



Food & Nutrition Coalition Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019, 8:30am – 10:00am

Facilitator:	Eleanor Moreno, Emily Schichtel		
Meeting Attendees:	Eleanor Moreno, Emily Schichtel, Crystal Tunstall, Danielle Simmons, Jim Holkeboer, Erin Webley, Heather Hughesian, Erin Skidmore, Rachel McKay, Nicole Karl, Alyssa Stickney, Gordie Moeller, Cait Melamed, Deanna Howland, Carola Carassa, Rachel McKay, Kamara Sudberry, Trish Abalo, Becci Kolenda, Megan, Catherine Landers, Katie Vanderwal, Colene Johnson, Katie Geith, Chelsea Totten, Jennifer Smith, Julie Melia, Barb Nauta, Kendra Valkema, Mark Lubberts, Bethany Joseph, Belisa Melton, Brianne Czyzio		
Time Convened:	8:35	Time Adjourned:	10:10

Introductions

Baxter Community Center provides a variety of services including a food and clothes pantry, dental and medical services, mentoring programs, and more. The Greenhouse Program encourages others to grow their own food and provides supports so they are able to do so. They have fresh foods available through their market and through a CSA. They also offer a variety of classes around food. Their children’s programming focuses on encouraging kids to access

Approval of Minutes **From**

Motion by:	Jim	Support from:	Danielle
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Discussion

Amendments Add Chelsea Totten to attendees

Conclusion Motion Passed

Meet Up Eat Up Presentation

Discussion

Erin Webley is a dietician with GRPS. They know that hunger does not end over the summer. Meet Up Eat Up provides breakfast, lunch, and snacks a different site throughout the city. Different sites have different times and food offerings. Meet Up to Eat Up sites are free and open to anyone up to age 18. There is no identification needed, no sign-ups, or anything else needed. The Michigan Department of Education Food Service Program Locator Tool will list the closest sites. Agencies can encourage participants to call 211 and they can help them find their closest location.

Review of Goals, Measures, and Indicators

Discussion

One of the tasks of FNC is to review data. ENTF will be heading into a time in which they will look at data a little more heavily. Emily asked everyone to consider the goals, measures, and indicators developed in 2016, specifically what is still relevant, what should be changed, what should be added. Feedback is listed below

Goal

- There is a seasonality to access.
- Even if everyone has access, nutritionally diverse and culturally appropriate are next steps
- The goal is missing some of the things included in the Good Food Charter – healthy, green, local, affordable, etc.

Success Measure 1 -

- This should include public transportation



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- Transportation in itself can be a barrier
- The time may be too limiting. Distance may track the success measure easier.
- Is there a different measure of success for rural versus urban?

Indicator 1 –

- Expand this to include more things that indicate success
- Under tax breaks, include microloans or loans for new entrepreneurs
- There are additional notes on Trello that could/should also be included.
- Could this expand to places where food is free like pantries not just stores?
- It is a good time to review this with new data we are collecting.
- This could possibly include a breakdown of bureaucratic systems.

Success Measure 2 –

- May be no longer relevant, there has been multiple surveys since then. What do we do with these results?
- There was concern around over-surveying participants

Indicator 2 –

- Based on confusion and uncertainty, need to define a new success measure
- What kind of household are we talking about when we only talk about income?
- Affordability may be helpful to measure.
- Was this completed through the form of surveys? Specifically, VoiceKent.
- How do we compensate those we a surveying and how do we do something with this information?

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

Announcements

Discussion

United Way has released preliminary information on their RFP process. More information can be found on their website. The RFP will be released September 1.

Closing the Hunger Gap conference – the conference focuses on moving away from charity into the space of solidarity. Please let Access know if you are planning on going and if you would like to share lodging. Please reach out to Erin or Emma by next Wednesday if you are interested.

Double Up Food Bucks – Gordie has a list of smaller grocery stores that accept DUFB.

History of Food – a group is working with GVSU to develop a history of food. They are not sure what the end product will look like yet. If you are interested in being a part of this or want to share your story, reach out to Eleanor or Erin.

SAPAT – Sexual Assault Prevention Action Team of Kent County – they offer parent classes and are looking for parents who are interested in attending. Learn more at: www.sapat.org

Adjourn

Next Meeting: July 12, 8:30-10am, New City Neighbors