

Network for a Healthy California

BANPAC Food Security Workgroup

September 19, 2008 Minutes

Alameda County Public Health 1000 Broadway, 5th Floor, Oakland CA 94612

Time	Topic	Presenter	Notes	Action Steps
10am	Ecology Center, Presentation re: EBT Farmers' Market Nutrition Project and other projects & Questions	Linda Graham, Program Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation re: Ecology Center's food security work, including EBT Farmers' Market Nutrition Project, which just lost Network funding• Ecology Center projects:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Database for local environmental resources○ Curbside recycling○ Run Berkeley farmers' markets (3/week)○ Collaborate and provide resources for food security projects like People's Grocery and Farm Fresh Choice○ Berkeley USD – school salad program○ Berkeley Food Policy council○ Bay Area Seed Interchange Library○ Community Gardening○ Indigenous Permaculture• EBT Farmers' Market Nutrition Project specifics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use Ecology Center as a resource for food systems and farmers' market information for other Bay Area food security and nutrition education projects• Send info re: funding opportunities to Ecology Center for continuing EBT Farmers' Market Nutrition Project

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with 35 markets in 12 counties to encourage redemption of EBT ○ Assist markets with accepting EBT ○ Promote healthy eating and nutrition education at markets throughout CA ○ Direct mailings at schools to promote farmers' markets ○ Maintain only current list of CA farmers' markets accepting EBT 	
11am	Follow-up from last meeting (7/08)	Facilitated Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussed next steps for working with CA WIC re: not accepting WIC fruit and vegetable vouchers for all fruits/vegetables (no herbs or white potatoes) and decided to draft a letter to CA WIC for committee to submit to Laurie ● Linda recommended everyone on the committee sign up for CA Food and Justice Coalition's e-newsletter: go to site at www.cfjc.org. Newsletter provides up to date food security/food justice information for CA and the nation. ● Linda informed the committee that CA Food and Justice Coalition's executive director is stepping down. The new executive director will be invited to give a presentation to committee as soon as hired. ● The Western Region USDA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suzanne will draft a letter for CA WIC association re: committee's opinions on fruit and vegetable vouchers and allowable fruits and vegetables ● Suzanne will circulate draft among committee members, draft will be finalized, and submitted to Laurie at CA WIC ● Suzanne will speak with legislators representing Alameda County about their preference for county or district wide data, re: Child Nut. Reauth. project. ● Kira will speak with Kumar from CFPA re: his ideas about preferences for legislators – county vs. district data for Child Nut Reauth project.

			<p>hearing re: Child Nut Reauth was attended by a few committee members. Kira shared that the hearing was a vehicle for many to share their views on changes needed for the child nutrition programs. Advocates mentioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Need for adaptation of USDA dietary guidelines for school meals○ Increased funding for school meals○ Benefits of plant-based school diets○ Need to create healthier food environment in schools○ Less paperwork needed for programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Kira led the committee in a discussion of how to proceed with committee's work around Child Nut Reauth. Committee decided to proceed by researching what legislators would like to see, county vs. district data.● Suzanne distributed <i>Hunger: The Faces and the Facts</i>, a report conducted by the Alameda County Community Food Bank about the state of hunger in Alameda County. Suzanne informed participants that the summer lunch report produced by the Food Bank could also be accessed on the Food Bank's website, www.accfb.org.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Committee will continue to discuss the Child Nut Reauth project at next meeting once Suzanne and Kira report back their findings.
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Next Meeting

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