



# ACTION TEAM MINUTES



## FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes 1/19/2021

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

### 1. Introductions

Attendees: Lori Adkins (Oakland Schools), Katherine Body (Gleaners), Breanna Bradley (OLHSA), Jeremy Brown (Oakland County Farmers Market), Robin Danto (MSU-E), Tony Drautz (OCHD), Anne Ginn (Forgotten Harvest), Melanie Grund (Oakland County), Kristine Hahn (MSU-E), Christine Hodge (Oakland Schools-Great Start Collaborative), Ashley Krasicky, (OLHSA), Theresa Krell (St. Joseph Mercy Oakland), Trevor Johnson (community resident), Rita Little (OCHD), Rebecca Majestic (Gleaners), Monica Martinez (OLHSA), Melissa Opshal (YMCA of Metro Detroit), Melissa Reznar (Oakland University), Lindsay TerHaar (OCHD), Virginia Uhley (OU William Beaumont School of Medicine), Madelyne Wright (OLHSA), Amanda Woods (OCHD), Joann Wrobel (OCHD), Pat Zawadzki (Senior Advisory Council)

Introductions were made.

### 2. COVID-19 Update

- Oakland County Health Division is currently vaccinating eligible individuals who work or live in Oakland County and are in phases 1A, 1B, and 1C Group A of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) COVID-19 vaccination plan. The plan can be found [here](#).
- Vaccine appointments open as soon as OCHD has delivery date(s) from the State of Michigan. Residents can use the newly launched “Save Your Spot” link on our website [oaklandcountyvaccine.com](http://oaklandcountyvaccine.com) to indicate interest in receiving the vaccine. This does not register them for a vaccine. Filling out the form does not guarantee a vaccine will be saved for them.
- Call Nurse on Call (1-800-848-5533) to ask medical-related questions, to make an appointment for COVID testing, or to fix issues related to “Save Your Spot.”
- When individuals register at “Save Your Spot,” OCHD will notify them when they are eligible and there are vaccine appointments available. A link will be emailed to register for the appointment, and should not be shared with others.

### 3. Michigan Local Food Council Network: Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity (DEI) cohort Introduction

Amanda introduced Kristine, Trevor, and Ginnie. They are participating in MLFCN DEI cohort starting this month. The learning cohort will assist participants with identifying at least one inequity or disparity within the food system to address as a council. This project will examine power dynamics, structures, how to share power, and identify what is necessary to create change. The cohort will create an Equity Action Plan. This plan will create actionable next steps for the council. The cohort will share regular updates via email or during full council meetings.



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## 4. Policy Updates (shared via minutes only)

- **Federal:**

- In late November, the “Justice for Black Farmers Act” was introduced into the U.S. Senate by Senators Cory Booker (NJ-D), Elizabeth Warren (MA-D) and Kirsten Gillibrand (NY-D) to “address the history of discrimination against Black farmers” and to “prevent future discrimination” within the United States Department of Agriculture agricultural reforms that prioritize socially disadvantaged farmers. See the section by section summary [here](#).
- A COVID-19 package passed the U.S. House at the end of December and the U.S. Senate today. [See a press release from Senator Stabenow’s office](#) or [view](#) the bill.
- The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) re-opened the week of January 11 for new borrowers and certain existing PPP borrowers. To promote access to capital, initially only community financial institutions will be able to make First Draw PPP Loans on Monday, January 11, and Second Draw PPP Loans on Wednesday, January 13. This round of the PPP continues to prioritize millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to \$284 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses through March 31, 2021, and by allowing certain existing PPP borrowers to apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan. [View the full press release and updated guidance here](#).
- *New Legal Resource for Farmers Markets Outlining Face Mask Requirements:* The team at Vermont Law School's Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (CAFS), in partnership with the Farmers Market Coalition and NOFA-Vermont, has created a new legal resource for farmers market operators: “Face Mask Requirements and the ADA.” During the COVID-19 pandemic, farmers markets across the country face questions about creating and enforcing mask policies. A new factsheet outlines how markets can create a mask policy in the context of state and local mask mandates, as well as the Americans with Disabilities Act. The factsheet is part of the Farmers Market Legal Toolkit website, an open-access legal resource that helps markets become more resilient and accessible. View the “Face Mask Requirements and the ADA” fact sheet [here](#).

