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FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes 07/21/2020

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

1. Introductions

Attendees: Jeremy Brown, Oakland County Farmers Market; Maurice Cummings, OCHD; Robin Danto, MSU-E; Kristine Hahn, MSU-E; Anne Ginn, Forgotten Harvest; Kristin Garska, OCHD; Melanie Grund; Oakland County; Christine Hodge, Oakland Schools; Carrie Hribar, OCHD; Laura Mulligan, Ascension Providence Rochester; Nicole Odom, Michigan Department of Corrections; Melissa Reznar, Oakland University; Cassidy Strome, Fair Food Network; Lindsay TerHaar, OCHD; Jessica Williams, OCHD; Amanda Woods, OCHD

Introductions were made.

2. Mid-Summer Assessment of Summer Food Service Programs

- *Rebecca M (Gleaners)*: Programming is going smoothly. Gleaners is providing mobile groceries for the week and there are vendor trucks going through neighborhoods distributing food.
- *Madelyne W (OLHSA)* (written update provided): OLHSA is currently sponsoring the Summer Food Service Program, Meet Up and Eat Up, at many different sites throughout Pontiac. They have two mobile trucks that stop at various sites daily Monday through Friday, as well as a bulk truck distributing multiple meals on Tuesdays and Fridays. Any adult or child is welcome to stop by to receive one breakfast and one lunch on the daily route, or three breakfasts and three lunches on the bulk routes. Parents and guardians are also able to pick up food for their children, even if their children are not present. Both the daily and bulk routes are drop in friendly, just come to the location at the scheduled time to receive food. No enrollment, proof of income, ID, etc. are required. OLHSA has two stationary sites as well: Haven and New Bethel. Both sites are hosting summer camps for children. If you would like to enroll your child into summer camp, contact Haven at (877) 922-1274 or New Bethel Baptist Church at (248) 334-3253. Any questions, please email Madelyne at madelynew@olhsa.org.
- *Lori A (Oakland Schools)* (written update provided): Districts are working on their back to school education plans per Governor's Whitmer's Return to School roadmap. More details coming in early August on what these plans will look like. Additionally, Lori wanted to share an advocacy alert through the School Nutrition Association regarding Universal Meals/Area Eligibility Waiver extensions for the 2020-21 School Year. Below is information from School Nutrition Association and USDA about the waiver:
 - Information from School Nutrition Association:
<https://cgrcengage.com/schoolnutrition/?0>



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- Information from USDA about Universal Meals/Area Eligibility Waiver (note current waiver extension on goes through 8/31): <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/child-nutrition-area-eligibility-waiver>
- *Anne G (Forgotten Harvest)*: Offering SFSP through mobile pantries. Families can receive lunches and groceries at the mobile sites. Check the [website](#) for up-to-date information.
- Note: Trust for America put out [a policy brief](#) on school nutrition programs during the pandemic. It includes federal policy recommendations to assist school nutrition programs and policy recommendations to support children and families (i.e. WIC, SNAP).

3. Back-to-School Plans

- Food service guidelines are in the [MI Safe Schools Roadmap](#) and vary based on the reopening stage of the state. Lori will have more back-to-school information in August.
- On July 8th, [MDE submitted waiver request](#) to USDA for child nutrition programs. MDE is seeking statewide waivers for School Year 2020-2021 for the following:
 1. Requirements for the availability of drinking water, specific meal patterns for specific age and grade groups in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), and milk variety in the NSLP.
 2. Suspension of the requirement to provide enrichment activities with the NSLP Afterschool Snack Program during non-congregate meal distribution.
 3. Suspension of the enrichment activities for the at-risk afterschool snack program within the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) if serving non-congregate meals.
 4. Allowance for MDE to have the option to conduct monitoring of CACFP institutions, sponsors, and facilities offsite (e.g. through a desk audit) and suspension of the monitoring requirement for MDE for number of annual desk audits to complete.

4. Update on Double Up Food Bucks in Oakland County

Cassidy Strome from Fair Food Network presented to the group. There are 5 locations in Oakland County that currently accept [Double Up Food Bucks](#) (DUFb). Western Market (Ferndale) is in the process of becoming the next DUFb site. All Saints Produce Market needed to pause certification due to the pandemic.

- Glory Supermarket (Oak Park)
- Rochester Farmers Market
- Henry's Market on Main (Henry Ford Health System West Bloomfield Hospital)
- Oakland County Farmers Market
- Oak Park Farmers Market



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Cassidy asked the group for additional recommendations, specifically for the Pontiac area. [Sprout Fresh Food Store](#) and Carnival Market were both recommended. Additional recommendations can be sent to Cassidy at cstrome@fairfoodnetwork.org.

Fair Food Network lifted the \$20 cap that previously existed for DUFEB transactions to assist families and farmers during the pandemic. Spartan Nash stores did raise their DUFEB cap to \$50 due to their POS software. Cassidy shared sites will have a one-month notification for when the cap goes back to \$20 per SNAP transaction.

5. COVID-19 Update

Carrie updated members on COVID-19 case counts, testing locations, and Oakland County resources. Updated case count information for both Oakland County and Michigan can be found at: <https://www.oakgov.com/covid>

Three testing locations are available through Oakland County. Residents can also find a local testing site through [MDHHS](#).

- Oakland County Health Division in Southfield
- Medical Examiners Facility in Pontiac
- Oakland Community College: Orchard Ridge Campus
- To schedule an appointment for a test, call 1-800-848-5533.

Jeremy Brown asked about number of tests administered and positive rate. **Carrie will find this number to report out at next meeting.** Melanie shared Oakland County administers approximately 250-300 tests per day per site. If you have additional questions about COVID-19 and related resources, please contact Amanda (woodsa@oakgov.com) or Carrie (hribarc@oakgov.com).

Carrie discussed available resources through Oakland County. These resources can be found at: <https://www.oakgov.com/covid>

- General resident information
 - Help Hotline for non-medical questions,
 - 248-858-1000 or hotline@oakgov.com or Text OAKGOV to 28748
- Small business ReOpen toolkit
- Printable signs and screening checklists
- Translated resources
- Financial coaching and career workshops
- Grant opportunities for small businesses
- Mortgage and rent relief



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6. General Announcements

- Jeremy shared Oakland County Farmers Market is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. He recommends customers shop during early or late market hours to avoid the busiest time which is mid- morning. Yoga demonstrations have started back up, and pre-recorded cooking demonstrations by Robin Danto are available.
- Contact Robin Danto for Senior Project Fresh at dantor@oakgov.com or 248-858-0904.
- All Saints Produce Market is temporarily closed until September.
- The Bridging the Breastfeeding Gap event has been adjusted this year, and they are collecting breastfeeding stories that will be shared on Oakland County Breastfeeding Coalition's website. Please share the link (<https://www.ocbreastfeeding.org/>) with any groups or coalitions you are affiliated with that may have individuals who would like to fill this out survey. Scroll to the middle of the page and click the picture that says "Bridging the Breastfeeding Gap: Our Stories." They are collecting stories until Friday, July 31st.
- Michigan Good Food Summit is seeking proposals for their virtual conference in September. Visit [Michiganfood.org/summit](https://michiganfood.org/summit) for information.
- Detroit Food Policy Council (DFPC): Detroit Food Summit 2020 was rescheduled for October and will be a virtual conference. DFPC will post event registration on their website at detroitfoodpc.org
- The Food Bank Council of Michigan has created a survey that SNAP and P-EBT recipients can complete to share their experiences with these programs during the pandemic. As discussions occur about the future of SNAP and P-EBT benefits, it is so important for policy and decision makers to hear input directly from SNAP recipients themselves! The survey does not have a close date at this time. **Survey link:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScT7N0TtBgA3bfUwFdi5hEniUvj_pwha1EWHKYkq7vqTaNw0w/viewform
- Amanda will be going on maternity leave mid-August. Lindsay TerHaar (terhaarl@oakgov.com) and Carrie Hribar (hribarc@oakgov.com) will be the contacts for the council during Amanda's leave.
 - Plans for council while on leave
 - Switch to monthly meetings to continue to assist members during the pandemic and support council activities.
 - Next check-in meeting will be August 18th.
 - Amanda send out additional meeting invites for August and October meetings; meetings will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 9 AM. Council Members should have invites for September and November. If you do not, please contact Amanda at woodsa@oakgov.com.



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7. Next Steps and Council To- Dos:

- Continue to send potential DUFBI location sites to Cassidy
- Carrie will follow-up on positive COVID-19 case rate
- Amanda will send out meeting invitations for meetings August through November.

8. Next Meeting: August 18th, 9-10 AM for council member check-in

- Call-in details:
 - Meeting URL: <https://bluejeans.com/703511666>
 - Or dial one of the following numbers:
 - +1.408.419.1715 (United States(San Jose))
 - +1.408.915.6290 (United States(San Jose))
 - Enter the meeting ID, 703 511 666, followed by #