

Present:

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Approve:

August Minutes - Approved

Monthly Presentation:

Alice Varon, Executive Director of Certified Naturally Grown will present on the Affiliate Garden Program: <http://www.cngfarming.org>.

- See attached documents to learn about the proposed Affiliate Garden program. If you have feedback or ideas, please contact Alice at alicevaron@naturallygrown.org

Discussion items:

- 1) Erika Van Dyke, Master of Public Health graduate student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, will complete a 240-hour Capstone Experience with ACFPC from January –March 2018. The proposal is for her to help us with this following.
 - a. Based off of information from Pittsburgh’s “Farm Bill Toolkit”, Erika can help us select our priorities for the 2018 Farm Bill and then develop policy engagement plans for 2017-18. She would then dig into what those areas mean for Adams County by talking to stakeholders. We’d gain that knowledge while also being able to lift the voices of Adams County up in state and nationwide advocacy efforts. She can also support the implementation of FINI Grant Year 2, winter activities and story collection for Healthy Options and distribution of Local Foods Guides.
- 2) October FPC meeting in evening or on the weekend to include more stakeholders?
 - a. Focus of meeting? Year-end forum with roundtable discussion for suggestions and next steps
 - b. Date/Time? November 15, 6:30-8:00 – Kim will contact Christy Heimler to see about a room at the Ag Center
 - c. Invite – FINI, HO, vendor, farmers, WIC participants, Kennie’s, Head Start families, commissioners, other stakeholders
 - d. Planning team: Kim, Amy and Kathy will propose a plan to review at the for October meeting.

- 3) Upcoming regional efforts for participation
 - a. Partnership for Better Health in Carlisle – Regional Food System Exploration
 - i. Friday, September 22nd from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, 274 Wilson Street, Carlisle, PA 17013
 - ii. The objective for this meeting is to dig deeper into the “opportunities” that were identified during our brainstorming session and to tease out our priorities and next steps. See attached info from last meeting
 - iii. Bridget or Amy will attend
 - b. Governor’s Food Security Partnership Annual Meeting
 - i. Friday, October 20, 2017 from 10-12:30pm at paTTAN Harrisburg
 - ii. Aim is to give updates on progress made on the goals in the Blueprint for a Hunger-Free PA, federal policy changes and state initiatives.
 - iii. Rely on minutes/report instead of attend.
- 4) Farm Bill
 - a. Center for a Livable Future offers the following webinar Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm
 - i. Navigating the Farm Bill: What’s at Stake for Food Policy Councils
Next year is expected to be a big year for national food and farm policy with the reauthorization of the farm bill. This single bill wields a lot of influence over the operation of state agricultural programs and local food policies. While the impact of this national legislation may not be directly or immediately apparent at the local level, food policy councils have a stake in shaping the update of the farm bill. Join the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future Food Policy Networks project for a conversation with authors Parke Wilde and Alan Hunt about what matters most in the bill to community food systems and the mechanisms by which to shape the contents of the farm bill. Parke Wilde is author of the book *Food Policy in the United States: An Introduction*. Alan Hunt is author of the book *Civic Engagement in Food System Governance: A Comparative Perspective on American and English Local Food Movements*.
[Register for it here!](#)
 - b. See linked [“GROWING OPPORTUNITIES: Policy Solutions from the office of U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer”](#) for a report on reforming the Farm Bill to learn more about possible advocacy efforts.

Program Updates:

- 1) ACFPC Publicity Committee:
Focus on updating materials and setting committees to provide at the forum

- 2) FINI Fruit and Vegetable Bucks:
Beth has been calling FINI participants for post-survey. She will be able to do a presentation at October meeting on results. Overall feedback was positive; some confusion about discount.

USDA Press announced this year's FINI awards. Attached electronic copy has links to project descriptions. The Food Trust in Philadelphia got one of the large grants to expand into New Jersey. The Ann Arbor Fair Food Network also got one of the large grants.

Applying to Cliff Bar Foundation for FINI Match money

- 3) Healthy Options:
Deadline for winter applications was Friday – 85 were returned; most were completed at pick up of vouchers; 55 Spanish, 29 English. Bridget needs to verify applications and call people who didn't put income on application.

Waitlist will be contacted first and then applications will go out to referring partners.

For the next round, we should do a tour and intro for new participants.

Member updates:

Children's Health and Nutrition Task Force

- Interested in implementing the *You're the Mom* media campaign developed by Tufts University.
- The campaign is designed to empower moms to make healthier choices for their kids when eating out, so it fits nicely with the Healthy Dining Guide we developed.
- The Task Force thought we might be able to get feedback from Healthy Options, perhaps the Fruit & Veggie Bucks, and other programs such as Circles before we seek funding.
- PDF with an introduction to the campaign

ACFMA

- Fall Harvest Festival – during antique market
Saturday, September 23

Chili competition, scarecrow building, music etc.

- Metrics show sales are up from last year

Gleaning Project

GLEAN-A-MANIA

- The Gleaning Project is asking our community members to pledge a penny for each pound of produce that we glean during one super week in September (September 9-15).
- The Franklin and Adams County chapters each hope to glean between 6,000-7,000 pounds of produce during Glean-A-Mania week. That is a lot of food! They looking for pledges of 1 penny (or multiple pennies, or portions of pennies) for every pound we glean. Make your pledge online at www.thegleaningproject.org
- 40 pledges so far
- This is the last week for pledges