AGENDA

Healthy Food for All Work Group

Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room A, KS 66044-3701, United States

12:30pm – 2:00pm, Wednesday, December 17, 2019

| Agenda items | Notes | Action Items |
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| 1. **Introductions** | 1. Fill out agency accomplishment form\*\* GIVE TO KELSEY OR KELLY\*\* 2. Share agency accomplishment pertaining to HFFA work. Include:    1. Who, what, where, when, any partners, number of participants, description | * Holly Campbell – from Chicago, economic development, food security, moved here Oct * Laura Canelos – UnitedHealthcare – KanCare – educating the public; supporting efforts addressing SDH; grant to Grace Med Clinics from CMS; will be at Haskell 1x/ month and LDCHD; connecting them to Just Food. Heartland CHC mainly focuses on their patients. * Jennie Lazarus – Farm 2 School & Welness programming for USD 497 * Eudora – Christy Cabanas – Katie * Sarah Hartsig – LDCHD. Due July 30 * Elaina Johnson – breastfeeding peer counselor – Dg Co Breastfeeding Coaition Co-Chair * Jessica Cooney – Just Food Client Services Manager – added 3 school pantries since August (Woodlawn, New York, Sunset Hill) – oversees * Ryan Bowerstocks – new outreach and marketing at Just Food. Have exceeded every goal set out in 2019. Pregnant due July 4. * Christine – LDCHD WIC program – been working with Allison Koonce – developed partnership between WIC and LMH for expecting mothers. Family birthing unit – will help connect with WIC and get enrolled. Also have nurse navigators in Lawrence OB/GYN clinic, will connect them also so they can catch those mamas earlier. * Jamie – KU Grad student – Dr. Harvey’s toolkit for the food waste reduction toolkit. Working on thesis. |
| 1. **Announcements** | 1. New Meeting Schedule 2. Leadership positions (communications, chair elect) 3. Bus Tour Recap    1. Food Corps    2. Veggie RX    3. SNAP enrollment form- KDADS 4. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Culture of Health Prize 5. Tax council recommends low-income Kansans receive refunds on food sales taxes    1. <https://www2.ljworld.com/news/state-government/2019/dec/03/tax-council-recommends-low-income-kansans-receive-refunds-on-food-sales-taxes/> 6. SNAP Training Recap | FoodCorps-   * Many other communities have FoodCorps volunteers. USD 497 very interested in getting that support. Jennie will reach out to USDA. No FoodCorps currently in Kansas.   + Jennie volunteered to follow up on new step with getting this program in KS   Veggie RX –   * As Heartland and Just Food, interviewed an AmeriCorps today for the Heartland pantry. Maybe could have that person work on this.   + Ryan can reach out to some of their partners (such as farmer’s markets) and will follow-up to get some info. Cottin’s, Lawrence Farmer’s Market.   SNAP enrollment form –   * Jessica – momentum with the new administration and DCF and the application process. This week and last week high-level meetings within those departments for reworking the application. Harvesters was a part of that meeting.   + Jessica will reach out to see if there is anything HFFA can do to support, such as providing a letter of support   RWJF Culture of Health Prize –   * awarded to 5-10 communities every year. 25K plus recognition. * Have made it to Round 2. 35 of 136 that applied made it. * Another application due Jan 16. Sample site visit and video of people impacted by accomplishments featured.   Tax council recommending low-income Kansas receive refunds on food sales tax –   * Holly will volunteer to follow-up   SNAP training recap –   * thank you Harvesters for partnering to offer this training! We were at max capacity – * 30 participants. A lot of interest in this area.   + Kelsey will send an email after the holidays to follow-up re: next steps. KSRE said Master Gardeners may be able to help promote. We also host another training in the new year.   Dg Co Breastfeeding Coalition meeting in Jan –   * want to put together a community conversation to find out what breastfeeding families in Dg Co need, what they’re not seeing enough of. Preventing first food deserts. Finding out what other towns in Dg Co need. Just Food put in an application to become a national diaper bank application. They are approved to apply. Emily Winters and Elaina met with navigators and provided WIC resources for breastfeeding logs to give out to moms   + Just Food volunteered to help in planning convening as a HFFA representative   + Elaina will reach out if she needs help from other representatives. |
| 1. **School Pantry Grant**   **Christina & Kelly** | 1. Overview of proposal    1. Needs and wants    2. Spending    3. Implementation    4. Workgroup    5. Action plan | * New York and Woodlawn started this year. Sunflower does have a pantry. * Can we get additional resources for Sunflower Elementary to get a fridge? * Harvesters – Bethany Raina backpack and school pantry manager – in most Lawrence schools (12 or 13) for backsnack. Also have Sunflower and Pinckney pantries. Also in Eudora – backsnack. Backsnack also in Baldwin Intermediate & Elem and Perry-Lecompton Elem school. Is there a need for more Backsnacks? Varies year to year. Haven’t had any applications from Lawrence in the last few years. Bethany will share a list. * New York (Samantha Saltz) – wants exact fridge listed. Also is garden coordinator. * Eudora has a pantry at the Methodist church, bot does not have anything at the school. Opened clothing closet. Will have food pantry and clothing closet together at West. * Work with someone from the school, show options of shopping warehouse, what is available for schools to pick up and take to their locations. * Identifying who will be the contact/ coordinator * Identify space, decide on size of fridge. * Just Food requires a monthly report on number of families/ children served. * Coordination – Jessica – Just Food is a new redistribution organization for Harvesters (again). Harvesters and Just Food still working on figuring out distribution. Harvesters and Just Food have the food, and tons and tons of produce. Goal: getting more food to Just Food and * Transporting food – ideal world: Deliver to schools. Deliver to Heartland and Campus Cupboard. Hard for them to get drivers. It helps to see what’s available in the inventory. * Would love to grow capacity to deliver, but difficult to find drivers. Parent facilitators that do the pantry do it on the clock. Some schools are run by a teacher and do it off their clock. Schools could also reach out to parents who could volunteer. * Marketing: could develop a protocol re: responsibilities (how often are you going to Just Food), training. How to hand off to next parent. Jennie could work with Just Food to help implement. Goal to have school gardens growing for the school pantries. 13th school garden coming up this spring. * Schwegler – recipes she provides based on what they get each week. Takes her personal time to do that. Just Food and Harvesters does as well. Just Food has Just Cook and KSRE also comes into Just Food and puts together meal kits with a recipe/ box. * Maintenance will be important with the refrigerators * Put on custodial staff to clean out compressor each week. Take conversation to Paula Murrish. * LMH Health gave grants out and learned it was easier if they made the purchase and they reimbursed them. * Deliveries can be made to McDonald Drive office and driver can deliver. Jennie can let us know. * Woodlawn has a “share shelf” * Some schools (Billy Mills) - Backpack   + Jennie will talk with Paula to establish how refrigeration units will be ordered and delivered.   + Jennie will connect with Just food to establish toolkit and protocols to implement with school district wide to maintain consistency   + Just Food and Harvesters will work together to figure out food distribution.   + Harvesters and Just Food will work together to provide the committee with a comprehensive list of schools with pantries, back snack, and the free and reduced lunch rates.   + Kelsey will connect with Marlin about future plans for spending and purchasing. |
| 1. **2019-2020 Priority areas** | 1. Committee work and action steps. | * N/A- Will discuss next meeting. |
| 1. **Adjourned** |  |  |

