## HEAL Food System Partnership
### Meeting Minutes

**10/7/2021**

Meeting place: Zoom & U of I Extension - Peoria
Attendees: Amy Fox, Monica Scheuer, Kaitlyn Streitmatter, Kim Litwiller, Shanita Wallace, Michelle Compton, Susie Smith, Rebecca Crumbine, Amy Christison, Kathryn Bernstein, Molly Laugherty, Staci Coussens, Anna Marzena (UICOMP student)

**Meeting**:

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| Childhood Food Insecurity grant award     | Dr. Amy              | • Grant awarded to address childhood food insecurity – identify, refer, and connect children to health care system and emergency food resources.  
• Ask – have a representative from HEAL  
• First meeting Dec 2nd at 1-2:30pm  
• HEAL will support in whatever way is possible. |
| HEAL food system structure and roles      | Shanita, Kaitlyn, and Kim | • HEAL team member roles defined, reviewed, and discussed  
• Communication survey of all HEAL team members still open through next week – goal is 75% participation. Team leads to send reminder out to members to participate if they haven't already. |
| Team #1 Report - Increasing access to healthier food options for vulnerable populations | Susie, Shanita       | • Revitalizing Well Farm – will be transformed into prairie grass. There will be raised beds that will be removed and made available to the garden network  
• Grow a Row has exceeded goal of 20,000 lbs. Waiting for harvesting to wrap up then will do a live stream on FB to announce the results  
• Fresh Food Drives kick off after garden harvesting is over. Flier was email to all members to share – please.  
• First Federated church reached out to |
The Food Pantry Network – wanting to purchase refrigerators for food pantries in need.

**Team #2 Report - Increasing awareness of good nutrition**

| Dr. Amy | • Mobile food pantries survey results presented and will be shared with the group. |

**Team #3 Report - Improving adult understanding of household budgeting and resources to stretch the family dollar**

| Rebecca, Michelle | • Healthy Cents cooking classes started virtually and in person. Over 50 people registered but not as many have attended. Going to utilize a texting platform for class invites and reminders to increase participation  
• WIC vouchers not being distributed because they came in so late. Brainstormed about getting local farmers set up to accept vouchers for next year. |

**Team #4 Report - Increasing advocacy and support for local and healthy procured foods**

| Monica, Amy | • Hasn’t met recently – now have a regular meeting schedule starting next Friday.  
• MFB and Hungry World Farms have agreed on plan to purchase of 2022 crop.  
• Basil’s Harvest (Erin Meyer) published a paper that explores the relationship between regenerative agriculture and human health.  

**Team #5 Report – Alignment of food pantry site visits and food pantry policies**

<p>| Shanita | • Survey of food pantries complete – sent to 170 food pantries in Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties, received 105 responses. |</p>
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<td>- Need representation from Woodford County health department&lt;br&gt;- Items come up that are not “owned” by a HEAL team or cross multiple teams&lt;br&gt;- How do we communicate these items amongst teams effectively? Is Microsoft Teams an option? Will continue to discuss this.</td>
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<td>- Reminder to use monies regularly or have a solid plan to spend budgeted funds</td>
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<td>Shanita</td>
<td>- HEAL Action team did not receive the Catalizing Communities grant but will be participating in some of the education opportunities.</td>
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<td>Kathryn</td>
<td>- IPHI’s Advancing Health in IL virtual meeting on Tues, Oct 19th at 1:30-4:30pm. Register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/IAPO2021">https://tinyurl.com/IAPO2021</a></td>
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<td>Amy</td>
<td>Next meeting Nov 4th at 8:30am at U of I Extension Offices and via Zoom.</td>
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