



Healthy Impact Nampa Coalition

Food Access Subcommittee

Minutes – April 09, 2019

3:30 PM - Welcome and Introductions

Brent Peterson, Committee Chair, started the meeting, all in attendance introduced themselves.

Name	Affiliation
Kass Rivera	WICAP
Ana Moroshan	Terry Reilly Health Clinic - Committee Chair
Matt Jamison	City of Nampa-CDBG
Brent Peterson	NNU - Co Chair
Mari Ramos	Nampa Schools - FCRC
Amy Bowman	City of Nampa
Sandi Levi	City of Nampa - Council
Diane Stephens	DHW/Resident
Pam Peterson	Community Member
Micki Kawakami	AARP ID
PR Meggan Manlove	Trinity Community Gardens
Sandy Kipp	College Church/Dietitian
Michael Gee	
Emmett Wemp	Nampa Schools/TVLA
Claudia Dina	GNFP/GNCC
Estralla Rayo	The Salvation Army

3:45 PM –

March Traveling Food Distribution Results

March distribution was held from 10:00 – 12:00 at the Lakeview Church parking lot and 12:00 – 2:00 at the Nampa Housing Authority. The Traveling Table served 75 households and 222 people in the March distribution up from January’s 43 households/169 people and February’s 53 households/207 people. Continue to see steady growth in the number of beneficiaries. Next Month the Traveling Food Table will continue with the same times and locations for the April distribution. Ana mentioned there were informational flyers prepared and put into the boxes at the local Good News Food Pantry distribution informing them of the Traveling Food Table distribution dates and times.

According to Ana Moroshan we did not receive the complete food order requested from the Idaho Food Bank. For the April food pick up Ana will be riding along with Emmett to see how the process works. Ana talked with a representative from the Idaho Food Bank and they recommended asking the people on the dock if there is anything in the cooler as supplemental items for our regular distribution. Kass Rivera added that they should always have fresh vegetables and fruit that you must ask for. Ana mentioned that Kass brought additional food from WICAP to supplement the amount received from Idaho Food Bank. Emmett added there were leftover items from the March delivery that were non-perishable and will also be available for the April distribution. The food shuttle will be running for the April distribution and Brent plans to pick up and deliver the Food Shuttle riders to the Lakeview Church location. Ana mentioned there was some hesitancy from beneficiaries regarding what would be required or asked of them to get the food. Ana was looking for suggestions on ways to advertise the distribution the day of with signs and through discussions with people. One suggestion was to have a sign out that says free food/all are welcome to help alleviate the concern about cost and information required. Brent mentioned that cost would be a barrier to our target audience even before the distribution day.

Emmett mentioned this is a busy time for the students with testing and schedules and has been more difficult recently to get the volunteers for the full 4 hour block of time at the two locations. It was asked if we can open the volunteer opportunities to other schools and volunteer organization especially through the summer months since the Treasure Valley Leadership students will be out of school. Emmett did not see an issue with expanding the volunteer pool for future distribution throughout the summer.

Ana mentioned she was looking into setting up a maintenance schedule with CWI to keep the van running and safe to be able to use it to pick up the food from the Idaho Food Bank as originally intended. Estimated repair costs will be roughly \$2,500 to \$3,000 dollars to get it safe to use. Brent asked if we had any additional funds left from the Invest Health Grant. Matt was looking within the City to see who has overseen the grant funding and will determine an amount available to get the van repairs completed.

Discussion around getting the food delivered to someone like the Good News Food Pantry as part of their normal delivery schedule to eliminate the trip to Boise and then the Traveling Food Table could pick up the food allotment from them the day of the distribution. There was concern about getting perishable items delivered in advance and storage capacity.

Council Meeting – Student Presentation

The students from the Treasure Valley Leadership Academy went before the Nampa City Council and discussed the Traveling Food Table from its origins to current day. Councilwoman Levi mentioned she was proud of their performance and appreciated how our youth are getting involved in their community.

Vegetable Starts Update

Adams Nursery agreed to provide whatever vegetable starts he has left for one of our upcoming food distributions. Jana Volkens also said she would provide any vegetable starts that are left over from their event. It was mentioned that we may need to provide some pots and potting soil for the starts.

Grant Options

Matt Jamison was looking into some possible grant options to help cover the cost of the Traveling Food Table once the Invest Health money is no longer available. One possibility was the Union Pacific Grant/Idaho Food Bank Grant. The Union Pacific grant has an application deadline of the end of May. Ana and Matt are working on a Pro-Forma to be used for this grant application and future expense forecasting needs of the Traveling Food Table. Someone asked if the City of Nampa's Community Development Block Grant funding could be used for the Traveling Food Table. Matt mentioned the CDBG funding could not be used to pay for anything related to the vehicle but could pay for things like staffing expense to cover the continued operation of the program. Matt provided a brief description of the CDBG program and how it can be utilized in our community to help pay for things related to housing, food access, homelessness prevention.

Action:

- Need to identify possible volunteer resources for the summer months distributions dates (June through August) for the May meeting. Ideas suggested such as Facebook, Just Serve, other schools student body. – Ana Volunteered to handle
- For May meeting also decide if we want to expand to additional locations and increase the frequency of delivery dates.

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Poverty Simulator Update – April 16th date not available the WICAP partner is already holding an event at that time and do not have staffing to add the additional event date in April. Kass mentioned he would need to discuss with them when they would be available during the summer months. It was mentioned that we should get a date determined and out to all of the people we would like to attend as quickly as we can to help ensure a high level of participation.

Follow Up – Meeting with Mayor

Amy Bowman provided an update from the meeting with the Mayor. The City of Nampa received a grant from the Blue Cross Foundation and the Mayor's Office/City gets to determine where to spend the grant funding. Mayor Kling would like to have Shannon McGuire get the sub-committees together to work on the plans, actions, next steps to ensure we are all heading in the same direction and to get feedback on where the funding could be spent.

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Hold Community Conversation at Snake River Elementary

Action:

- Mari Ramos discussed that the community conversation at Snake River Elementary was also part of the meeting with the Mayor. Amy added that Shannon McGuire would be a good person to be involved with the planning of the community conversation to identify what the community is needing and if what we are currently offering is meeting that need.

There is a Health Screening Clinic by ISU at Snake River Elementary from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on April 11th. There will be dental and health screenings. If people can they should let people know about the upcoming screening.

Grocery Store Shuttle Update

Will be using the new shuttle bus soon and will be continuing the service and possibly working on adding additional dates and locations as capacity will allow.

4:55 PM Next Meeting Logistics

Trinity New Hope – 8 S Midland BLVD, Nampa ID 83651

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm