



ACTION TEAM MINUTES



FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes 09/15/2020

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

1. Introductions

Attendees: Lori Adkins, Oakland County Schools; Maurice Cummings, OCHD; Robin Danto, MSU-E; Kristine Hahn, MSU-E; Anne Ginn, Forgotten Harvest; Melanie Grund; Oakland County; Christine Hodge, Oakland Schools; Carrie Hribar, OCHD; Trevor Johnson, New Dawn Garden Scapes ; Theresa Krell, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland; Rebecca Majestic, Gleaners Food Bank; Kelsey Merz, OCHD; Laura Mulligan, Ascension Providence Rochester; Melissa Reznar, Oakland University; Sophia Simbeni, OCHD; Lindsay TerHaar, OCHD; Virginia Uhley, Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine; Madelyne Wright, OLHSA

Introductions were made.

2. Logo Discussion

- The council was presented with two potential logo options (see attached). General preference was expressed for the first logo option with the following suggestion changes:
 - Capitalize the "o" and "c" in Oakland County
 - Make the roots more obvious as roots/more "rooty" and/or the "y" could be more like plant/root vegetable (carrot)
 - Possibly make the font green to make the connection to plants and roots

3. Community Health Assessment Discussion (CHA) – Data Indicators and Maps

- The group discussed the proposed list of indicators related to food and nutrition to be included in the upcoming CHA (see attached PPT). In addition to the listed indicators, the committee suggested the following be explored:
 - Elementary school students' consumption of breakfast, fruits and veggies
 - COVID environment related to food security – COVID pulse survey, other sources
 - Data from Map the Meal gap
 - Include social determinants of health like unemployment and other factors related to food insecurity
 - Youth obesity measures was suggested but per Lori Adkins, the data is not very current (may be as old as 2008) and may not be worth including
 - Oakland County Schools has free and reduced lunch data by district that can be added to the data



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- In addition to indicators, the group discussed the list of maps included in the last CHA. Potential additions include:

- DUFEB markets (in addition to SNAP)
- Farmer's markets
- Emergency food distribution sites (food pantries, food banks, etc.)
- USDA food atlas -- low income/low-food access

4. Community Health Assessment Discussion (CHA) – Virtual Data Collection

- The group gave input on proposed changes to data collection practices (made in light of COVID) weighing in on both the idea of hosting virtual focus groups and the using photovoice as a data collection methodology.
 - Virtual Focus Groups:
 - a. Some people still have barriers to virtual access and/or don't want to learn it
 - b. Allowing people the option to call in will increase participation vs. only allowing people to join with a camera and computer
 - c. Providing physical materials in advance and making sure to provide prompts to those following along physically as slides, etc. will help those who aren't joined by computer/phone or have difficulty connecting
 - d. Testing processes ahead of time can help to decrease anxiety
 - e. It is beneficial to have a strong point person at each site who is willing to work with participants to coach, etc.
 - f. It will be important to explore income barriers to access including the use of data and Wi-Fi
 - Photovoice:
 - a. It will be important to provide clear and comprehensive education on what the program is and how it works
 - b. We might need to define a specific group to enroll in this process, coach, etc.

5. General Announcements

- SFSP meal waivers have been extended through December 31st, 2020, allowing schools to choose to opt into the SFSP program rather than the National School Lunch Program through the end of the calendar year. Additionally, this waiver has been extended to retroactively reimburse for meals distributed prior to September 1st.
- Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) has circulated a sign-on letter proposing the extension of Meal Program Waivers Through June 30, 2021 (the end of the 2020-2021 school year). The letter is being submitted on Friday, September 18th. *See the letter attached.*
- Kristin Hahn shared that MSU-E is hosting a virtual school garden education series beginning on October 7th. *See attached document for more details. Sign up here:*
<https://msu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYudOmurz0rH9MuTfYXa93q4u0hmUAI6LrF> Contact Kristine Hahn (hahnk@msu.edu) with any questions.



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- 10 Cents a Meal has recently released a report to Michigan Legislature outlining the impact of the program and Michigan schools, children, and farms. <https://www.tencentsmichigan.org/>
- Additionally, as legislation considers the budget for fiscal year 2021, you can educate your legislators on the positive impact using these educational points from Michigan League for Public Policy: <https://mlpp.org/tell-your-legislators-10-cents-a-meal-is-good-sense-for-michigan/>

6. Next Meeting: October 20th, 9-10 AM for council member check-in

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 - Meeting URL: <https://bluejeans.com/703511666>
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