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**CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
FORT BRAGG & CUMBERLAND COUNTY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

January 05, 2022, 5:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Sandy Ammons, Cumberland County Co-Chair
Dr. Anicca Cox, Community Representative
Veronica Feliciano, Community Representative
Nathan Crew, Farming and Agriculture Representative
Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Kenjuana McCray, Local Government Rep.
Natasha Randall, Local Government Representative
Yaya Nadermann, Secretary & Public Health, Food Representative
Candace Scott, Public Health & Food Representative
Stephanie White, Ft. Bragg School Representative*

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Dr. Dana Kolbfleisch, Higher Education Representative*

EXCUSED ABSENCE: *Shella Korch, Healthcare, Public Health, Food Representative*

STAFF PRESENT: *Sheena Butler, Food Policy Council Liaison
Hannah Darr, UNC Intern
Travis Greer, Food Environment Assessment Liaison
LTC Lydia Hudson, Fort Bragg Representative
Martina Sconiers-Talbert, Grants Manager*

Item 1. Call to Order:

Sandy Ammons welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

a. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Yaya Nadermann. Quorum was met 9 out of 11 council members present.

b. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Jared McGuirt was unable to attend this meeting and prompted for Item 4, Subcategory C to be removed from the agenda.



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MOTION: *Mayor Pro Tem McCray* moved to approve the Food Policy Council meeting agenda.

SECOND: *Veronica Feliciano*

VOTE: *Unanimous (9-0)*

- c. Approval of Minutes: *Previous Meeting December 13th, 2021.*

MOTION: *Stephanie White* moved to approve the Food Policy Council meeting minutes from the previous meeting.

SECOND: *Candance Scott*

VOTE: *Unanimous (9-0)*

Item 2. Executive Reports:

- a. Co-chairs

No Reports

- b. Secretary

No Reports

Item 3. Action Items:

- a. *Food Policy Council Logo*

Sheena Butler

From the last meeting's concerns regarding equity with the FPC logo, the council motioned to move the vote to 05 January 2022. Hannah Darr sent out a poll to all council members with four logo versions. Version one (assortment of fruit and vegetables with military and civilian handshaking) had majority votes. Sandy Ammons moves for a motion after no comments or objections.

MOTION: *Veronica Feliciano* moved to approve *the Food Policy Council Logo*.

SECOND: *Natasha Randall*

VOTE: *Unanimous (9-0)*

- b. Term Limit Staggering Decisions

Sheena Butler

The FPC support staff recommended initially extending the term limits of the co-chairs and secretary to three years. The remaining council members can serve one year and are limited to serving two consecutive terms. Sandy Ammons opens the floor for questions and comments.



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Sandy commented on the importance of having staggering council members to prevent everyone from leaving at one time. Stephanie replied by questioning the reapplication process. All council members interested in a second term must reapply.

Summary:

Co-chairs (2) and secretary are to initially serve three-year terms (term ending 31 December 2024). The remaining council members have agreed to serve a two-year term (term ending 30 November 2023 and 31 December 2023). All FPC member have to re-apply and are limited to serving two consecutive terms.

MOTION: *Sandy Ammons* moved to approve *Term Limit Staggering*

SECOND: *Mayor Pro Tem McCray*

VOTE: *Unanimous (9-0)*

Item 4. Informational & Discussion Items:

a. Food Policy Council Applicant Presentation

Sheena Butler

Sheena introduced the Food Policy Council applicants. A special meeting for the week of 10 January-16, 2022, is recommended to fill the remaining vacant council seats. Sandy requested input regarding the special meeting for next week. In agreement, the FPC decides to hold a special meeting to appoint the remaining vacant council seats.

b. Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge Grant Specifics

Sheena & Travis

The HCCC grant distribution of \$100,000 between 2020-2022 was presented by Sheena. Sheena reintroduced Martina, Grants Manager and LTC Lydia Hudson (replacing CPT Moore). Sheena provided a list of goals achieved and goals expected by June 2022. The Cumberland County Project Team was responsible for establishing the FPC, conducting the Food Environment Assessment, managing the HCCC grant, collaborating on spending HCCC funds, and supporting the council administratively. The Food Policy Council's goals for June 2022 are to fill the remaining open seats of the FPC, make policy, system, and environmental recommendations, collaborate on spending HCCC funds, and plan/host community events.

c. What is Food Policy?

Hannah Darr

Hannah introduces food policy. The HCCC grant goals are to provide recommendations and policy changes in Cumberland County and Fort Bragg.



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Sandy Ammons asked about information on the HCCC grant and when we can have that available to the council members. Sheena replied that all the information requested would be accessible by 02 February 2022.

d. *How do Food Systems Form?*

Sheena Butler

Sheena introduced the video “How Do Food Systems Form? Prompted discussion questions facilitated council dialog.

Candance Scott mentioned that it is important to know that food insecurity is a function of poverty, and that racial and wealth inequality must be addressed to fix these problems.

Veronica contributed by sharing how communities in Mexico create local neighborhood stores to minimize food deserts.

Dr. Annica Cox inquired about the unique features of the communities we are seeking to increase access for.

Stephanie White commented that even with the availability of healthier foods, the development of the current system makes it easier for people to get the unhealthy foods.

e. Introduction of Visitors

Sandy Ammons

Sandy Ammons asked for visitors to introduce themselves.

Chris Colley, Director for the Cities Economic and Community Development Depart.

f. Public Comment

Sandy Ammons

Sandy introduced public comment. At this moment there were not public comments scheduled for the meeting.

g. Announcements

Sandy Ammons

Sandy Ammons announced the next meeting and our commitment to meet monthly until June 2022. Biographies need to be submitted to Hannah Darr. Headshots need to be scheduled with Loren Bymer. The Greater High Point Food Policy Council Summit is on January 28th from 8:30-4:30.



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Council members are encouraged to attend. Further information was provided on diaper banks and food pantries. Until further notice, all meetings will be virtual. A recommendation to share resources and information was proposed by Sandy Ammons.

ADJOURN

MOTION: *Candance Scott* moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: *Natasha Randall*

VOTE: *Unanimous (9-0)*

The meeting was adjourned at *6:31PM*.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: *Next Meeting 02 February 2022 @12PM*