



Food Access and Security Coalition

Meeting Minutes

10/23/2023

Facilitator: Honor Crawford		
Attendees:		
Honor Crawford, Benton-Franklin Health District Kassy Valdez, Pasco School District Yajaira Lemus, Benton-Franklin Health District Annie Goodwin, Benton-Franklin Health District Miriam Flores Moreno, University of Washington Leslie Stahlnecker, ESD 123 KeliAnne Hara-Hubbard, University of Washington		Daisy Parra-Padilla, Benton-Franklin Health District Kelly Harnish, Benton-Franklin Health District Kathleen Lodahl, WSU Extension Benton & Franklin Counties Rebecca Van Pelt, Benton Franklin Health District Amy Lindholm, Benton-Franklin Health District Zachary Shileika, TC Futures Karen Hayes, Kadlec
Agenda Items	Purpose	
1. Welcome and Introduction 1.1. Name, agency, icebreaker	Networking, context building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed
2. Old Business 2.1. Gratitude 2.2. Documentation: Recordings, agendas, minutes 2.3. Member Spotlight	Recap and check-in	2.1 Gave thanks! 2.2 Past meeting recordings, agendas, and minutes are located here . 2.3 Member Spotlight sign-up is located here .

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<p>3. Member Spotlight/Topic Spotlight</p> <p>4.1. Food Research and Equity Collaborative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KeliAnne Hara-Hubbard, Research Manager • Miriam Flores, PhD Student and Research Assistant 	<p>Awareness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KeliAnne and Miriam presented on FResCo the Food Research and Equity Collaborative • Goal: To understand how to address food equity issues based on the strengths and resources of the Latino community that already exists in Benton-Franklin and Yakima counties. • FResCo has monthly meetings in Granger to discuss rural food equity projects in Central-Eastern Washington. • Collaboration with the University of Washington SPH to develop nutrition and food equity radio programs which will be shared on radio KDNA in Spanish. • Applying for funding to support El Valor de Nuestra Salud: A program to increase access for fresh fruits and fresh fruits vegetables in Tiendas (small convenience stores with more culturally relevant ingredients for Latino communities, foods, medicines, etc) . A culturally relevant program designed by Latinos for Latinos to increase access to fruits and vegetables. Focuses on the economic development of the Tiendas so owners would receive a stipend and they could use funds to make structural changes for storing fresh foods, displaying foods or potentially going through licensing. • Daisy mentioned part of El Valor funds could be used towards permits, so there is a connection to food safety. • Honor asked if the funds could be used to assist Tiendas in becoming SNAP Vendors so communities could have access to fresh foods with SNAP dollars right in their own neighborhoods. • KelliAnne replied that is exactly what the collaborative is hoping for. FResCo conducted a survey of around 10% of the Tiendas to identify who accepts SNAP and WIC. Ideally, these funds could be used to help facilitate Tienda owners accepting SNAP and WIC. • FResCo would like El Valor to be delivered by community health workers, promotoras, and supported by extension specialists, community organizations, and folks who are already doing very similar work. • Daisy will continue to share updates on this project as the work moves forward. • Honor will share the slides with the minnutes.

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<p>4. Updates on Current Activities</p> <p>5.1. Kadlec Produce Rx Program</p> <p>5.2. Nutrition Education Subcommittee Concerns</p>	<p>Stay informed</p>	<p>5.1 Diana at Kadlec left the role of Community Education Instructor, until that position is filled, Karen Hayes will be leading the work on the Produce Power Pilot program at Kadlec.</p> <p>If you have questions, comments, or concerns with work the coalition is supporting, please share your thoughts with the group or email Honor directly.</p> <p>5.2 Last month we established and convened a subcommittee on nutrition. We have a few concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members may have concerns about diving directly into nutrition education activities without a better awareness of the need. • Honor reiterated that this topic of nutrition education and the decision to discuss nutrition education activities arose from members, particularly from our food bank representatives expressing a need in their line of work. • Honor asked if it would be beneficial to step back into a pre-planning phase to assess our community needs and expressed the following justifications/concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Coalition membership may not be representative of the community and key players in this work. (Tyson, Lamb Westin, food aid organizations, higher education, faith organizations, community members, etc.) • 2. Key players who have done this type of work historically might not be at the table or actively involved in FASC. • Annie gave some background on previous work including work with ConAgra on a grant, Cooking Matters (one of the last activities pre-COVID). • Advice: Don't call them classes ("Tea with Vivian"). • Honor presented questions from the subcommittee including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What projects and what other work has been done? Who is doing any of the work now? What are the existing community resources and assets • Honor stated perhaps we need to figure out some of those things before we start actually revamping or revitalizing anything from the past. • Food Security Assessment is still on the table for the coalition.

<p>5. Action Planning and Future Collaborative Efforts</p> <p>6.1. Nutrition Education</p> <p>6.2. Food Security Data Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skagit County Food Security Data Report 	<p>Planning</p>	<p>On hold for review.</p>
<p>6.3. SNAP-Ed WSU</p> <p>6.4. Reducing Food Waste</p>		<p>6.3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNAP-Ed is currently NOT delivering any direct nutrition education in Benton and Franklin counties. • Throughout the month of October SNAP-Ed will be supplying youth activities at the Pasco and Kennewick farmers market and KERNEL. • Focus at the moment is School Community Gardens in Prosser and with resources from the Boys and Girls Club. • Discussing a virtual Food Smarts course down the road (not within the next year or two). <p>6.4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honor will attend the Department of Ecology subcommittee on Food Waste and report back any pertinent findings.
<p>6. Partnership Building</p>	<p>Identify missing parties/sectors/individuals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Honor to present to your organization about the 2023 Benton-Franklin Community Health Improvement Plan! • Honor will bring a prepared stakeholder wheel to identify missing partners next month.
<p>7. Open Floor/Partner Updates</p>	<p>Round table updates for Awareness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None!
<p>8. Action Items and Next Steps</p>	<p>Summary and assignment of responsibilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honor to bring a stakeholder wheel pre-populated for next month, members to bring names of individuals and organizations not represented here.