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

March 02, 2022 at 5:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Sandy Ammons, Cumberland County Co-Chair
Dr. Anicca Cox, Community Representative
Nathan Crew, Farming and Agriculture Representative
Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Kenjuana McCray, Local Government Rep.
Natasha Randall, Local Government Representative
Candace Scott, Public Health & Food Representative
Shella Korch, Healthcare, Public Health, Food Representative
Stephanie White, Representative of Fort Bragg Schools
Yaya Nadermann, Secretary & Public Health, Food Representative
Veronica Feliciano, Community Representative
Lauren Tyler, Community Representative
Aaron Paplaczkyk, Farming and Agriculture Representative
Sabrina Steigelman, Rep. of Cumberland County Schools*

MEMBERS ABSENT: *LTC Tethetra Joseph, Fort Bragg Co-Chair
Dr. Dana Kolbfleisch, Higher Education 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 5:02PM.

- a. Recognize New Members
 - a. Lt. Col. Tathetra Joseph “Thet” – Co-Chair, Ft. Bragg
 - b. Aaron Paplaczkyk – Local Farming
Aaron is a local farmer on his fourth growing season. His passion for farming inspired him to join the FPC.
 - c. Sabrina Steigelman – Cumberland County Schools
Sabrina is a grant and project manager who has held multiple positions in the school system. Her motivation to provide access to food for everyone encouraged her to join the FPC.
 - d. Lauren Tyler – Member who does not work in local govt.



Lauren is a long-nourishes her family own business, she aspires to be more impactful in her community.



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term resident of Fayetteville. As she

- b. Roll call was taken by Yaya. Quorum was met (13/15)

Item 2. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Agenda

Sandy Ammons

MOTION: Dr. Annica Cox moved to approve the Food Policy Council meeting agenda.

SECOND: Stephanie White

VOTE: Unanimous Approved (13-0)

- b. Approval of Minutes: Previous Meeting February 02, 2022

Sandy Ammons

MOTION: Natasha Randall moved to approve the Food Policy Council meeting minutes from the previous meeting.

SECOND: Shella Korch

VOTE: Unanimous Approved (13-0)

- c. Update Bylaws-Conflict of Interest, Staggering Term Limits, Absence of Secretary

Proposed changes to the bylaws are as followed:

- 1. Add Article IV: Conflict of Interest which states that FPC members must avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.
2. Article V: Organizational Structure Portion Six now reads "Members will be appointed to the Council by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners to serve a two-year term through an open application process through the Cumberland County Department of Public Health website. Upon the establishment of the Council, the term of the appointed Co-chairs and the elected secretary shall receive a one-time term extension to three years. Due to the transitional nature of active-duty military service, the Council recognizes that some members may only be able to commit to an initial one-year term. Members may seek reappointment after the expiration of their term, and shall serve no more than two consecutive terms"
3. Section II Part A under Co-Chair Duties and Expectations, Co-Chair must meet with Admin Officer III of the Cumberland County Department of Public Health and the Secretary the week prior to regular scheduled meetings to discuss the agenda.



4. Section II Part B under Secretary Duties a disclosure was added in the event of Secretary absence, the Co-Chair(s) may temporarily select a council member to fulfill necessary duties and secretary must meet with Admin Officer III and Co-Chairs a week prior to regular scheduled meetings to discuss the agenda.
5. Section V. under Vacancies state the Admin Officer III of the Cumberland County Department of Health will submit the names via a Novus Agenda to provide information on vacancies.
6. Article VIII under Section III Public Comment provides guidelines on how all comments and suggestions addressed to the Council during the public comment period shall be subject to guidelines.
7. Article X. By-Laws under Section II Formal Review added “Fort Bragg & Cumberland County Food Policy”

Shella Korch asked for clarification on the Conflict-of-Interest section. Sandy Ammons provided an example of a conflict of interest if the FPC purchased from a business directly connected to an FPC member.

MOTION: *Natasha Randall* moved to approve the Food Policy Council meeting minutes from the previous meeting.

SECOND: *Nathan Crew*

VOTE: *Unanimous Approved (13-0)*

Item 3. Executive Reports:

a. Co-chairs *Sandy Ammons*

No Report

b. Secretary *Yaya Nadermann*

No Report

Item 4. Informational & Discussion Items:

a. Review Research and Set Goals *Sandy Ammons*

Sandy Ammons summarized the research covered on February 2, 2022. A reminder of the goals due in June 2022 were brought up.

b. Discuss Committee Assignments *Sandy Ammons*

Sandy Ammons briefly introduced the probability of adding subcommittees to our existing Food Policy Council to achieve our goals efficiently.



c. Open Discussion/Member Concerns

Sandy Ammons

Sandy Ammons opened the floor for open discussion and member concerns.

Lauren Tyler suggested moving forward with produce boxes for underserve communities. A project is in the planning stages in Fayetteville to serve approximately 30 families, but the question was brought up on how we can expand these types of programs. The challenges we face today with food insecurity can be addressed with sustainable living practices. Hands of Eden has partnered with the Botanical Garden and Pates Farm to possibly adopt neighborhoods, but the obstacle of transportation continues to be a reoccurring theme.

Shella Korch replied by addressing that she is working with Lauren Tyler to make this possible through a different non-profit (Carolina American Rescue Plan).

Veronica Feliciano commented that Sustainable Sandhills runs or used to run a similar fruit and vegetable box.

Nathan Crew emphasized on the importance of communicate orchards as it provides long term solutions.

Aaron Paplacyzk discussed the importance of community gardens; however, a continuous flow of volunteers is essential to upkeep the gardens.

Annica Cox added that access to food is an issue. From the data discussed during the previous FPC meeting, we discovered that there is a high percentage of people walking in Fayetteville versus the rest of the state. How do we get food to the people? She mentioned we need to target policy and remove the barriers.

Sandy Ammons agreed and added that this is part of our long-term goals.

Lauren Tyler replied with ideas on increasing a volunteer force to drive and deliver. Awareness of the Horticulture Club was brought up as potential volunteers.

Veronica Feliciano suggest a platform where all the resources, data, and point of contacts could be shared to achieve our goals.



Sabrina Steigelman, Stephanie White, Lauren Tyler, and Shella Korch discussed a potential program to distribute produce boxes to thirty families in the school system.

d. Introduction of Visitors

Sandy Ammons asked for visitors to introduce themselves.
No visitors.

e. Public Comment

Sandy Ammons opened the floor for public comment at 6:12PM.

No public comment

f. Announcements

Sandy Ammons announced that our next meeting will be conducted face to face as long as current COVID guidelines remain.

MEETING ADJOURN

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

SECOND: *Natasha Randall*

VOTE: *Unanimous Approved (13-0)*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25PM

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: *Next Meeting April 06, 2022 at 12:00PM.*