

Full Council Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2023

Attendees: Anne Ginn (Forgotten Harvest), Angela Higginbotham (OCHD), Carrie Hribar (OCHD), Theresa Krell (Trinity), Whitney Litzner (PHAB), Trevor Johnson (community resident), Jessica Ramsay (Gleaners), Alejandra Solorzano (Benefit Data Trust), Lindsay TerHaar (OCHD), Amanda Woods (OCHD), Joann Wrobel (OCHD)

Welcome and Introductions

Member introductions were made.

July Meeting Review

Amanda reviewed minutes from the July meeting. July minutes were amended on 8/16/2023.

Breakout rooms by program

Present members went into breakout rooms based on program focus: SNAP/GusNIP or The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Each group was provided a worksheet to create at least one actionable objective (see attached worksheets).

Share out next steps for Council Members

Members reconvened and shared out their strategies. For SNAP, the workgroup will focus on advocating to reduce enrollment and participation barriers. For TEFAP, the workgroup will focus on increasing program awareness and value. Amanda offered to connect workgroup members via email so they could continue working on their action items. If you are interested in joining either workgroup, please contact Amanda at woods@oakgov.com

MLFCN Legislative Day

Michigan Local Food Council Network is hosting their annual legislative day at the Capitol on 9/27/23. Amanda offered up this day to members and shared out the [registration link](#).

Other news: Amanda reported that Senator Stabenow would be hosting a listening session on 8/18 with farmers to support local agriculture in the upcoming Farm Bill.

Next Meeting

September 19, 9-10:30 AM, virtual