- **State of Michigan:**

- *10 Cents a Meal:* MDE announced 2020-21 grantees which includes schools in Oakland County. <https://www.tencentsmichigan.org/about>
- *MSU COVID-19 Impact Study:* A group of researchers at Michigan State University is studying the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the well-being and health of people in our local Michigan Community. You can take part in the study through [this anonymous link](#). Your response is important for understanding the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact on local communities including racial/ethnic minorities, and for shaping future public health policies. Participation is voluntary and you can withdraw from the study at any time.
- Gov. Whitmer receives recommendations from the statewide Food Security Council and the Council is making several recommendations to ensure Michigan families have access to nutritious food during the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal is to help residents already struggling to feed their families as well as those facing food insecurity for the first time due to job losses or other challenges related to the pandemic. [Read the press release here](#). [Read the full report](#) from the Food Security Council.



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- *MDHHS Restaurant Meal Program:* The Restaurant Meal Program provides certain individuals who receive food assistance program benefits (FAP) with the ability to use their Michigan Bridge card to purchase prepared food from participating restaurants. This program is limited to FAP groups in which anyone in the household meets one or more of the following conditions: age 60 or over; disabled; homeless. A list of restaurants participating in the Restaurant Meal Program in Michigan will be coming soon. For more information, [visit the website here](#). If you are a restaurant interested in participating with the Restaurant Meal Program, see the attached flyer or visit the [MDHHS Restaurant Meal Program website](#). Questions about the program should be sent to [MDHHS-RestaurantMealProgram@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-RestaurantMealProgram@michigan.gov).

## 5. Partner Updates

- If you have updates you would like shared with the council, please email Amanda ([woods@oakgov.com](mailto:woods@oakgov.com)) and include in the email title: "Share with OCFPC."
- Amanda acknowledged the needs assessment process council members undertook at the end of 2019 to identify and prioritize actions for 2020 and how the pandemic changed the council's focus. Amanda will be sending out a survey to members to assess current COVID related needs and capacity to handle actions beyond COVID in 2021. Survey results will be discussed at the March full council meeting and will help council members plan for the remainder of 2021.
- Rita: Offered a prescription for health update. The program will offer online education and vouchers will be mailed to participants. Rita is seeking contact information for potential referral sites. The sites should reach low-income seniors and families with children. Email Rita at [Littlec@oakgov.com](mailto:Littlec@oakgov.com).
- Rebecca: Gleaners is hosting virtual education sessions. They are currently enrolling participants for a one-time class on budgeting. Participants will receive a \$10 grocery store card.
- Kristine: She is launching a virtual school garden series starting 2/3/21. The target audience is educators and those involved with community and school gardens. Registration [link](#).
- Lori: School districts will continue to offer meals through the unanticipated school closure meal program. Lori will provide an updated schedule later this month.
- Melanie: The Shipt membership opportunity ended in early January. Approximately 5700 codes were redeemed.
- Robin: She will be offering virtual education series in partnerships with area farmers markets. Flyers are attached for events at the Oakland County Farmers Market.
- Madelyne: OLHSA and Gleaner's have partnered to offer School Food Mobile food distributions roughly once a month. The next distribution is Thursday, February 18 9:30-10:30am. They are offering fresh produce and milk, along with canned goods. It is open to anyone in need. Flyer is included with the minutes.

## 6. Action Items

- **All members: complete survey by February 10th for March meeting.**

## 7. Next Meeting: March 16, 2021, 9:00-10:30 AM.