



HCCC Food Policy Council Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2021 11:45 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

STAFF PRESENT:

CPT Courtney Moore
Sheena Butler

ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Sherry Kenney
Devon Newton
Candy Scott
Natasha Randall
Rojalyn Phillips
Dr. Karin Sues
Hayley Wood
Kristi Herbst

INTRODUCTION:

Ms. Sheena Butler welcomed all committee members and new attendees. The meeting started at 11:48 a.m. with an icebreaker. CPT Courtney Moore hosted the meeting and asked attendees to 'share their name, organization/neighborhood, and any experience with food policy councils.'

DISCUSSION POINTS:

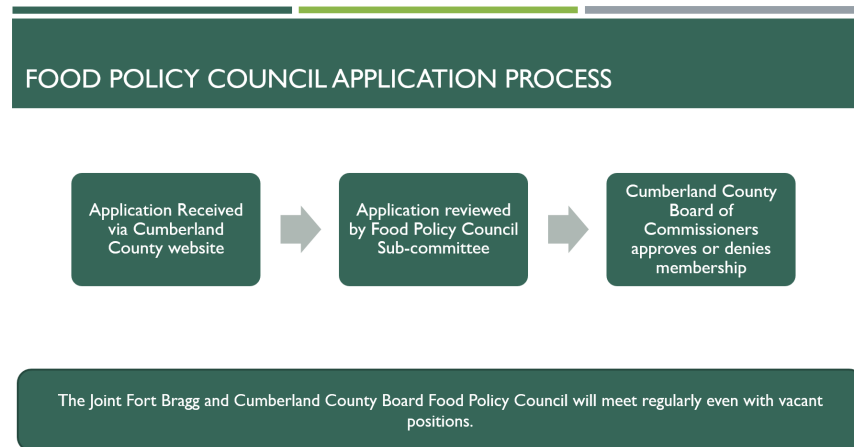
A. HCCC Grant Recap

CPT Moore reviewed the Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge overview and goals for new attendees joining the committee. They are listed below:

- Advance health equity
- Improve access to foods that support healthy eating patterns
- Establish a Joint Fort Bragg-Cumberland County Food Policy Council
- Conduct a food environment assessment that includes at least three policy recommendations

- Implement at least two policy, system or environmental priorities as identified by our local food policy council

CPT Moore explained the purpose of the Food Policy Council and provided a link to the county website (<https://www.cumberlandcountync.gov/departments/commissioners-group/commissioners/appointed-boards/current-members>) that offers more information on general description of council members, term requirements, and the application process.



B. Food Policy Council Subcommittee Updates

The HCCC project team received interest from two individuals to serve on the council. No applications have been completed at this time. CPT Moore and Ms. Butler have created flyers to use as advertisement on various social media platforms. Members were encouraged to post/distribute the flyers in their respective organizations and to community residents. The goal is to recruit for candidates until all 15-seats on the council have been filled and host the first Food Policy Council Meeting in November 2021.

C. Food Policy Council Subcommittee Discussion

CPT Moore presented the idea of having a virtual interest meeting as a means to draw candidates for the Food Policy Council. The floor was open to subcommittee members to provide feedback/recommendations. Candy Scott, Vice President of Programs for Partnership for Children agreed with having a virtual interest meeting. Candy made a suggestion to share the data results from the Food Environment Assessment with community residents during the event. Dr. Karin Suess, Executive Director of Carolina Collaborative Community Care (4C) offered feedback to be mindful of upcoming holidays such as Veteran’s Day and Thanksgiving when scheduling the Food Policy Council meeting. Our goal is to maintain commitment to the council and work alongside community residents to address priorities and solutions.

The subcommittee agreed to schedule the virtual event around Oct. 18th-Oct. 22nd from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The specific date will be announced at a later time. Applicants will have the opportunity to attend the event as well. Ms. Butler will consult with the project team about hosting the event live on Facebook or through GoTo Meeting. The discussion was closed at 12:22 p.m.

D. Closing/Next Meeting

The subcommittee discussed combining the Food Policy Council Subcommittee meeting with the Food Environment Assessment Subcommittee meeting to reduce various meeting times. Ms. Butler encouraged the committee to complete the survey poll by Sept. 10th to determine the next meeting date and time.

Food Policy Council Next Steps:

- Assistance with planning for the virtual event
- Continue to promote the food policy council
- Next meeting: Oct. 27th-Nov. 1st? Time: ?
- Announcements

Rojalyn Phillips, Assistant Director for Support Services at Action Pathways made an announcement about the organization hosting a job fair for the Head Start program. Multiple positions are open for teachers, assistant teachers, and family advocates. The meeting closed at 12:24 p.m.