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| Strategy | Strategy Champion | Strategy Team |
| **Planned Strategy 1:** Ensure enhanced food access for populations facing transportation barriers through establishing a mobile food pantry, enhanced transit routes to grocery stories, food pantries, and farmers’ markets, and via pantry delivery for special populations. **EQ** | VACANT  -Just food? | 1. Megan Poindexter and/or Heidi Briery (CRC) |
| **Planned Strategy 2:** Implement food recovery practices and policies to supply safe, nourishing food to those in need | Sarah Hartsig | 1. Jamie Platch 2. Kelly Hall |
| **Planned Strategy 3:** Strengthen the FuelGood Healthy Pantries Initiative to promote adoption of health-promoting policies and practices, including distribution of healthy foods and fresh food items, within Douglas County food pantries**. EQ** | Susan Farley | 1. Christina Holt 2. Brenna Wulfkuhle |
| **Planned Strategy 4:** Remove barriers to and strengthen utilization of public food assistance programs for families with children and seniors, including:  ·       School breakfast, dinner, and summer meal programs  ·       SNAP enrollment  ·       WIC enrollment  ·       Double Up Food Bucks  ·       CHAMPPS  ·       Meals on Wheels  ·       Commodity Supplemental Food Program for seniors  **EQ** | VACANT    Norm White?  K-State Research and Extension?  -Joey Hentzler? | 1. Jessica Kejr |
| **Planned Strategy 5:** Support advocacy efforts related to contexts supportive of breastfeeding, reduction of food insecurity, and improving access to healthy food | Elana Johnson |  |
| **Planned Strategy 6:** Extend food pantry evening/ weekend availability | VACANT  Charlotte Marthaler-? |  |
| **Planned Strategy 7:** Grow “Hunger and Health” efforts to enhance integration of social services and health care | Allision Koonce | 1. Kelsey Fortin 2. Christine Ebert 3. Jessica Kejr |