

Attendance:

Kathy Gaskin – (Healthy Adams County)
Reza Djalal – (Adams County Farmers Market Manager)
Sarah Weigle – (GIS Specialist, AC Office of Planning and Development)
Ryan Prater – (Community Engagement Associate CPF)
Anya Hanna – (Gleaning Network)
Matthew Moser – (Gleaning Coordinator)
Cheryl Moyer – (Grant writer at SCCAP)
Hyacinth Gayle – (Family First Health)

Minutes:

The October meeting minutes were approved.

Strategic Planning:

Kathy proposed an in-person strategic planning meeting during the regularly scheduled April 2023 meeting and extend the meeting to 3-4 hours with food. Reza and Ryan agreed with holding a strategic planning meeting on the same date as a full Food Policy Council meeting. This information will be sent to the full Council list.

Committee Updates:

- Dashboard/website – Sarah
 - Met with Carly Auchey to review the documents related to the Dashboard and update process in the Google Drive.
 - However, Google’s multi-factor authentication is not letting access from a new sign-in without verification and Kathy wasn’t sure where the verification was being sent?
 - Update process noted that most data was collected in January, so the 2021 data should be able to be added when 2022 information is collected.
- Policy – Ryan
 - It appears that Congress will pass the Farm Bill in 2023
 - Spoke to Bob Reilly at recent Wellspan meetings, who would like to prioritize changes in how some of the programs work, which would increase access. An example included the ability to use SNAP and WIC with online ordering.
- Local Food Guide
 - Tammy was on vacation. Sarah noted that she started updating a draft of a tri-fold handout of the County’s Food Pantries and Kitchens. This information will be removed from the Food Resource Guide and maintained through the handout and website.
- Outreach – Kathy
 - A pilot mobile WIC program may be a coming to Lebanon County to ease the burden on participants.
 - Ryan added that the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health was held the end of September. The results of the [Elevating Voices to End Hunger Report](#) are on the website.

- Did not have a meeting, but are looking for places to present.
 - Rotary scheduled for March.
- Food Programs – Kathy
 - Meeting tomorrow.
 - Fruit and Veggie Bucks:
 - 325 people signed up, which is an increase from last year.
 - To sign up, a name, address, phone number (cell preferred), and Kennies card # are needed.
 - Healthy Options:
 - Looking at updates to the Guidelines
 - Still need a part-time coordinator to manage the families and keep up with the County vouchers, must be bi-lingual.
 - Photo Voice Project will be done in the Spring. Participants document what they purchase and make through a series of photos, which are displayed at the Ragged Edge.
- If anyone is not on a committee and would like to be, let Kathy know.

Member Updates

- Kathy:
 - Behavioral Health Task Force partnering with Collaborating for Youth to show “The Upstanders”, about cyber-bullying and suicide, at the Majestic that evening with a panel afterward. An invitation was sent to the school districts.
- Matt Moser:
 - For the Gleaning Project, October was a busy month. The highest poundage in the program’s history was collected. There has been a lot of food and variety, which they hope to continue over the winter.
 - The Gleaning Project would like to incorporate opportunities like canning or freezing classes/ workshops next year.
- Reza:
 - The last market of the season was this past Saturday and it’s looking like this was the best season yet.
 - Over \$70,000 in food benefits administered
 - SNAP shoppers increased from 100 to 167
 - FNMP increased about 15%
 - Holiday pop-up market on December 3rd, in conjunction with the Gettysburg Christmas Festival.
 - The Market is moving to the Rec Park in 2023, would like to make sure that the message gets out.

Next Meeting: December 7, 2022 @ 8:30 am via Zoom