



Food & Nutrition Coalition Meeting Minutes
December 12, 8:30am – 10:00am

Facilitator:	Eleanor Moreno and Emily Schichtel		
Meeting Attendees:	<u>Attendees:</u> Linda Jones, Carola Carassa, Erin Skidmore, Nicole Karl, Eleanor Moreno, Emily Schichtel, Maria Curit, Ayanfe Free, AJ Fossil, Janelle Vandergrift, Jeff Hoyh, Nat, Becci Kolenda, Garrett Ziegler, Catherine Landers, Kelly Hagemeyer, Sherrie Gillespie, Brian Smith, Bethany Joseph, Garrett Ziegler <u>Staff:</u> Wende Randall, Brianne Czyzio		
Time Convened:		Time Adjourned:	

Introductions

How does your work change when it is personal?

Approval of Minutes **From November 14, 2018**

Motion by:	Linda	Support from:	Kelly
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Discussion	None
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Amendments	None
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Conclusion	Motion Passed
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Policy Update

Discussion

Garrett shared that the Food Policy Council is getting closer to starting. They are hosting focus groups with different sectors to identify areas that should be focused on. Council seats will hopefully be filled early next year.

Nicole shared that the Collaborative Community Food Survey has over 800 responses, they are looking for 1000 responses. Please share the link with your participants. Preliminary results will be available by mid-January.

Wende shared that the farm bill has moved forward with a lot of the items in the Senate bill staying in. There are not huge cuts to SNAP or work requirements to receive SNAP. There is an addition of hemp as a crop for crop conversion. FRAC.org is a website for a lobbying group around food. MLPP (mlpp.org) will have a policy statement coming out soon about the new farm bill. In terms of state legislation, both the changes to the paid sick leave and minimum wage were passed and are headed to the governor's desk. With the change, the minimum would increase to \$12.05 by 2030. For paid sick leave, it is only required for companies that are 50 or more employees. Wende thanked everyone who contacted the federal government regarding the change to public charge. Ayanfe shared there is a living wage calculator at mit.edu, she suggested that this may be helpful when contacting senators and representatives to inform them what a living wage really is.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

Data Terms/Activity **Wende Randall**

Discussion

Wende shared that the group spoke about a year ago about how to understand collective impact. Access can mean multiple things – financial access, transportation, supporting the local economy, and



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<p>more. There is not a central database for data on how people are being served and who those people are. Over the next few months, it would be great to look at how to share the situations that our neighbors are in. Questions to explore include: How do we interact with our neighbors and what type of data do we collect about them? What data points would be helpful in understanding our community more and our impact more? And what data points does your agency collect? In the future, the group will look more at what other information should be collected. The goal is to get to a point where we can bring data from different organizations together. If you are interested in being part of a smaller group that looks at data, please leave a note on your paper or let Wende or Brianne know.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Engagement Activity	Emily Schichtel	
Discussion		
<p>Emily shared that there has been some conversation about the value of this group and how to engage others in this group. Everyone shared different things that they think would add value to the Food and Nutrition Subcommittee. Others in their small group used Round Robin to provide constructive criticism and strengthen suggestions.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Action Team Table Time	All	
Discussion		
<p>Groups took a few minutes to review the progress of the action steps they had discussed last month.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Agency Updates	All	
Discussion		
<p>Carola shared that Fit Kids 360 is looking for mentors and volunteers. Reach out to her if you are interested in guiding families through this journey. Programming is on Tuesday and Thursdays beginning in late January.</p> <p>Erin shared that the Walk for Good Food for agencies that are working towards good food principles is May 5. Access is currently accepting applications for agencies who want to be part of the walk.</p> <p>The Food Policy Council focus group around food policies priorities is Monday afternoon. Wende encouraged anyone in the nonprofit world who is serving the community in a way that is related to food attend. There will be additional focus groups for government, business, health, education, etc.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Adjourn		
Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 9 at 8:30 at Kent County Health Department		