

Adams County Food Policy Council | November 1, 2023

November Meeting Minutes

Zoom, 8:30 AM

Attendance:

Kathy Gaskin – Healthy Adams County
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
Tammy Hoff- Gettysburg College/Campus Kitchen
Ryan Prater- Central PA Food Bank
Matt Moser – Gleaning Project
Amy Santarelli – Penn State Extension Nutrition Links
Jen Gastley – Adams County Community Coordinator Wellspan Health

Approve October minutes

Meeting minutes were approved

December Meeting in person

9 am Adams County Ag Center - 670 Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg – Room A1

- Goal Planning
 - Liaison to County Emergency Operations Center

Committee Updates:

- **Dashboard/website/Local Food Guide**
 - No current updates
 - **Policy**
 - PA State Updates
 - Outstanding budget items
 - Code Bills
 - 2 sides have both passed versions
 - Preparing for next cycle
 - Federal Updates
 - New Speaker of the House elected
 - More Conservative
 - Inexperience
 - Potential Shutdown Nov 17th
 - Talk of extending Farm Bill
- **Food Programs**
 - Fruit & Veggie Buck Application - 639 participants
 - Working with Food Pantry to get more info for about 29 participants
 - Healthy Options
 - Vouchers printed
 - PLU# added to vouchers – should make checkout process smoother

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- Being distributed this week
- ACOFA has Senior vouchers
- Working with Amy Santarelli for Nutrition Links program

Member Updates

Reza

- Wrapped up successful 2023 market season
 - SNAP spending is down 16%
 - SNAP benefits are down
 - Average number of SNAP visits up from 3.7 to 4.3
 - FMNP increased about 15%
 - Value of FMNP has also increased

Kathy

- Considering working with Community GIGS program to streamline Fruit & Veggie Bucks processes. This includes pre and post surveys
- Holiday Outreach December 9th
 - Looking for volunteers to provide ACFPC/Food Programs information
- Behavioral Health Task Force considering Mental Health Forum in May
 - Possible partnership with farmer's market

Matt

- Food Pantry has 780 families signed up for assistance with Thanksgiving meal
- Last glean of the season has happened
- Reallocated food box distribution to stock stand
- Adams & Franklin Counties recovered 1.2 million pounds of this in 2023
- Empty Bowls – April 26, 2024, 4-7pm

Next Meeting: December 6, 2023 @ 9:00am (In Person)