



Food & Nutrition Coalition Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2019, 8:30am – 10:00am

Facilitator:	Eleanor Moreno, Emily Schichtel		
Meeting Attendees:	Karrie Brown, Danielle Simmons, Garrett Ziegler, Nicole Karl, Shay Krick, Anna Almanza, Eleanor Moreno, Shay Krick, Deanna Howland, Kamara Sudberry, Carola Carassa, Jim Holkeboer, Laura St. Louis, Krystal (Baxter), Cait Melamed Emily Schichtel, Rachel McKay, Katie Geith, Eugene Sueing, Charissa Patrone, Colene Johnson, Mallory Timyan, Hannah (Calvin), Kendra Valkema, Linda Jones, Kristen Nelson, Megan, Brittany Mastenbrook, Ameer Paparella, Pat Murray, Gordie Moeller, Julie Melia, Pat Draper, Becci Kolenda, Jayme Vosovic, Jenny Willsea, Ayanfe Free, Heather Hughesian, Karrie Brown, Angela Hojnacki, Ken, Trish Abalo, Wende Randall, Brianne Czyzio		
Time Convened:	8:40	Time Adjourned:	10:15

Introductions			
Baxter Community Center turns 50 this year! It was started as a response to a need for resources by people in the community. They have 4 pillars: childcare, mentoring, holistic health, marketplace.			
Approval of Minutes		From March	
Motion by:	Jim	Support from:	Karrie
Discussion	None		
Amendments	None		
Conclusion	Motion Passed		
Action Team Table Time: Revisit. Respond. React.			
Discussion			
<p>In February, we had just experienced an extreme weather event and had a lengthy discussion about the community’s response. Themes that appeared: preparation (geographic lens and messaging), information sharing (effective strategies to sharing info, 211, social media), policies (external and internal). Each action team considered the themes and reflected on an organizational, as well as a systems level to develop recommendations to bring to local governmental organizations.</p> <p><u>Recommendations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create protocol for faith-based organizations for “pop-ups” - Designate a contact person/email at 211 to share all information to - Ensure bus routes open and the app accurately tracks busses’ locations - Identifying partners in 4 quadrants/neighborhoods that can provide assistance - At pantries, have shelf stable emergency prep meals for high priority clients, distribute ahead of expected weather event - Free bus rides or shuttles in neighborhoods to pantries/orgs who are open during that time. - City use of a text-alert system - Designate warming centers to also serve as emergency food centers (some pet-friendly) - Text messaging feature, reminder of a way for neighbors to reach out if they need assistance - Address language barriers - Increase awareness that the public transportation system can be accessed - Free bus rides - similar to clean air action days - Anticipating these types of events: have emergency meal kits ready, safety locations planned - Universally recognized sign that this is a warming shelter 			



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- Preparing neighbors/people in the community to take care of their neighbors

ENTF will establish a table with these recommendations, what is currently happening, what are next steps, point of contact, etc. There may be protocols in place that some are unaware of.

COOP – Continuity of Operations Training looks at the essential functions of organizations and how to we ensure that operations continue in the event of a disaster. There is a training on May 14th, 2pm at the Health Department. After attending, your organization will have an idea of how to be more organized and prepared. Contact Pat Draper (616-632-7292) with questions. Register: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COOP_2019

Co-Chair Update

Discussion

Emily’s 2-year commitment as co-chair is up. ENTF staff will be putting out an electronic opportunity for nominations and will accept nominations at the May meeting.

Double Up Food Bucks Presentation | Angela Hojnacki, Anna Almanza, Gordie Moeller

Discussion

Updates: Currently, Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB) is not operating in grocery stores but is accepted in open farmers markets. Stores use a loyalty card; farmers markets use a token system. A lot of the funds for DUFB comes from federal funding as part of the farm bill. Matching funds come from foundations and other donations. Recently, DUFB got \$4 million from the state. \$4 million is not final amount from the state, there is still advocacy that needs to be done to make sure the full \$4 million stays in the budget. Right now, Spartan Nash is the only large store that the partner with. They are working with Meijer and Bridge Street Market to develop a partnership. They are also looking at how many stores they can bring online this year, the goal is to get into all 83 counties. For the past few years, DUFB paused in March - May to budget/manage spending to ensure that it will continue throughout the peak season.

Outreach: It is important to share information about how to best spend DUFB money with participants. DUFB can be confusing to use at the farmers market. From the client perspective, it is helpful to know your farmers markets, grocers, communities and how DUFB works at each. Service providers could get to know how the store(s) in their community works to give clients confidence. Fair Food Network is giving sellers resources from the client perspective. Two little known facts: DUFB and SNAP can be used for food producing plants and seeds. Some orchards let customers pick fruit and use DUFB. Clients can get information on which markets accept DUFB is through posters. Flyers are designed for families to keep, so that everyone who has a bridge card. There is also a potential script that can be used by providers to explain DUFB. Contact Gordie if you need more flyers.

There have been client experiences with cashiers who do not understand how to use DUFB. For stores, the grocery program manager should be contacted to help. There is not a guide that can

Adjourn

Next Meeting: May 8, Belknap Community Center