

**Oakland County Food Policy Council
Full Council Meeting
January 18, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Katie Body (Gleaners), David Bowman (St. Joseph Mercy Oakland), Michael Fraley (Hospitality House), Anne Ginn (Forgotten Harvest), Selena Goss (Gleaners), Paul Green (Taste the Local Difference), Melanie Grund (Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development), Kristine Hahn (MSU-E), Joy Hartman (Waterford Schools), Christine Hodge (Great Start Collaborative), Carrie Hribar (OCHD), Trevor Johnson (community resident), Theresa Krell (St. Joseph Mercy Oakland), Jennifer Lucarelli (Oakland University), Lisa McKay-Chiasson (OCHD), Kelsey Merz (OCHD-WIC), Laura Mulligan (Ascension Providence Rochester), Lindsay TerHaar (OCHD), Virginia (Ginnie) Uhley (Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine), Erica Willemsen (Macomb County Health Department), Jessica Williams (OCHD; Healthy Pontiac, We Can!), Kelly Wilson (Taste the Local Difference), Joann Wrobel (OCHD), Amanda Woods (OCHD)

Guest: Coleman Yoakum (Micah 6)

Welcome and Introductions

Member introductions were made.

Micah 6 Pop Up Markets in 2022

[Micah 6](#) received a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation to re-start the Pop-Up Markets. OCFPC provided Micah 6 a letter of support with their application. Coleman Young attended and presented on Micah 6's background, history, and next steps. The PowerPoint presentation is attached. Pop Up Markets will focus in the Pontiac community with key partners such as OLHSA and St. Joseph Mercy Oakland.

Workgroup Updates

- *DEI Cohort:* Trevor and Amanda thanked members for their feedback at the November meeting. The workplan and timeline was updated based on this feedback (revised timeline included with meeting minutes). One objective is to “create and sustain OCFPC culture change with the integration of DEI focus into organization, vision and mission.” Workgroup members have identified two facilitators to host a shared language training on March 15th (regularly scheduled meeting).
- The training will be hosted by Kolia Souza and Dionardo Pizaña. Kolia has been working closely with the DEI cohort during their 6-month learning cohort and since. Council members will be notified in advance of any preparation work.
- Training facilitators Biographies:
 - [Kolia Souza](#): Kolia oversees the development of a community of practice and technical assistance for local food sourcing and food systems equity under the

GusNIP Nutrition Incentive Hub. She also leads collaborative efforts between the Michigan Local Food Council Network and statewide food and health networks to build organizational capacity for executing individual and collective priorities. This includes setting and advancing policy priorities in the development of a post-2020 Michigan Good Food Charter and playing an active role in a statewide food policy voice.

- [Dionardo Pizaña](#): Dionardo is the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Specialist for MSU Extension. He has over 25 years of experience developing, teaching, and facilitating diversity education programs through Michigan State University Extension, Adrian College, and Siena Heights University. He is a nationally recognized multicultural consultant, speaker, and trainer.

Policy Update

- Additional emergency SNAP benefits were dispersed in December and January. Households enrolled in SNAP should have received at least an extra \$95 (informational PDF attached with meeting minutes). [Follow updates at SNAP Outreach at Food Bank Council of Michigan](#).
- [USDA announced](#) the department will be providing cash assistance to states to address the school meal supply chain issues. In addition, USDA will be purchasing approximately \$3M in local foods for states to then distribute to schools for distribution. Additionally, the [school meal reimbursement rate will be increased](#) to address the raising costs of food. Programs will soon receive \$0.25 for lunch and \$0.14 for breakfast.
- [WIC Cash-Value Benefit have been extended through March 2022](#). The increased CVB amounts will remain at \$24 for children, \$43 for pregnant and postpartum women, and \$47 for fully and partially breastfeeding women. CVB offers additional dollars to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

OCFPC: Developing Chair Expectations

In November, Kelly Wilson announced she would be stepping down as chair. This is the first time the council has needed to identify a new chair. Members discussed and came up with a list of chair nomination ideas, expectations.

During the meeting, members briefly reviewed the Blueprint (attached with meeting minutes). The Blueprint was drafted in 2018 to serve as a guiding document for the council. The document provides a description of council operations and membership. Amanda reviewed council structure detailed in the Blueprint. The Coordinating committee is comprised of the Chair, Workgroup Chairs, and ECHO support staff. Since loss of Maureen, Kelly and Kristine have been operating as council chairs since workgroup efforts paused temporarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On pages 6 and 7, the Blueprint provides some detail on council leadership expectations and nomination process. It offers minimal guidance and direction on individual chair role, expectations, and commitment.

Membership then broke out into groups to have a deeper discussion on chair roles, expectations, and the nomination and application process. **A survey has been sent to the full council to ensure all members have an opportunity to provide feedback.** The survey will close EOB February 4th. Take the survey → survey [link](https://oakgov.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_39Ng7W1MtYPIAce) or copy and paste:
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Partner Updates

- Kristine Hahn: Kristine announced virtual school garden education series beginning in March 2022. Flyer attached with minutes.

Next Meeting

Shared Language training will be held during the regularly scheduled March meeting.

March 15, 2022, 9:00-10:30 AM