

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

*March 6, 2023 @ 6:00-7:30pm*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** *LTC Tathetra Joseph, Fort Bragg Co-chair  
Veronica Feliciano, Community Representative  
Dr. Anicca Cox, Higher Education Representative  
Natasha Randall, Health Care Representative  
Robert Elliott, Farming/Agriculture Representative  
Alexis McClain, Farming/Agriculture Representative  
Clifton Johnson, Community Representative*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** *Lauren Tyler, Community Representative  
Shella Korch, Public Health Representative*

**GUEST:** *Kara Gagnon*

**STAFF PRESENT:** *Martina Sconiers-Talbert, Cumberland County Grants Manager  
Callia Cox, Intern*

**Item 1. Call to Order:**

*LTC Joseph welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.*

1. Roll Call taken by *Callia Cox*
2. Members introduced themselves

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting January 9th, 2023

MOTION: *LTC Joseph* moved to approve the Minutes from January 9th, 2023

SECOND: *Veronica Feliciano*

VOTE: *Unanimous (7-0)*

**Item 2. Executive Report**

- a. 82nd Unit Family Readiness Group meeting summary (February 13th, 2023)
  - i. LTC Joseph and Lauren Tyler attended the meeting with Hannah Prentice-Dunn, Hannah Dar (UNC-CH), Colonel Pierce Joseph (Fort Bragg Dept of Public Health), and 82nd FRG (spouses)
  - ii. Reviewed food security factors and determinants for the Fort Bragg community. LTC Joseph explained that the current research captures food access issues and experiences in various levels of ranks: E6s & below, E8/E9s (Sergeant Majors), LTC, Colonels, Generals
  - iii. The WIC office is now open on Fort Bragg. This office only serves the Fort Bragg community that resides in Cumberland County - looking to expand access to other counties in Fort Bragg

- iv. *LTC Joseph* explained that WIC serves a specific population and does not serve all who experience food insecurity
- v. Hannah Darr is working on a resource deck to disseminate to the 82nd FRG
- vi. Lauren Tyler is looking into the SNAP Farmers' Market Program and developing partnerships with farmers
- b. Community Food Strategies Grant
  - i. The FPC received the \$500 funds to be used to support advertising the council and recruit membership through flyers and radio ads. The Cumberland County Public Health Department would like the funds to be used by the end of the fiscal year.
- c. Basecamp
  - i. The Cumberland County Public Health Department renewed the Basecamp subscription for the FPC, however more communication will be streamlined to Basecamp to increase everyone's engagement.

### Item 3. Action Items

- a. Final Review of FPC Bylaw (Article IV, Section II, Part C: General Council Membership Seats)
  - i. Members discussed included youth representatives on the FPC since children and adolescents are at an increased risk of food insecurity and this provides an opportunity for youth community engagement.
  - ii. Members decided that youth will be more fitting for ad-hoc committees since ad-hoc committee membership is non-voting. Youth interested in ad-hoc committees will likely need parent/guardian consent
  - iii. Members suggest that the council targets youth enrolled in agriculture programs (Cape Fear HS and Grace Creek HS)
  - iv. The council is also looking to recruit members from specific organizations like Cooperative Extension (as suggested by past council members)
- b. Grant-WIC Community Innovation and Outreach Project
  - i. [slides attached here](#)
  - ii. WIC orientated grant written by Cumberland County Public Health Department - incorporating some needs of the FPC to increase the council's WIC initiatives and administrative needs for the council
  - iii. Council members discussed various ideas for the grant (responses from Google Form)
    - 1. "2 FTEs for WIC (one at Bragg and one in Cumberland County); A van to help get people in communities get access to grocery stores direct from their homes. A PTE to assist with van coordination and to help research other projects and present what's worked in other communities."
    - 2. "Funding could factor at least two paid positions no less than \$15 he or salary of \$30000 to serve the Food Policy Council and community partner events and seminars. Funding for setting up sponsored events that are teaching and informing on how to access and/or grow your produce."

3. “1. Fund 1 FTE to provide WIC advocacy and/or coordinate WIC on Ft. Bragg; to be assigned as a liaison for the FPC; work with off-post personnel (living within Cumberland County) to resolve special cases and accessibility issues. 2. Purchase marketing collateral for community engagement events, e.g., tables, signage, covered awning, giveaways; pay for registration fees to advertise services at festivals and sporting events  
3. Fund 1 part-time person and 2-year vehicle lease to serve as WIC rural services coordinator; primarily responsible for facilitating partnerships between local food resources and SNAP/EBT resources.”
4. “In the first full time position description; please consider inserting speaking to leadership at Fort Bragg about overall “food insecurity” with special emphasis on the WIC Program”
5. “I think the grant should be for \$250k which would enable the following:
  1. 2 positions (requested during FPC)
  2. Integrated online WIC registration forum that qualifies and/or provides inclusive benefits instructions. It can be interactive with the public health site and added to Ft. Bragg Solider Support Center website.”
6. “I like that this is happening! As I said in our meeting, I think the part about buying equipment to think about using in farmer's markets or other markets must also be accompanied by support in the form of a person who is paid to coordinate that and build momentum/relationships.”

