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FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes 1/28/2020

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

1. Introductions

Attendees: Lori Adkins, Oakland Schools; Maurice Cummings, OCHD; Jacob Cutler, Macomb County Health Department; Robin Danto, MSU-E; Anne Ginn, Forgotten Harvest; Carrie Hribar, OCHD; Trevor Johnson, Henry Ford Health System West Bloomfield Hospital; Monica Martinez, Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency; Melissa Reznar, Oakland University; Lisa Senac, YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit; Virginia Uhley, Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine; Jessica Williams, OCHD; Kelly Wilson, Taste the Local Difference; Amanda Woods, OCHD; Madelyne Wright, Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency

Introductions were made. New members were greeted.

2. Review meeting minutes

Minutes were approved.

3. Updates on school nutrition requirements

- Lori gave a presentation on Oakland Schools' services, child nutrition programs, school food programs, and the Healthy Hungry Free Kids Act 2010 (HHFKA). The PowerPoint is included in the minutes.
- Lori shared new proposed rules that were published in January 2020 to simplify the school meal service - "Simplifying Meal Service and Monitoring Requirements in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs." Proposed changes would impact administrative reporting requirements and meal pattern changes to the vegetable subgroups and protein. The [proposed rules](#) are on the Federal Register and comments will be accepted through March 23, 2020.

4. Review top scoring strategies identified

- Members reviewed the results of the priority setting survey. The top five highest scoring priorities were:
 1. Partner with the local pantry network (including school pantries) to increase the number of pantries that have adopted and implemented a healthy pantry model.
 2. Expand Double Up Food Bucks (DUFEB) and/or SNAP acceptance to more corner stores, grocery stores, and farmers markets in Oakland County.



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3. Work with United Way of Southeast Michigan to identify policy and/or systems-level barriers to summer feeding site/vendor certification and maintenance in order to increase the number of children fed under the program.
 4. Partner with SMART (a regional public transportation provider) to enhance transportation access to farmers market and grocery stores for households in communities with low-food and low-car access.
 5. Partner with Growing Pontiac to identify planning and zoning ordinances within the City of Pontiac that would increase capacity for residents and citizens to create and maintain personal and/or community gardens.
- The group discussed these top five briefly and then voted to narrow down the focused priorities to three. Each member present had the opportunity to vote three times. Priorities 1-3 were selected and will be the 2020 focus for the council. Amanda requested that workgroup members discuss how each priority aligned within their workgroups.

5. Policy Updates

- The SNAP ruling for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) goes into effect 4/1/2020. This rule will change how states can apply for waivers in areas experiencing high unemployment rates. Michigan Attorney General Nessel, with thirteen (13) other state attorney generals, filed a lawsuit against the ruling. [Read](#) FAQs and Q&As about the new final rule.
- New proposed school meal patterns were introduced early January. See section three (3) in the minutes and Lori Adkins' (Oakland Schools) presentation to learn more.
- The Office of Urban Agriculture was allocated funding and will be funded at \$5 million. The focus of the office, sponsored by Sen. Debbie Stabenow, will be to encourage and promote indoor, urban, and new growing practices through grantmaking.
- Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) work requirements went into effect 1/1/2020. The law requires some people covered under the HMP report work or other activities for at least 80 hours per month. There are allowable exemptions. See attached flyer from Oakland County Health Division for more information.
- [Be Counted Michigan 2020](#) offers campaign resources that agencies can use to help promote and encourage census participation. Programs such as SNAP, the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, WIC, and Special Programs for the Aging – Nutritional Services are all dependent on accurate census numbers to adequately fund the programs.
- The Public Rule Charge now goes into effect as determined by the Supreme Court on January 27, 2020. An immigration officer assesses if the applicant could become dependent on certain federal benefits when determining green card or visa status. The new rule would allow officers to include SNAP, Medicaid (except emergency, for children under 21, and pregnant women), and housing assistance. WIC and school meal program participation are not benefits that can be considered. [Protecting Immigrant Families](#) and [Michigan Immigrant Rights Center](#) are resources for information on the Public Rule Charge.



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6. Member Updates

- Amanda provided details and flyer (see attached) about the upcoming Detroit Food Policy Council's Detroit Food 2020 submit. Registration is now open. Click [here](#) to register.
- Lisa shared the YMCA is hosting a monthly webinar series, next opportunity is February 19th at 7 PM. See attached calendar for more details.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting for the Oakland County Food Policy Council is March 17, 2020 from 9-10:30 A.M. Workgroup members will receive details about future workgroup meetings from their chairs separately.