

# Interdepartmental Collaboration Committee Food Policy Subcommittee Minutes

## January 27, 2015

### Members in Attendance

Rich Pirog MSU-CRFS, MI Food Hub network

Phillip Knight, Executive Director of Food Bank Council of Michigan

Lori Yelton, MDARD

Auday Arabo, President, Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers of Michigan and Ohio

Marla Moss, Director of the Office of School support Services, MDE

#### Unable to attend:

Kevin Besey, MDARD

Michelle Napier Dunnings Executive Director MIFFS

Kathryn Colasanti, MSU-CRFS, Good Food Charter

#### Guests:

Ted O'Dell, Local Chapter of the American Heart Association, campaign manager of Voices

Judy Barry, MSU-CRFS

Nancy Nyquist, MDARD Ag Development

Liz Gensler, MSU-CRFS

Jean Doss, Doss Consulting

Tina Reynolds, Healthy Kid Healthy MI: Food Access

### Introductions/Priority List Updates

Introduced new committee member Phillip Knight, FBCM Executive Director

Minutes July 29, 2014 meeting were approved without any suggested changes

MGFF (Michigan Good Food Fund) Rich provided an update starting from the MGFF historic background. M WK Kellogg Foundation was instigator and driver of the MGFF project. The Kellogg Foundation will continue to be involved with the project but the MSU-CRFS and FFN ( Fair Food Network) will be providing resources to consumers on the fund for grants/loans and technical support. A flow chart was reviewed which demonstrated the development through execution of the project. FFN would be providing communications and CRFS has created a booklet on grants and a crowd sharing list. The Soft Launch date for the project is March 18, 2015; this is when the website will go live.

Discussion followed on the food fund on who could receive the loans and grants. Loans and grants could be large or small and could be fillers to large projects. It was suggested by Auday that the fund not mirror California's food fund since it was restrictive. Rich stated the MGGF was more flexible. Task Force groups to meet again after soft Launch. There will be a person to triage questions and direct them to the correct resource person

Fund goal twenty to thirty million. An example of a fund was provided: a cooler for healthy food processing.

WIC Access Lori reported for Kevin. Kevin, Auday and Linda Gobler met with DHS regarding WIC access at additional grocery stores. Auday reported they will now need to meet with Director Lyons on the

topic. Auday stated that grocery stores should get preference to having WIC. Michigan is set up by zip codes and population. DHS has the ability to make changes.

Small and Mid-Size Farm Food Safety Certification: There will be a group gap meeting on March 2, regarding what's next with Group GAP

Small Meat Processing Growth: Commissioned by MDARD a processing study that the Livestock group and meat lab worked on.

Presentation by Ted O'Dell AHA on the Voices for Healthy Kids

Robert Wood Foundation wanted to do something about healthy food. Their goal is "Reversing the childhood obesity epidemic". Goals is to ask legislatures for \$10million for healthy food access. Money would go to DCH then to MDARD for allocation to the MGFF.

A slide show was presented and will be available on the ICC webpage.

Discussion: Ted to email slides on presentation. Lori discussed MDOT maps as a resource for mapping in MI. Smarter snack and change in school meals addresses. Lori will send copy of smarter snacks to Ted.

#### **Other updates:**

##### MSU-CRFS

-A RGP is out for a Local Food Council Coordinator.

-Michigan has 5 people that will be attending a week long managers training in Vermont.

-Rich suggested holding an ICC Food Policy Meeting on the same day when local food councils are convening. Lori Suggested if possible, use planned future ICC food policy meeting dates to allow less confusion of dates that are already posted on webpage. The ICC subcommittee members could sit at the tables of Local Councils to allow for conversation and insight.

##### MDE

-Michigan has been selected as a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Target State for FY 2015. USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is partnering with other national organizations to assist Michigan in improving access to the USDA-SFSP. Your organizations invited to join us for a special forum on February 3, 2015. (Note: due the SOM "Snow Day" the meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2015.)

##### FBCM:

Strategic planning for FBCM is planned. Phil asked about the role of FBCM in the food system. He requested organizations share to the best of their knowledge and perspective, where and how the FBCM can best serve important initiatives. The FBCM has new members and is looking into strategies for the future.

Next planned meeting dates: Tuesday's March 31<sup>st</sup>, August 25, and October 27, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned.