

**Oakland County Food Policy Council  
Full Council Meeting  
November 16, 2021  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Lori Adkins (Oakland Schools), Katie Body (Gleaners), Jeremy Brown (Oakland County Farmers Market), Robin Danto (MSU-E), Michael Fraley (Hospitality House), Anne Ginn (Forgotten Harvest), Selena Goss (Gleaners), Kristine Hahn (MSU-E), Christine Hodge (Great Start Collaborative), Carrie Hribar (OCHD), Trevor Johnson (community resident), Diane Johnston (Counselor), Theresa Krell (St. Joseph Mercy Oakland), Jennifer Lucarelli (Oakland University), Laura Mulligan (Ascension Providence Rochester), Lindsay TerHaar (OCHD), Claudia Terrell (OCHD), Virginia (Ginnie) Uhley (Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine), Erica Willemssen (Macomb County Health Department), Kelly Wilson (Taste the Local Difference), Amanda Woods (OCHD)

**Welcome and Introductions**

Member introductions were made.

**Workgroup updates**

- *Double Up Food Bucks:* Elizabeth Onye and Charles Walker drove to local Pontiac grocery stores that participate in “Prescription for a Healthy Oakland.” They provided information about DUFB to store managers. Charles will follow-up with the businesses as well. The workgroup identified communities to target DUFB expansion efforts based on a data review: Holly, Pontiac, southeastern corner of Oakland County, and corridor communities that individuals may travel between work and/or school. Additionally, they support promoting DUFB directly to consumers as a mechanism to increase program awareness and potentially increase consumer pressure on local stores. Group asked members if they would like DUFB marketing materials. Digital and print are available. Amanda will place an order request on behalf of the council. *Send material request to her by December 15th.*
- *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Cohort:* Workgroup members are looking to host a “Equity 101” and shared language training in early 2022. Training will be held on March 15th (regularly scheduled meeting) or special date on February 15th. Members will be notified as soon as possible. After the training, the members will review the council’s vision and mission.

**COVID-19 Vaccine Update**

Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) is currently vaccinating individuals ages 5 years and older. A parent or legal guardian must be present at the minor’s appointment. Booster doses are now eligible for all individuals 18 years and older. Vaccine appointments are available at [oaklandcountyvaccine.com](http://oaklandcountyvaccine.com). Residents can call Nurse on Call (NOC) at 1-800-848-5533 to make a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, to ask medical-related questions, or to learn about COVID-19 testing locations.

## **Policy Updates**

- **State:**
  - [Emergency SNAP benefits for November](#) were announced. Benefits will be uploaded to Bridge Cards between November 11<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - New boilerplate language in FY22 budget includes language that requires MDHHS to notify persons with a Bridge card they may use their card at farmers markets and inform the individual/household about DUFB.
  - Funding for 10 Cents a Meal was doubled from FY21 to FY22.
  - Approximately 38,000 households in Oakland and Macomb counties were eligible and received Disaster SNAP funding due to flooding earlier this year.
- **Federal:** Lori Adkins and Anne Ginn provided a federal policy update. Federal policy notes are attached.

## **OCFPC's Blueprint and Leadership Discussions**

Amanda re-introduced the council's Blueprint (attached with meeting notes). This document was created in 2018 with support from Lindsay Scalera (The Ecology Center - at time of Blueprint creation). The document was designed to be a guiding and evolving council document. Amanda acknowledged the council structure has evolved since and because of the pandemic. As a result, the council will be updating the document in 2022.

Kelly acknowledged the council has been operating without a council chair and she announced she would be stepping down as a workgroup chair. Therefore, the council's first focus will be addressing new council leadership and updating the Blueprint leadership section (pages 6, 7). The document references an open nomination process but does not provide specific details or instructions. To better inform the process, council members were asked to recall when they were part of or witnessed an nomination process. Members then held a brainstorming session using a Zoom Whiteboard (results attached). Kristine Hahn has reached out to other food councils and organizations to learn about their leadership processes. *Kelly asked if 1-2 members would be willing to be part of a small task force to define the council's "open nomination process." If you are interested or have questions, email Amanda by December 10th.*

## **Partner Updates**

- Kelly W: Taste the Local Difference's [Michigan Local Holiday Gift Guide](#) is now available.
- Jennifer L: MyCovidResponse and Lighthouse were selected as a charity for [Flagstar's Dancing with the Stars](#). Jennifer is the charity's spotlight dancer.
- Robin D: Over 270 Senior Market Fresh coupons were distributed this year. [Discover Michigan Fresh series starts back up January 2022](#) at Oakland County Farmers Market.
- Katie B: Gleaners will be offering Cooking Matters classes. Flyer is attached. Zoom participation is offered. Registration deadline is December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Carrie H: Enrollment for "Prescription for a Healthy Oakland" is closed. Hollywood Market in Auburn Hills recently on boarded as a new redemption location.



- Amanda: Royal Oak Farmers Market is now accepting SNAP. Next summer, they hope to begin accepting Senior Fresh and Project Fresh. Markets need to accept SNAP for at least one year before enrolling in DUFB.
- Christine H: The Great Start Collaborative for Oakland County is seeking parent input on their Early Childhood strategic Plan. Please [encourage parents to complete the survey](#) and [video instructions](#) on how to conduct the survey.

### **Next Meeting**

January 18, 2021, 9:00-10:30 AM