

July 2017 Updates in lieu of a July Meeting:

1) ACFPC Publicity Committee

- a. July Publicity Committee meeting did not take place.
- b. **Proposed date: August 1 at 12pm at SCCAP Café. Please confirm if you can make it by emailing Bridget at bschell@sccap.org.**

2) FINI Grant:

- a. We received our official notification from USDA for our extension for this year. Will start to meet with Kennie's again at the end of the summer to determine our timeline. Will look for extra funds to supplement the left over money (about \$10,000) for this year.

3) Healthy Options:

- a. Winter - Financials for winter Healthy Options has been completed. 96.4% of the vouchers were used by the 100 families and 51 senior citizens, totaling 25,711.67.
- b. Summer 2017 – Leaders will meet on July 23. Next distribution will be Aug 3. If you have activities you'd like to include as a HO activity, please send them to Bridget.

4) Research:

- a. Sam Boden, the student from Messiah who included ACFPC in his research, has sent his paper. It is attached.

5) Local Foods Guides:

- a. 8000 guides were distributed through the Gettysburg Times
- b. 5,6000 guides were distributed to farms and locations around the County.
- c. A few hundred copies remain at CPS.

6) Local Food Alliances Best Practices Convening

- a. Kim, Kathy Gaskin and Audrey attended the Local Food Alliances Best Practices Convening
- b. The event, organized by First Lady and the Governor's Food Security Partnership, brought together over 100 stakeholders in food security to discuss how we can tackle this critical issue at the local level. In response to the event, a webpage has been added for local food alliances. You can find information about alliances and their locations, along with all the presentations that were given at the event at <http://dhs.pa.gov/ending-hunger/about/foodalliances/index.htm>

7) Food Recovery Workshop:

- a. Bridget attended a 2-day workshop hosted by Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic and The Taft Organization in June.
- b. The workshop covered recent legislation and key policy areas to reduce food waste and increase food recovery and introduce exciting new food recovery resources to equip organizations and food policy councils to leverage policy and make change in the food system.
- c. Bridget encourages everyone to check out www.refed.com. It's an online tool to research current food waste policy at the federal and state levels and to discover best practices and recommendations for policy improvements that would support more food waste prevention, recovery and recycling.

8) Adams County Farmers Market Association

Outreach update to date:

SNAP: \$1,067
SNAP Double Dollars: \$1,043
FMNP Double Dollars: \$2,430
Healthy Options: \$5,175

County Wellness: \$4,410

Family Day: \$460.85

These are excellent numbers for SNAP considering we are in mid-July. Last year we ended the year with \$1,222 in SNAP sales and \$1,093 in SNAP Double Dollars.

9) 2018 Farm Bill

- a. The Pittsburgh Food Policy Council reached out to us. They have created a set of priorities for advocacy for the 2018 Farm Bill. They would like us to find common concerns and identify areas of potential to coordinate efforts.
- b. More on this at the August meeting.

10) SCCAP Café

Message from Megan:

The past few years have been difficult funding years for South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP) – we have, as have all other non-profits, been doing more with less for so long that there is nowhere to cut that doesn't impact programs and clients. We are simply no longer able to maintain our current level of programming. Chef Jeremy of the SCCAP Café obtained a position with the Gettysburg School District and we could not be happier or more proud of his accomplishments. He, assistant Chef Dwayne, and the committed volunteers have allowed the SCCAP café to assist hundreds of individuals obtain job skills that enable them to obtain employment. But program losses, combined with cuts to funding, make it impossible to continue the program. Effective Tuesday, July 25th, the café will no longer be open for Breakfast; our hours will move to 10:30 – 1:30 . We are no longer taking catering bookings. We will be working with existing staff to help them find other employment and be looking to see if there are other entities interested in renting the café space. We anticipate closing the SCCAP Café and job training program sometime in August.

These are difficult times for non-profits – funding, which supports critical social infrastructures is drying up, and there are simply not enough community resources to keep critical programs operating. We are so sorry for the need to close this amazing program. But, we are so appreciative of the community support, our gracious volunteers who went over and above, and our amazing staff who did so much with so little - together they changed the lives of hundreds of individuals in our community. To all those who have supported the SCCAP café, recommended us on Yelp and Trip Advisor, and booked meetings with us – thank you so much!

I urge each of you to think about supporting the non-profits that you believe in. These are difficult times. Non-profits in most communities support the social and economic infrastructure but how they do it is rarely thought about until they disappear. I hope that this sad event encourages each of us to give to programs we believe in.

Thank you again to Jeremy and to Dwayne and to our amazing, committed volunteers and supporters – we are so very grateful for what you have done and this doesn't negate your hard work! You have changed lives!