

**Approve:**

- 1) June's Minutes – Approved
- 2) July's Updates - Approved

**Monthly Presentation:**

Terra Adams, WIC

Terra presented details about the WIC program including how recipients sign up for WIC and everything they receive. Everyone was surprised by the amount of paperwork recipients have to fill out to obtain the services and the amount of time spent tracking the nutrition component of the program.

**Program Updates:**

- 1) ACFPC Publicity Committee:  
Bridget and Kathy met to discuss Kennies Market recognition for FINI. We will develop a special Apple Award from Healthy Adams County and recognize them at the Community Health Assessment Forum in June of 2018. We also discussed adding a Healthy Options committee and an Evaluation Committee to the new welcome packet. Members interested in joining the publicity committee are: Vickie Corbett , Bicky Redman, and Kathy Gaskin.
- 2) FINI Fruit and Vegetable Bucks: Beth Mulewich is calling all of the recipients that have phone numbers listed to do the post survey with them. She has reported that everyone she has talked to has had very positive things to say. Several recipients have shared more information that Beth will present to the council when she completes all of the calls.
- 3) Healthy Options:  
Bridget will be enforcing the deadlines for applications for Healthy Options and for picking up vouchers. There are several people who have not picked up vouchers and Bridget has called them repeatedly. Knowing that we have many people on the wait list we would like to be equitable and let them move up by weeding out some people who are not responding. The council approved this enforcement.

Bridget also asked if we might consider an evening meeting sometime within the next year to have a few of the Healthy Options leaders present to the council since the morning meeting time does not work for them.

**Discussion items:**

- 1) 2018 Farm Bill
  - a. FPCs around the country are gearing up for advocacy efforts for the 2018 Farm Bill. Do we want to make this a priority as well? If so, what are next steps?

The council would like to be involved at some level of advocacy. Hoping to learn more at the next meeting from the Pittsburg Food Policy Council. A couple of things that we felt were specific to Adams County that we could add to the mix for advocacy are: Labor issues for growers including the issues around the H-2A program and the issues around insurance premiums for growers.

- 2) Regional and State Efforts: Perhaps members of ACFPC could serve as liaisons to each of these efforts?
  - a. The Pittsburgh Food Policy Council reached out to us. They have created a set of priorities for advocacy for the 2018 Farm Bill. Their priorities thus far are: Urban Agriculture (Urban Ag. Act of 2016), Consumer Empowerment around Consolidation and GIPSA, Rural Development and support for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers, Food Waste Reduction, and SNAP. They are in the process of creating a “Farm Bill Toolkit” that will provide guidance and support to PFPC members who wish to engage with the Farm Bill process and make their voices heard. They would like us to find common concerns and identify areas of potential to coordinate efforts. We asked for them to present at the September meeting. Contact person is Dawn Plummer at [dmp37@psu.edu](mailto:dmp37@psu.edu).
  - b. Partnership for Better Health in Carlisle is also working to convene regional efforts to explore multiple facets of the local food system in Central PA. A preliminary discussion took place on Monday, July 24 (though only they reached out to us on the Friday before the meeting). Contact person is Gail Witwer, [gwitwer@forbetterhealthpa.org](mailto:gwitwer@forbetterhealthpa.org)

The council felt it is important to be a part of both of these efforts.

### **Member updates**

- 1) Campus Kitchen
  - a. Green Goodies produce bags were distributed weekly to 25 homebound senior citizens for 8 weeks. The session has now ended.
- 2) Healthy Adams County – nothing new right now
- 3) Adams County Farmers Market Association : August 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> the market will celebrating National Farmers Market Week by having some special entertainment and activities at the both markets. Please come out and support the market at the Commissioners Proclamation for the National Farmers Market Week on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the courthouse. The market will also be having a Fall Harvest Festival on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 4) Gleaning Project: Several gleans happened last week including a Blueberries and Apples. A week long Gleanomania is being planned from September 10<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. Sponsors will pledge a penny a pound for everything gleaned that week. This will take place in Franklin and Adams Counties. Bridget is starting to work on World Hunger week that will take place from October 15<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>.

- 5) Penn State Extension: Deb Boyd mentioned several conferences that are happening in Pa that members could take advantage of including: The PA Food Bank Agency Conference at the end of August at the Hershey Lodge; the Nutrition Links Conference, the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of September at the Penn Stater and the PANEN Conference in Harrisburg this month.
- 6) Adams County Office of Planning and Development: Bicky mentioned that the transition of a new warden being hired at the Adams County Prison will take place soon. She encouraged members to take the time to meet with him and educate him or her about our community endeavors.
- 7) SCCAP: The SCCAP Café is now closed. Cherry asked if anyone has ideas of how they can make use of the facility moving forward to let them know. Some suggestions included letting community members use it as an incubator program for small business start up.
- 8) United Way: Vickie mentioned that the United Way will have access to Land O'Lakes grant funds that are distributed to United Way's and are to be used for food access. Some suggestions were to use the funds for the Healthy Options Coordinator position or to go directly to the food bank or another access program.

**September Meeting:**

- 1) Presentation by Alice Varon from Certified Naturally Grown with discuss CNG's new 501 (c) 3 and the the Affiliate Garden Program to see if/how it supports current community efforts and to engage new ideas around it.
- 2) Possibly someone from the Pittsburgh Food Policy Council.