

Food Insecurity Community Meeting Notes

Meeting: February 5, 2018

Attendees:

Susan Grutzmacher (Boulder County)
Alison Brisnehan (Boulder County)
Katie Warning (Sister Carmen)
Michele Orge (Community Food Share)
Suzanne Crawford (Sister Carmen)
Ingrid Walsh (Real Good)
Jeff Hirota (Community Foundation)
Julie Van Domelen (EFAA)
Audrey Johnson (EFAA)
Lindsay Koerner (Hunger Free Colorado)
Heather Pollock (Harvest of Hope)
Rachel Arndt (Boulder County Public Health)
Jill Strange (Boulder County Public Health)
Anne Shanahan (Community Food Share)
Melinda Morris (Boulder County Public Health)
Leticia Abajo-Torrijos (Boulder County Public Health)

Not Present: OUR Center, Boulder Food Rescue

Boulder County SNAP Outreach Presentation (*Susan Grutzmacher*)

- Suggestions:
 - Start with people and data you can gather about them with FRCs and BCC
 - Access Feeding America, ACS Food Insecurity

Materials (*Susan Grutzmacher*)

- Toolkit: If you have ideas/suggestions for edits on the toolkit let Boulder County know
- Immigration: follow up with CU Law Clinic on immigration vulnerability to ensure messaging
- Generic SNAP Materials: let Boulder County know if you need more

Double Up Food Bucks Retail Project (*Jill Strange*)

- Ability to use SNAP benefits to get Double Up Food Bucks to buy fresh fruit/vegetables at retailers
- Implementation is happening in July
- Provide fresh fruit/vegetable year round; \$20 in SNAP benefits = \$20 in additional cash for produce

CFS: Food Security Network (*Michelle Orge*)

- Delayed a little due to CFS's strategic planning
- Implementing survey to gather interest in topics
- Convene group – consolidation of this group into that one seems to make sense
- Additional workgroups may be an outcome of that group and one sub-group could be SNAP

Real Good (Ingrid Walsh)

- Starting co-op to bring local food to food insecure individuals
- Currently doing feasibility study; meeting with farmers to gauge interest

EFAA (Audrey Johnson)

- Audrey shared EFAA's white paper on food insecurity here: <https://www.efaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/EFAA-Food-Insecurity-paper-approved-by-Board-May-18-2017-.pdf>
- Other white papers are here: <https://www.efaa.org/about-efaa/strategic-education/>

Actions:

- Follow-up with CU Law Clinic on immigration vulnerability
- Boulder County will reach out on CO Blueprint on what's next: who will guide execution and how will it be resourced, workgroups, etc. – Update: We have sent an email and will send out more information once we hear back from them.
- Boulder County will review to see if we can report on breakdown of enrollments from data drive by site/denials or non-enrollments by site too
- Boulder County Public Health will connect with Hunger Free about promotion of their van during double up food bucks
- If you have updates or suggestions on the county's SNAP materials please let Alison know (abrisnehan@bouldercounty.org)
- CFS: Sending out survey in tandem with their Food Security Network