



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

Facilitator:	Kamara Sudberry, Wende Randall		
Meeting Attendees:	Kelly Hagemeyer, Kamara Sudberry, Colene Johnson, Jayme Vosovic, Shay Krick, Erin Skidmore, Pat Murray, Alyssa Stickney, Rachel McKay, Crystal Tunstall, Cait Melamed, Ayanfe Free, Carola Carassa, Gordie Moeller, Brittany Mastenbrook, Bethany Joseph, Eugene Sueing, Deanna Howland, Julie VanGessel, Chelsea Totten, Linda Jones, Michelle Meulendyk, Maaike Baker, Amanda Ciofu, Carissa Patrone, Catherine Landers, Janelle Johnson, Julie Melia, Kendra Valkema, Trish Abalo, Abigail LaLonde, Alyssa Rickman, Mandy Joslyn, Ingrid Aguayo, Milagro Minch, Jennifer Smith, Courtney Waddell, Stephanie Mellstead, Megan Vanderhoof, Wende Randall, Brianne Czyzio		
Time Convened:	8:40	Time Adjourned:	10:05

**Introductions & Grounding**

Erin Skidmore led the group

**Approval of Minutes** **From June 12, 2019**

Motion by:	Carola Carassa	Support from:	Julie VanGessel
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Discussion	None
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Amendments	None
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Conclusion	Motion Passed
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**Review of Vision & Mission and Guiding & Near Star** **Wende Randall**

Discussion

Wende Randall recapped a brief history of the Essential Needs Taskforce. ENTF was formed in 1982 as governmental entities saw the need to connect and coordinate the delivery of emergency services (shelter, food pantries, etc.) throughout the community. Over time, the focus shifted from emergency needs to essential needs. General goals and indicators guide where the subcommittee is headed. In the past year and a half, FNC has done a lot of work grounding themselves in food sovereignty work. Within this process, FNC developed the guiding star and near star as a framing to move forward. This centered around food sovereignty and the Good Food Charter. Action teams came out of this to help the coalition more forward. Connection to guiding star can help guide and ground members in the work that the Food and Nutrition Coalition is doing. Wende recapped the ways that each action team has been working towards the guiding star. She asked the group to think about whether there are any aspects that are missing for the action teamwork.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

**New City Neighbors Presentation** **Kelly Hagemeyer**

Discussion

New City started in 2007 as a middle school bakery program. The vision was to build a prosperous city through community development, workforce development, and economic development. They have a 3-acre farm and employ 10 high school students to help on the farm. They also have a summer program for elementary school students. The middle schoolers run the bakery and sell produce at farmers markets. They are intentional around building skills in the students that they serve. There is a



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community garden where neighbors can rent a plot. In addition, they have a café open every Thursday (noon-6:30) in the summer. On July 25 <sup>th</sup> , they are having an event with smoked meat, music, spoken word poetry. They are working towards building bridges between community organizations. If you have any ideas for collaboration, please reach out to Kelly.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
<b>Action Teams: 3 Things</b>		
Discussion		
To help the group digest the information to help encourage future action, action teams considered 3 questions: What questions do you have? What clarity is needed? What did you learn/gain? What is your call to action? Action teams brainstormed individual or group action steps.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
<b>Action Teams Workshop</b>		
Discussion		
Action teams discussed the goals that were decided upon in the beginning of the year and reaffirmed or developed updated goals. Think about how this work is embedded in the work that is done by members each day. How can this make individual roles in your organization more effective? How can these goals work to make the system as a whole more effective? Action teams should send their notes to Brienne ( <a href="mailto:bczyzio@hwmuw.org">bczyzio@hwmuw.org</a> ).		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
<b>Announcements</b>		
Discussion		
<p><u>Urban Agriculture Committee</u> – meets tonight (7/10) from 5-7:30 at Garfield Park.</p> <p><u>Double Up Food Bucks</u> – 7 new farms in Kent County accept DUF. Connect with Gordie for flyers.</p> <p><u>Michigan League for Public Policy</u> – is hosting a call to review the Senate, House, and Governor’s versions of the state budget on the 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm. Click <a href="#">here</a> to register for the virtual meeting.</p> <p><u>Policy Update</u> – food assistance spending is down 18% from 2016. Each budget added funds for DUF. 10 cents a meal – the House budget added funds, but the Governor and Senate remained the same.</p> <p><u>New City Neighbors</u> – they have summer CSA shares available on their website.</p> <p><u>DHHS</u> – partnered with GR Symphony to offer scorecards. Anyone with a DHHS case can get this a scorecard.</p> <p><u>Grand Rapids Children’s Museum</u> – spread the word on Museums for All: reduced admission for anyone with WIC or EBT. On The 11<sup>th</sup>, they are having a Harry Potter Party from 5-8pm. On July 31<sup>st</sup> the children’s museum is turning 22! They will have a birthday celebration at Rosa Parks Circle.</p> <p><u>West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum</u> – the next monthly meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> at GRCC M-TEC. They will have tours of the wastewater facility and the recycling facility.</p>		
<b>Adjourn</b>		
<b>Next Meeting: August 14, 2019, Spectrum Health Meijer Heart Center, #8811 (8<sup>th</sup> floor conference room)</b>		