



Food & Nutrition Coalition Meeting Minutes
 May 12, 2021, 8:30am – 10:00am

Meeting Attendees:	Abigail LaLonde, Alyssa Stickney, Anneliese Orr, Brittany Mastenbrook, Carola Carassa, Colene Johnson, Crystal Scott-Tunstall, Deanna Howland, Emily Madsen, Emily Schichtel, Erin Skidmore, Heather Milks, Heidi Vanderlaan, Jennifer Smith, Joana Leatherman, Kamara Sudberry, Kelly Glas, Melissa Ivy, Miah Gonzales, Paula Kerr, Rachel Bessire, Tammy Mick, Taylor Hartson, Theresa Lennon, Wafa Haddad, Wende Randall <i>(List may not be complete- please contact Brienne if you were on the call but are not listed here.)</i>		
Time Convened:	8:35	Time Adjourned:	10:01

Welcome & Introductions	
Reflection	
Discussion	
Shared Vocabulary & Narrative Change	
Discussion	
<p>Over the past few months, this group has been discussing shared vocabulary and narrative change. The group previously defined several food system terms and discussed the impacts, both positive and negative, that these terms can have in everyday use. Today’s activity will continue to explore how the terms are used both by organizations and individuals and how this impacts the narrative around the food system.</p> <p>In breakout groups, attendees were assigned a term or phrase and asked to develop considerations for use, counternarratives, and talking points based on the definitions and impacts previously defined by the group.</p> <p>Reflections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is difficult to package some words into one hashtag, but hashtag and headlines are very helpful with messaging - One group discussed how to teach these terms from an asset-based approach - With some terms, it is important to go from broad to specific to specifically define what it is referencing. - It would be interesting and helpful to ask neighbors what they mean with each term. - The historical context of terms and how it is communicated is important to consider. <p>The hope is to provide guides that can be used as conversation starters for ENTF organizations. We encourage folks to begin these conversations around language to your organizations and networks.</p>	
COVID-19: What’s Next	
Discussion	
<p>Kam asked what agencies are considering regarding re-opening and how they anticipate serving community members moving forward. She noted that conversations in the community around the</p>	



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vaccine are often complicated and access to the vaccine is not equitable. Mask-wearing may also be a point of contention that organizations have to consider.

At a recent New City Neighbors event, folks were respectful and wore masks, but the event was outside

Erin shared that Access is considering flexibility and empathy in their decision-making process. Over the past year, re-setting expectations has been more commonplace over. They will continue to ensure that they consider individual situations more than traditional "achievements"?

Moving forward, staff and leadership will be considering when do we return to in-person group meetings? Or should we remain virtual indefinitely? Who are we leaving out by staying virtual? Where would we meet if we were meeting in person?

Community Partner Updates

Discussion

ENTF Systems Navigator Convening is tomorrow (5/13) at 9-11:00am. [Register here](#)

ENTF, in partnership with Calvin's CSR team, is offering a free, 3-part workshop next week - Let's Talk Data Prep! Register here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpfuqsqjlqHdM3nxKyWo4_87R3K0Q2ExqW

Kent County DHHS has funds to help eliminate employment barriers.

New City Neighbors Plant Sale is happening from 9:00-noon this Saturday (5/15)

Meeting slides: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H8ub-mo0S6XIQ1Y4fq-HPRJ79jaSmcCS/view?usp=sharing>

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