

Meeting Notes from 1095 Coordinating Council Event Debrief Meeting  
Friday March 20, 2015; 1 PM- 2:30 PM  
United Way Conference Room

Agenda:

1. Review meeting process/evaluations
2. Calendar for education events for the year
  - a. Do we want to continue sponsoring education events?
  - b. Other advocacy or action?
3. Roles and responsibilities of Coordinating Council
4. Establish steering committee to address action/advocacy? Define measures/metrics?
5. Other

Notes:

1. Participant feedback showed enthusiasm for the subject and speaker. They found value in the presentation and are interested in learning more about the local food system.
2. Specific food access projects currently in place:
  - a. Senior and WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers (FMNP). How are they distributed and can we better coordinate their distribution so none are given back? Renee with the County Meals on Wheels takes care of the senior vouchers. Debra will check with Renee on that piece. WIC usually hands them out at the Mount Vernon Farmers Market. Marjie will find out how United General WIC distributes their vouchers and if they are not being distributed at the Sedro-Woolley market will explore if that is a possibility.
  - b. Summer Meals: Community Action will sponsor 3 sites in Burlington; Anacortes Boys and Girls Club sponsoring a site. Marjie will check with SWBG club to find out if they run an open site, how many meals they serve daily, who prepares their food, and where?
3. We do want to continue sponsoring education events. For May's meeting the 5<sup>th</sup> Season concept rose to the top as a topic of interest (5<sup>th</sup> Season refers to processing, preserving and/or freezing fresh produce when it's ready, for use during the winter months. Orcas Island's Farm to School program has a robust 5<sup>th</sup> Season happening.)
  - a. Rita will ask Maddie from Orcas if she is interested and available on May 18, 3:30 to 5 PM at Community Action's meeting room. Diane will check with Vivienne from Skagit Extension about being on hand to discuss food preservation classes.
  - b. Format: introduce Maddie (20 minutes) and Vivienne (20 minutes). Develop focused questions to lead discussion: list of produce sources (Farmers markets, local farmers); possible partnerships with congregate meal programs; storage of 5<sup>th</sup> Season produce; community kitchens available (check Grow Northwest story from last year); closing and evaluation.
4. Metrics:
  - a. Summer programs (# of sites, partners, meals served and kids fed): think quality as well as quantity.
  - b. Food access at farmers markets
  - c. Add additional metrics in the future?
5. Steering/Coordinating Committee: on July 10 we will host a facilitated meeting and invite additional partners to balance the demographic and for greater food systems partner representation. Suggestions include Michael Frazier, Mouse Bird, Carolyn Conner, Robin Hoover, Georgia Johnson, Jeremy Kindlund, Bill Henkel, David Jefferson, Ted Brockman. At this meeting we will discuss our purpose (hosting and convening food systems partners), examine our responsibilities, roles and procedures, create rules of engagement and membership, and decide how our work can be measured.