

DE Food Research Network Inaugural Meeting
12-11-19

1. Allison's intro points – a lot of newer folks working on food research, try to connect them all
2. Attendees
 - a. Tamekia Broughton – DelState food safety program coordinator
 - b. Eric Jacobsen, Biden Institute – food policy, public health
 - c. Marcia Scott - IPA
 - d. Lindsay Naylor – UD, geography/food security, teaches food justice course
 - e. Shebra Hall – DE DPH
 - f. Katie Fitzpatrick – former USDA employee (ERS), large research portfolio re: FI, SNAP; now at Biden Institute
 - g. Thianda Manzara – Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids
 - h. Lindsay Lancaster – Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids
 - i. Sheau Ching Chai – BHAN
 - j. Gina Crist – Cooperative Extension
 - k. Laura Lessard – BHAN
 - l. Donna Paulhamus Giordano – UD Nutrition Clinic Director
 - m. Nikko Brady – DE Department of Ag
 - n. Madison Hines – FBD
 - o. Allison Karpyn – CRESP
 - p. Nicole Kennedy – CRESP
 - q. Tara Tracy – CRESP
3. What brought you here?
 - a. Nikko – important to understand what else others are doing w/ their ongoing assessment work
 - b. Katie – CSRS affiliate, has Medicare & Medicaid claims data for DE, trying to get SNAP & WIC data for DE=research opportunity
 - c. Donna – expand services for patient care, incorporate innovative research
 - i. Nutrition Clinic:
 1. Started through BHAN 2 yrs ago & hired 2 RDs who are seeing 50 pts/mo, goal is 100 pt/mo
 - ii. Also – research initiative + expand student experiences
 - iii. Launching CDC's Diabetes Prevention Program for current pts in January
 - d. Eric – was involved in FI work up until 3 yrs ago, wants to get re-involved. Would like to collaborate on research/get re-involved. EG, food desert maps are 5-6 yrs out of date.
 - e. Allison – just finished cleaning restaurant data, also did corner stores a few yrs ago, so have mapping needs (EG). Use network to meet these needs
 - i. Nikko summary of recent mapping. Data sources: FBD, Dept. of Ed (feeding & backpack sites); FMs, farmstands. Working to compile these into single data assessment tool. Notes same problem that some data is out of date
 - f. Laura – excited to have attendees who are doing real work, she could provide undergrads to clean data to get it out into public
 - g. Opportunity to connect data, every 4 yrs write to Feds to get data, there are some data gaps. Also where are gaps in research, look at where programs can provide info/data to fulfill gaps.

- h. Allison noted current research: NIH (2); RWJF relationship; kids meal effort; national WIC study re: vendor requirements, applied evaluation. “A lot brewing.”
4. Mission statement: happy to take comments now or via email
- a. Laura: add translational research, informed policy
 - b. Who’s the audience? Add more – policy makers, stakeholders, legislative decision makers, private sector (ShopRite, Acme), banking/philanthropy (not as engaged as they used to be, is FBD receiving a lot of the \$\$\$?). Use “community members,” “practioners.”
 - i. Allison – list collaborators/collaborations [Could include banks?] – e.g., Anti-Hunger Coalition
 - c. “Needs & solutions” – yes, could mean research (see #1)
 - d. State planning?
 - i. WIC update
 - ii. SHIP update
 - iii. DE Cancer Consortium
 - 1. Healthy Lifestyles, including Public Health – including tying in education & health
 - 2. Recommendations back to Governor in June Of 2020
 - e. Eric – keep in mind, Partnership for Healthy Communities (PHC) Mission Statement: see their language re: improving health & wellbeing of residents
 - f. Thianda – keep it short
 - i. Submitted later via email: **Mission:** To foster interdisciplinary collaboration centered on food and nutrition research by maximizing research potential, engaging in cross-sector dialog, and conversing with stakeholders to understand needs and solutions specific to Delaware.
 - ii. **Vision:** To enhance the health of Delaware communities by improving food systems through focused collaborative research.
5. Other comments/thoughts
- a. Eric – ensure consistency w/ PHC (Rita sent her regrets)
 - b. Healthy DE
 - i. Food is a component
 - ii. Tag onto programs, past ones:
 - 1. Opioids
 - 2. Structural Obesity
 - c. Swipe out hunger
 - i. 250 swipes donated
 - d. Food recovery network
 - e. Invite Kristen Weins? Yes, she’s on list
 - f. Donna – good for everyone to know that CDC Diabetes Management Program is coming to campus
 - g. FI insecurity was done on campus a few yrs ago
 - i. National data was released
 - ii. Check with Dean of Students, who should have data
 - h. Allison: Legislative Committee member for American Heart Assn
 - i. Work of these committees or CSPI are effective in changing state policies

- ii. Chris Kenney started PAC against DE soda tax, but Allison doesn't see soda tax coming up in legislature until next yr:
<https://foodtradenews.com/2019/10/14/possible-soda-tax-in-de-shoprites-kenny-forms-a-better-delaware-advocacy-group/>.
 - i. Allison: SNAP waiver to exclude soda – many states have already submitted, but when will Feds approve this & under which criteria? CSPI has provided leadership, Voices for Healthy Kids too
 - j. Learn from other states
6. Next steps
- a. What is feeling of group? Keep meeting, list serve, sharing equipment/data, etc.
 - i. Crash course/introductory course on current research – 1-2 slides per person; Nikko idea since DDA has info to share
 - 1. Others endorsed
 - 2. Lindsay N. – offer focus on social justice issues (race, gender) that create food & nutrition issues (lack of access) that rest of group deals w/
 - ii. What other states are doing (Eric) – e.g., MD (JHU), PA (Philly) – so can understand & learn from them
 - 1. Invite folks from these orgs to participate in a panel
 - iii. ID food-related research areas
 - 1. Built environment, economics, etc., etc.
 - iv. Send out notes w/ meeting date
 - b. Meeting frequency/location
 - i. Quarterly
 - ii. By Zoom or in 107 Pearson