c. 2023 Goals & Objectives: *discussion on March 14, 2023, Meeting*

**Item 4. Informational & Discussion Items:** *further discussion on March 14, 2023*

- a. Ad-hoc Committee Meeting Updates
  - i. Transportation
    1. no new reports
  - ii. Communications & Outreach
    1. no new reports
  - iii. WIC/EBT Access
    1. no new reports

**Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment**

*Kara Gagnon* is from Carolina Collaborative Care and will be sitting in for Shella Korch in her absence. Kara is also working on a 1-yr. planning grant from the CDC that is prioritizing community clinical linkages and food/nutrition security based on conversation with Dr. Green, Cumberland County Health Director, and their leadership team (also Shella Korch, Lauren Tyler, and other county personnel). The goal of the grant is to create a SDOH leadership team and create a plan to address the two SDOHs prioritized. Kara is looking to align the FPC and the grant since the county already has an FPC, food environment assessment, and has identified priority needs. The leadership team meets monthly on Thursday 2pm-3pm. Kara believes that a lot of the questions from the FPC are aligned with the leadership team and believes it could be a useful participation.

Council members agreed in their interest in a future partnership with the SDOH leadership team.



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## ADJOURN

MOTION: *LTC Joseph* moves to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Alexis McClain second the motion

VOTE: *Unanimous (7-0)*

This meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FORT BRAGG & CUMBERLAND COUNTY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL AGENDA

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:00-7:00pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** *LTC Tathetra Joseph, Fort Bragg Co-chair  
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### Item 2. Action Items:

- a. Grant-WIC Community Innovation and Outreach Project
  - i. The grant is due March 23<sup>rd</sup>, CCPHD staff are meeting weekly to finalize the grant. FPC members will receive an update on the grant before it is submitted early next week (3/20-3/22)
  - ii. CCPHD advisors determined that this grant application is not appropriate for using a van to support transportation efforts, but the council will continue seeking funding to cover these and similar needs.
  - iii. The grant writers also decided that the application will include 1FTE (WIC Coordinator on Ft. Bragg) and ½ FTE (Administrative assistant to the FPC/ WIC staff support) with the FTE supervising the PT position
    1. For the staff to be equivalent to other committee's/workgroups within the CCPHD, it is appropriate and justifiable that the application includes 1 FTE and ½ FTE instead of 2 FTE
  - iv. *Kara Gagnon* mentioned the SDOH Planning Grant led by the Cumberland County SDOH Leadership Team is focusing on clinical linkages and food security. She suggests FPC needs that are not met through the WIC CIAO grant may be added to the SDOH Planning Grant

1. *Kara Gagnon* asked the FPC members notify her of top priorities of the council and identify gaps the leadership team may be helpful.
  2. Also, FPC interested in representing the council on a SDOH Leadership Team meeting should notify *Kara Gagnon*
  3. *Lauren Tyler* suggests a collective external resource flyer be created to unify the needs of the council and identify the gaps
    - a. *LTC Joseph* explained that *Hannah Darr* has created a resource flyer for Fort Bragg, and she will disseminate this flyer to the council members
- b. 2023 Goals & Objectives /Calendar & Determine Key milestones of the year that the council wants to attend
- i. Transportation: continue bus route ethnography with 1-2 bus routes per month
    1. Expanding transportation in Hope Mills
    2. Adding bus stops to route to expand food access
    3. Mobile food pantries (possible collaboration with mobile vaccine distribution)
  - ii. Communications: Resource flyer to connect with partners, clinics, bus stops, etc.
    1. *Expanded under line item "d: Community Food Strategies funds)*
  - iii. WIC: Fresh fruit/vegetable access for WIC/EBT recipients
    1. Farmer's Market Capacity Building
  - iv. Partner Organizations: will reach out over the next couple of months
    1. Cumberland County Cooperative Extension (*contacts: Lisa Childers, Liz Joseph*)
    2. Sustainable Sandhill's Agriculture Innovation group (*contact: Devin?*)
    3. Cape Fear Botanical Garden (*contact: Lauren Tyler*)
      - a. possible tabling at the May 17th Public Garden event
    4. Fayetteville Urban Ministries
    5. SDOH Leadership Team (*contact: Kara Gagnon*)
- c. Ad-hoc committee assignments/restructure
- i. WIC/EBT -*Robert Elliott, Anicca Cox*
  - ii. Communication – *Kara Gagnon, Clifton Johnson, Lauren Tyler*
  - iii. Transportation – *NaTasha Randell, Veronica Feliciano?*
- d. Communications (Community Food Strategy funds)
- i. PSAs (*Beasley's Broadcast 3-4 weeks*), flyers (QR codes): The \$500 funds from Community Food Strategies will be used for PSAs and flyers (communications). The council is interested in advertising food resources; the communication's committee will finalize the PSA and flyer messaging at their ad-hoc committee and special meetings TBD.
  - ii. The PSA and flyers final drafts will need to be complete by mid-April for the IPO to be approved and the funds to be spent by the end of the fiscal year

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SECOND: *Lauren Tyler* second the motion  
VOTE: *Unanimous (5-0)*

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, May 1, 2023 @ 6pm-7:30pm**