

DE Food Research Network 2nd Meeting
5-8-20

1. Attendees

- a. Michelle Rogers – UD Cooperative Extension
- b. Nicole Minni – UD Institute of Public Administration
- c. Lindsay Lancaster – Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids
- d. Katie Fitzpatrick – UD Biden Institute
- e. Sandra Countley – Division of Social Services Community Partner Support Unit
- f. Gina Crist – UD Cooperative Extension
- g. Thianda Manzara – Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids
- h. Donna Paulhamus Giordano – UD Nutrition Clinic Director
- i. Alicia Salvatore – Christiana Care
- j. Marcia Scott - UD Institute of Public Administration
- k. Shebra Hall – DE DPH
- l. Jenn Brown Rice – Division of Social Services
- m. Kelly Rossi – UD Athletics
- n. Nikko Brady – DE Department of Ag
- o. Lindsay Naylor – UD Geography
- p. Ray Fitzgerald – DE Health and Social Services
- q. Allison Karpyn – UD Center for Research in Education and Social Policy
- r. Nicole Kennedy – UD Center for Research in Education and Social Policy
- s. Tara Tracy – UD Center for Research in Education and Social Policy

2. Decision to record Zoom meeting for sharing purposes

3. Discussion of COVID-related Food Access and Food Security Issues, what brought you here?

- a. Michelle Rodgers
 - i. Efforts being made to connect local farmers & Division of Social Services, goal to bring produce to where food needs are, working with Nikko & Gina
- b. Nikko Brady
 - i. Farmers markets are closed, working with Secretary and a group of Delaware farmers market to create a document that includes guidance and best practice for reopening
- c. Discussion of USDA commodity foods, which are the primary source for emergency food distribution
 - i. Nikko Brady provided extensive information re: Delaware Department of Agriculture's efforts to compile data re: distribution sites:
 1. **Related Zoom Chat Info:**
 - a. Farm and Food Council's Food Resources Map:
<http://delaware.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b3e24521bcd844e5923913c2d930d39e>
 - b. COVID-19 Response Information:
<https://wke.lt/w/s/Ttf1TM>
 - ii. Gina Crist: focusing on community centers, faith-based and nonprofits addresses, which present a unique challenge as they are often moving targets/not readily identifiable

- d. Nicole Minni
 - i. Described/discussed IPA's mapping areas of local poverty through Sussex County for a project called CCC4COVID, updated every 7 days, to support emergency food shipments to families.
 - 1. Began in Cape Henlopen School District, where 150 students are homeless. More families are need now because of COVID.
 - 2. Discussion of effectively collaboration between CCC4COVID, which captures need, and Nikko's efforts to capture distributions sites.
 - ii. **Related Zoom Chat Info:**
 - 1. Delaware & U.S. Local Government Response to COVID-19 (<https://wke.lt/w/s/H7ufj6>) - What are cities, towns, and counties in Delaware and the U.S. doing to serve community members and protect lives during this unprecedented health emergency?" You can also access it via IPA's Complete Community Toolbox: www.completecommunitiesde.org.
 - 2. Nicole Minni's food resource mapping (<https://arcg.is/XPDPX>) for the CCC4COVID group (along with other food distribution initiatives) is on the Wakelet microsite (in the "Community" section)
 - 3. The University of Missouri has put together several HUB sites which include the economic data and other data for the whole nation <https://engagementnetwork.org/covid-19/>
- e. Food hubs
 - i. Elisa King (Bellevue Comm Ctr/Wilmington) is looking to have a Zoom call to talk more about food hubs sparked out of response to emergency situation.
 - ii. DE SeaGrant is working on a fisheries hub
- f. Jennifer Brown-Grice
 - i. Division of Social Services has seen significant increase in ASSIST applications
 - ii. USDA waivers applied for & issued:
 - 1. Emergency allotments
 - a. Increases households current benefit amount up to maximum benefit. Those already at max won't receive additional funds.
 - 2. Flexibility to adjust deadlines for participants
 - a. Waiving periodic reporting requirement for a few months
 - b. Suspending the time limit for about participation in SNAP
 - 3. Hot food waivers
 - a. Awaiting approval
 - b. Was able to apply after the Disaster Declaration for Delaware
 - 4. Pandemic EBT approved on May 1 (submitted to FNS by the Department of Education and the Division of Social Services), will provide extra food assistance for families whose kids lost access to free or reduced-price meals due to schools closing.
- g. Allison Karpyn
 - i. Noted researchers' interest in how waivers affect dietary quality
 - ii. Asked about data availability – interest in seeing how COVID has impacted food sales, types of food; also for WIC items
- h. Lindsay Lancaster/Thianda Manzara re: HFHK's COVID-related shifts
 - i. Providing seeds directly to families

- ii. Conducting virtual workshops for educators
- iii. **Related Zoom Chat Info:**
 - 1. Link to information about free virtual workshops for educators:
<https://healthyfoodsforhealthykids.org/2020/04/03/food-for-thought-free-virtual-workshop/>
- iv. Help teachers & others continue to grow in existing gardens; produce will be donated
- i. Katie Fitzpatrick
 - i. Access to survey data addressing food insecurity as collected by USDA-ERS
 - ii. Question about food sources
- j. Michelle Rogers
 - i. Doing work to certify producers on food safety in an effort to increase the availability of healthy products.
 - ii. Expanded Food & Nutrition Pgm (EFNEP)
 - 1. Online programs much more effective & better attended than in person
 - a. Offering two sessions in Spanish in addition to the English sections
 - 2. Measuring dietary recalls before & after programs
 - 3. Hopes USDA will continue to allow online programming, post-COVID
 - iii. Also, 4-H @ Home toolkits in lieu of summer camp
- k. Thianda Manzara – question about food distribution and school districts
 - i. Michelle Rodgers: Jackie Wilson is working with the Department of Education, can access youth at feeding sites and welcomes information that we want to get out to youth across the state
 - 1. jowilson@udel.edu.
 - ii. Gina: every district is distributing food, each operating a little differently.
 - 1. Some have busses/vans and are mobile.
 - 2. Others are more stationary at schools.
 - 3. Some of the cities (like the City of Wilmington) are operating like they are running a summer feeding program (i.e. summer feeding sites now engaged in assistance)
- l. Shebra Hall
 - i. Policy subcommittee around food insecurity and food access. Trying to prioritize some of the recommendations. Will update this group in future regarding where we stand with policy recommendations that are being put forth to the Governor this summer and her office will continue to support policy implementation.
- m. Allison Karpyn
 - i. Finishing up fast food kids' meal policy work.
 - ii. About 15 cities or states have passed policies.
 - 1. American Heart Association Voices for Healthy Kids leading the charge.
 - 2. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is interested.
 - iii. SNAP restaurants purchasing has changed with COVID. Interested in looking at the policies that are at play here & their effect on the purchase of healthy food – if anyone is interested let us know.

n. **Additional Zoom Chat Info:**

- i. Kelly Rossi : I am brand new to all of this and don't fully work in this area (I'm in athletics) but I was passed this resource and thought this may help: In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic and its resulting impact on students and families, GENYOUth and SAP, in collaboration with the School Nutrition Association and The School Superintendents Association (AASA) have created and launched on April 30 the SAP4Kids program with the ultimate goal of streamlining information for families looking for food. You can read more about it here: <https://www.genyouthnow.org/>. The GENYOUth SAP4Kids initiative provides easy-to-use web applications, including an Entry Assistance form (easy way to share school meal site information) and a Resource Locator Map (easy way for families to find school meal sites) which provides over 26,000 feeding sites, with more added every day. Also: https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/30-million-in-urgent-school-funding-requests-from-10-000-us-schools-fuels-innovative-new-partnerships-and-a-growing-need-for-vital-resources-301050433.html?tc=eml_cleartime
- ii. Donna Paulhamus: UD Nutrition Clinic has transitioned to provide outpatient telehealth nutrition counseling services and can offer courtesy sessions to folks who are uninsured or whose insurance doesn't cover nutrition counseling services. <https://sites.udel.edu/bhan/the-nutrition-clinic-at-ud-health/>. For more information please email nutrition-clinic@udel.edu.
- iii. The University of Missouri has put together several HUB sites which include the economic data and other data for the whole nation: <https://engagementnetwork.org/covid-19/>
- iv. Tracking food stamp purchases: <https://www.sapling.com/5883904/track-food-stamp-purchases>
- v. "NOPREN:" Nutrition & Obesity Network, supported by CDC & coordinated by University of California @ San Francisco. Includes COVID response page: <https://nopren.org/>.

4. Website

- a. Use, hosting – CRESP
- b. Content – resources for the group will be posted

5. Mission statement

- a. Reviewed
 - i. Feel free to send comments or thoughts on mission or vision
 - ii. They will be finalized and posted on the DEFRN website

6. Next steps

- a. Distribution of:
 - i. Meeting notes
 1. Including Zoom chat, where many additional resources, above and beyond the discussion, were identified/shared
 - ii. Meeting slides
 - iii. Zoom recording
- b. Website

- i. Will continue to develop the DEFRN page, housed on the CRESP website
 - ii. <http://www.cresp.udel.edu/research-project/delaware-food-research-network-defrn/>
- c. Meeting frequency
 - i. All agreed more often is best in current situation, about every 2 weeks
 - ii. Next meeting: 5/22/20, 11 am
- d. Future consideration: speaker series