

## HEAL Food System Partnership Meeting Minutes

**10/7/2021**

Meeting place: Zoom & U of I Extension - Peoria

Attendees: Amy Fox, Monica Scheuer, Kaitlyn Streitmatter, Kim Litwiller, Shanita Wallace, Michelle Compton, Susie Smith, Rebecca Crumbine, Amy Christison, Kathryn Bernstein, Molly Laugherty, Staci Coussens, Anna Marzena (UICOMP student)

Meeting :

Item	Presenter	Discussion/Conclusion
Childhood Food Insecurity grant award	Dr. Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant awarded to address childhood food insecurity – identify, refer, and connect children to health care system and emergency food resources.</li> <li>• Ask – have a representative from HEAL</li> <li>• First meeting Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1-2:30pm</li> <li>• HEAL will support in whatever way is possible.</li> </ul>
HEAL food system structure and roles	Shanita, Kaitlyn, and Kim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HEAL team member roles defined, reviewed, and discussed</li> <li>• Communication survey of all HEAL team members still open through next week – goal is 75% participation. Team leads to send reminder out to members to participate if they haven't already.</li> </ul>
Team #1 Report - Increasing access to healthier food options for vulnerable populations		
	Susie, Shanita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revitalizing Well Farm – will be transformed into prairie grass. There will be raised beds that will be removed and made available to the garden network</li> <li>• Grow a Row has exceeded goal of 20,000 lbs. Waiting for harvesting to wrap up then will do a live stream on FB to announce the results</li> <li>• Fresh Food Drives kick off after garden harvesting is over. Flier was email to all members to share – please.</li> <li>• First Federated church reached out to</li> </ul>

		the Food Pantry Network – wanting to purchase refrigerators for food pantries in need.
Team #2 Report - Increasing awareness of good nutrition		
	Dr. Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile food pantries survey results presented and will be shared with the group.</li> </ul>
Team #3 Report - Improving adult understanding of household budgeting and resources to stretch the family dollar		
	Rebecca, Michelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Cents cooking classes started virtually and in person. Over 50 people registered but not as many have attended. Going to utilize a texting platform for class invites and reminders to increase participation</li> <li>• WIC vouchers not being distributed because they came in so late. Brainstormed about getting local farmers set up to accept vouchers for next year.</li> </ul>
Team #4 Report - Increasing advocacy and support for local and healthy procured foods		
	Monica, Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hasn't met recently – now have a regular meeting schedule starting next Friday.</li> <li>• MFB and Hungry World Farms have agreed on plan to purchase of 2022 crop.</li> <li>• Basil's Harvest (Erin Meyer) published a paper that explores the relationship between regenerative agriculture and human health. <a href="https://www.basilsharvest.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/092221_Reg_Ag_HumanHealthReport_BHCI_Digital.pdf">https://www.basilsharvest.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/092221_Reg_Ag_HumanHealthReport_BHCI_Digital.pdf</a></li> </ul>
Team #5 Report – Alignment of food pantry site visits and food pantry policies		
	Shanita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey of food pantries complete – sent to 170 food pantries in Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties, received 105 responses.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need representation from Woodford County health department</li> </ul>
Inter-collaborative Items	Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Items come up that are not “owned” by a HEAL team or cross multiple teams</li> <li>• How do we communicate these items amongst teams effectively? Is Microsoft Teams an option? Will continue to discuss this.</li> </ul>
Budget	Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminder to use monies regularly or have a solid plan to spend budgeted funds</li> </ul>
Announcements	Shanita  Kathryn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HEAL Action team did not receive the Catalizing Communities grant but will be participating in some of the education opportunities.</li> <li>• IPHI’s Advancing Health in IL virtual meeting on Tues, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30-4:30pm. Register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/IAPO2021">https://tinyurl.com/IAPO2021</a></li> </ul>
Next meeting time and day	Amy	<b>Next meeting Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at U of I Extension Offices and via Zoom.</b>