



Food & Nutrition Coalition Meeting Minutes June 14, 2017 8:30am – 10:00am

Attendees

Amy Klinkoski (No Kid Hungry), AJ Fossel (St. Alphonsus Pantry), Brianna Marshall (Center for Social Research), Colene Johnson (Kent County DHS), Danielle Simmons (Senior Meals Pantry), Erin Skidmore (Access), Erin Webley (GRPS Nutrition Center), Heather Hughesian (211), Jim Holkeboer (Eastern Ave Food Pantry), Kate Vanderwal (UCOM), Kelly Hagemeyer (YMCA), Kevin Vos (Spectrum Health), Keyuana Rosemond (Health Net West MI), Kristi Ayers (Community Action Agency), Mark Logan (Kent DHS), Meridell Gracias (GVSU/Adams Park Food Pantry), Michelle Meulendyk (Amway), Shawn Keener (UCOM), Stephanie Marino (MSU Extension), Tiffany Page (CC West MI), Austin Roelofs (Kids Food Basket), Neil Carlson (Calvin College), Ken Ford (Flat River Outreach Ministries), Rachael Anderson (MDHHS), Julio Caho (Spectrum Health – Program Puente), Wende Randall (ENTF), Bree Butler (ENTF)

I. Welcome/Introductions

- DeDe Esque welcomed the group. Each agency representative introduced themselves.

II. Healthnet: Ciarra Adkins

Health Net was recently awarded the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services federal grant to be dispersed over the next five years. The target population are Community Dwelling Beneficiaries/CDBs (anyone on Medicare or Medicaid who have health issues). The grant will cover five central issues; food, housing, inter-personal violence, transportation, and utilities. The goal of the CMS grant is to aid people in a way that will reduce cost to healthcare. The first step is for Healthnet to meet with CDBs and try to connect them with outreach workers. The second step is an overall screening, screening will be implemented in various clinical sites. Every person who goes through the selected clinical site will fill out a brief survey. Any individual who has 2 emergency department visits in the last 12 months and health issues are considered high risk and will be connected with an outreach service and tools of navigation through Healthnet. If an individual has 1 emergency department visit in the last 12 months they will receive a list of available resources. Healthnet needs to reach 11,000 people. This number is expected to be reached with the help of Spectrum and Metro. The grant money does not apply towards direct services. It can only be used for community alignment and the screening. Participants need to be a Kent County resident. This is a good opportunity for building connectivity. This will help agencies in building relationships and making sure resources are up to date.

III. Focus Group Summary/Feedback: Dede & Connie

During the February meeting, focus groups were set up and as a result 18 pages of notes were compiled at the end of the meeting. DeDe and Connie compiled the notes into a 5-circle diagram for easy understanding. The five circles are; Government, Nonprofit, Education, Health, and Business. Names in Additional interviews were held with the partner groups; Calvin, CRFS, SH Healthier Communities, ENTF, and Invest Health. Site visits were also completed with Feeding America, Community Food Club, North Kent Connect, and Kids Food Basket.

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IV. Systems Practice Steps 1 & 2: DeDe & Connie

Systems Practice Journey Map:

On April 6th there was a small meeting to look at the food system and discern what problems need to be solved. The result was the Complexity Spectrum – Our Challenge handout.

From the April 6th meeting came a proposed challenge statement. The challenge for the Food & Nutrition Committee is to elevate justice and equality in the local food system, and to ensure equal access to good food.

The long term goal for the FNC, so far, is for all Kent County residents to be food secure with access to fair, green, affordable, and healthy food (Good Food Charter) and participate in a culturally welcoming local food system, the local economy is thriving and vibrant, interconnected to multiple sectors, and supported by smart and equitable policies.

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At this point the attendees worked as small groups to answer questions and give feedback. Next steps include taking the feedback and redefining the challenge statement.

V. Next Meeting/Adjourn

July 12th 700 Fuller Ave