Heyser, PA Department of Human Services
Nick Milone, GASD Food Service Director
Reza Djalal, AC Farmers Market Manager
Stephanie McIlwee, PICPI
Mary Ann Leidigh, Cumberland County Food System Alliance Shippensburg
Sarah Weigle – Adams County Planning GIS
Faith Hahn-Cline – AC Assistance Office
Reza Djalal – AC Farmers Market Manager
Dawn Watson – Central PA Food Bank – Policy Research Coordinator
Tammy Hoff- Gettysburg College/Campus Kitchen
Ryan Prater- Central PA Food Bank
Alli – Head Start Intern

Approve September minutes

Meeting minutes were approved

Food Forum Wrap Up and Next steps.

Notes from table discussions/recommendations

Ryan

Keynote and breakout sessions were successful
6/7 in his breakout
Surmised by barriers in Adams County
Tourism
Dan Moul & Torren Ecker staff attended
Good conversation was initiated

Christine

Food Systems during Disasters

- Carolyn Bixler – American Red Cross – Pennsylvania North Chapter
- Nick Stoops – Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
- Dave French – community volunteer
- Jessica McCutcheon – Office for Aging
- Lynn Deardorff – Office for Aging
- Carolyn George – community volunteer
- Christine Heyser – Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
- Warren Bladen– Adams County Emergency Services, 911 center

Recommendations:

- 1. Maintain continuity of food assistance programs in times of disaster.**
 - a. Share information about disaster disruptions to feeding programs with County Department of Emergency Services for coordination assistance
 - b. Plan for continuity of agency operations so you can continue to serve your consumers even in times of disaster

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- i. Resources: [FEMA Continuity Resource Toolkit](#) & [Continuity Planning Checklist](#) (pg 47)
2. **Build community resiliency through personal emergency preparedness.**
 - a. A 3 day supply of emergency food and water for all household members and pets as well as a go bag containing medications and other important items is ideal.
 - i. Promote personal emergency preparedness for agency staff and volunteers, so that they can continue to work and serve your consumers
 - ii. Promote personal preparedness for your consumers, so that they can be prepared to shelter in place or have a go bag for evacuations
 - iii. Resources:
 1. [ReadyPA](#) & [Direct link to emergency preparedness guide](#)
 2. [Red Cross Preparedness Programs](#)
 3. [Temple Institute on Disabilities](#) (tools for individuals with disabilities or access and functional needs)
3. **The Food Policy Council should provide a liaison to the County Emergency Operations Center when it is activated for disaster operations.**
 - a. The Adams County Food Policy Council liaison would serve as SME on the food system in the county and advise emergency management on food related issues.
 - b. The FPC liaison would provide information on impacts of the disaster event on food assistance programs and potential resources Food Policy Council members could provide.

Kathy

Food Access Breakout
Commissioner Martin impacted by personal stories
Shared personal stories
HO stats shared
Food Pantry stats shared
Building new and strengthening existing partnerships
 New Hope
 Backpack Programs

Reza

Strengthening Connections with AG and Community Breakout
 Co-facilitated with Matt Moser
Gleaning taking community to farms
Farmers Market bringing farmers to community
Importance of cultivating interest with the youth population
 Fresh local produce
Leslie McGraw (Union Hotel/Sign of the Buck)
 Challenges of local businesses
 Struggles to incorporate local goods

Nick

Child Nutrition
Small Breakout session
Federal Food guidelines
Meeting about new CEP guidelines
High school partnering with the ACT students

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Committee Updates:

Dashboard/website/local food guide

Food Resources Guides are available for download on the website
Mapping on the website is next on the agenda

Policy

Avoided government shutdown
November 17 new deadline
SNAP & DHS can cover October
TFAP general orders fine – no new orders
Food Boxes the same
WIC – not much information provided
Speaker of the House ousted yesterday
Farm Bill expired Saturday evening
Funding will still flow

Food Programs

Did not meet in September
500 signed up for Fruit & Veggie Bucks
370 participants last year
Healthy Options
Working on vouchers for distribution
Proof of ID issues
PIN Number will be printed on vouchers
Children's Health and Nutrition Taskforce
Offering taste testing for Gettysburg Kennies Nov 3
Spending @ Farmers Market stands at \$30,000 with 4 more weeks of market

Member Updates

Reza – 4 more weeks of Farmer's Market
New Location is working well
Trick or Treat Trail – Oct 21
Art at the Market – Oct 21
Lincoln Elementary

Sarah-Broadband Feasibility study report is available
Next steps: Grant applications, Underserved areas (Upper Adams)

Kathy – In person meeting in December 6th

Next Meeting: November 1st, 2023 @ 8:30am (Via Zoom)