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Thursday, February 8, 2024

1. **Welcome/Introductions/Announcements**
   1. Rebecca Crumrine, U of I Extension, SNAP Ed
   2. Shanita Wallace, TCHD
   3. Hillary Aggertt, WCHD
   4. Michelle Compton, PCCHD, WIC
   5. Emily Zoid, PCCHD
   6. Jovon Matthews, PCCHD
   7. Seth Noland, PCCHD
   8. Kate MacIntyre, PCCHD
   9. Raquel, PPD RiverPlex
   10. Michelle Hatfield, Midwest Food Bank
   11. Mike Brooks, OSF Garden of Hope
   12. Betsy Ayers, Hult Center
   13. Cheyanne Harper, Hult Center
   14. Nate Johnson, Hult Center
   15. Amanda Hunt, TCHD
2. **PFHC Board/Chair Announcements**
   * **Board Announcements:**
     + Hillary – Board invites for Annual Meeting from Amy for March 7 – at Spalding Center – register on website by Friday before meeting
     + more outreach and social media networking needed by individual action teams – highlighted areas – let her know what needs to be posted
     + Reminder – website training – please see updates and changes – you can log in to discussion board
   * **Chair Announcements:**
     + Rebecca – First meetings of 2024 for Midwest foodbank – food pantry network – local foods, food oasis bundles
     + Shanita – asked partners to complete HEAL assessment form – met late Jan to review responses – Shanita will make a graphic – will share strengths, leadership and partners – subgroups strengths – several subcommittees – communication and consistency – opportunities – community voice – collaboration with other coalitions – outreach and promotion – working on this with partners
     + HEAL orientation – look under programs on website – several people join but not many in action – 9-14 partners – will track how many are active – attending meetings and events attendance;
3. **Data Report – Dr. Kelly**
   * Has a conflict so not able to attend
   * Shanita and Rebecca have been working with Dr Kelly – will see next month
4. **Subcommittee Updates:**

* **Built Environment – Complete Streets**
  + No update
* **Pekin Committee for Active Transportation**
  + Amy – still working on the plan
* **HEAL Food System Partners**
  + Rebecca – getting close to year 6 – full team meeting is on first Thurs of Month;
    - If you want to get involved please email – [afox@tchd.net](mailto:afox@tchd.net) Amy Fox
  + Recent Individual team updates:
    - Team 1 recently awarded 11 garden grants to local community gardens; Grow-a-row ended at 30,431lbs in 2023
    - Team 2 nutrition education – mobile distribution for Hispanic families [report finished from surveys](https://uofi.box.com/s/lkdtwg63ykx3k3c3uswhkodf80ev2lom) – greenlight/food oasis bundles for food pantries and toolkit in works around 200 bundles to be shared at Feb FPN meeting with partners with toolkit – Tri-county still working on scaling Eatable Alphabet to all headstarts
    - Team 3 – working on a larger training for food pantries around the big allergens & repackaging
    - Team 4 – larger systems work – currently working on: community advisory board, Hunger summit in the fall, aligning efforts around local foods dollars available, advocacy and opportunities
* **WIC/Farmers Market**
  + Michelle – no updates today
  + Rebecca asked about farmer surveys – Michelle has email addresses – will send out
* **Regional Food Council**
  + Rebecca – meeting yesterday – advocacy 101 training
  + upcoming legislation – National Farm Bill – discussed WIC – not funded through Farm Bill – continuing resolutions
  + universal free meals for all – passed by IL last year – appropriated into budget – more schools can receive free breakfast and lunch
  + next meeting in April – Michelle & Amy (Healthy Eating) planning that meeting
* **Hunger Action Walk**
  + Shanita – working with Pekin Park District – special use permit mailed today – will be in Tazewell County – date Sep 28 -

1. **Breakout session for workgroups**

* 30 minutes

1. **Workgroup Report**
   * **Healthy Eating Report** – Rebecca will send summary
     + HE1 – completed living list of locations of community gardens – Mike updated list - # families accessing – finishing this soon – every garden tracks different data – so different end results in mind – Mike has been including other info so we can share to data team
     + HE2 – looked at 2 surveys for children and adults – curriculums will be offered soon for any education in gardens or nutrition – impact data – will use community garden network
       - WIC – how are things going – funded through mid-March – fruit and veg until end of Feb
     + HE3 – future campaigns – Eat Right.org has national nutrition month for March – what to promote to organizations – Kids Cook Mondays – quarterly social media kits – may be able to use these
   * **Physical Activity / Active Living Report** – Shanita will send summary
     + PA1 – Lets Move Tri-County – walking challenge – APHA app – points based – runs Jan 1 to Apr 7 – evaluation base line data point – will test for Tri County app in the future
     + PA2 – increase partners from 9 to 14 – challenge is participation of organizations – need data for attendance of meetings or events – need active partners – data team says if they complete the orientation they would be a partner – create informal action plan and elevator speech – reviewed HEAL assessment – need warm handoff of partners
     + PA3 – promotional campaigns – Take a walk Wed – Move it Monday – Find time for Fitness – Lets Move Tri-County App-
     + PA4 – Hunger Action Month – Sep 28 – Pekin Park District

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