

# Interdepartmental Collaboration Committee Food Policy Subcommittee

## Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2016

### Members in Attendance\*:

Rich Pirog, MSU-CRFS, MI Food Hub Network  
Dan Papineau, Government Relations, Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers of Michigan/Ohio  
Auday Arabo, President, Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers of Michigan/ Ohio  
Phillip Knight, Executive Director, Food Bank Council of Michigan  
Kathryn Colasanti, MSU-CRFS  
Kevin Besey, Food and Dairy Division Director, MDARD  
Lori Yelton, MDARD  
Dawn Sweeney, DHHS

### Guests:

Tina Reynolds, Healthy Kids Healthy MI, Environmental Council Organization  
Liz Gensler, MSU-CRFS (called in)  
Winona Bynum, Detroit Food Policy  
Michaela Oldfield, MSU College of Law

\*Regrets: Michelle Napier-Dunnings, Michigan Food and Farming Systems; Gwen Imes, MDHHS;  
Marla Moss, MDE

### **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Review of October 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes approved.

### **New Business:**

- Kevin discussed state department committee members and the importance of a person to help with facilitation of meetings.
- Rich reported on rural food access in 16 counties in Northeast Michigan.
- Rich also provided an update on the food access study and lack of food access. AHA has a proposal for a legislative ask for \$4 million that would assist in this area.
- Auday asked about "You Buy We Fry" and how it works with SNAP. For example, you can buy fish with SNAP and a store can cook it for a certain amount. Auday asked, "How does that differ than a restaurant since they cannot accept SNAP?"

### **Priority List Updates:**

1. Michigan Good Food Fund (MGFF): Rich provided an update on staffing changes. Nick Mc \_\_\_\_ was with MEDC and is now working with fund.
  - a. There are 6-8 potential loans in the pipeline, 6 retail and 2 non-retail.
  - b. There will be a new advisory group for the MGFF which will meet on March 22, 2016. They will be from recent task force groups. Kevin recommended Peter Anaston from Ag Development for the advisory group.
2. WIC: Kevin met with WIC staff, AFPD and the Grocers Association. They will continue to meet quarterly to work on WIC access in grocery stores.

- a. Auday pointed out the importance of dialogue since WIC is the most difficult for a store to get a license due to state requirements. He also noted that MDHHS is responsive but the overall system is “broken”.
  - b. Auday pointed out the importance of dialogue with the ICC Food Policy Committee and action moving.
3. Small and Mid-Size Farm Food Safety Certification: Kevin brought a DRAFT of MDARD’s FSMA Rules Enforcement Timeline to help with the guiding principle of education before regulation. This was offered in a draft form for the committee. A “Train the Trainer” will be offered at four state wide trainings with the International Food Protection & Training Institute in Battle Creek. MDARD has a request in to the Governor for funds to help with food safety. Kevin also indicated MDARD is trying to receive one block grant instead of 4-5 that we currently have to simplify things.
  - a. Rich discussed Group GAP for small and very small farms.
4. Local Food Policy: There is a Michigan Local Food Policy Network virtual meeting planned for February 24, 2016. Andrea Brown with the MI Association of Planning will talk on recruiting members and empowering your local food council. There is a calendar of events and minutes on line for the Local Food Policy network. Winona stated the minutes were helpful. Kevin Besey requested at next local food policy meeting to ask, “ What can State of Michigan agencies do?”. This will be added to the Local Food Policy Agenda.
  - a. Kathryn stated that the Good Food Charter Summit will be on October 28, 2016 at the Kellogg Center at MSU. Phil Knight requested information on the Summit. Kathryn explained that it is the 4<sup>th</sup> Summit and it brings people interested in food from around the State of Michigan together. After some discussion, it was decided that Rich or Kathryn would bring the Michigan Good Food Charter flow chart to the next meeting.
5. Small Meat Processor Growth: New network from livestock group in close association with the MI Meat Association. Survey will be coming out that Jude Barry is working with.
6. Barriers of SNAP at Farmers Market: MDARD is the agency that is inspecting farmers markets. Licenses depend on if the farmers market is temporary in nature, then it will be inspected using the MDARD Fact Sheet. Farmers markets operating within permanent, improved structures will be inspected using the FDA Model Food Code.
  - a. Amanda Shreve may be able to provide more updates and information at the next meeting.
7. Double Up Food Bucks (DUFb): Auday reported that there are 21 stores now with DUFb. AFPD will be meeting in March with the Fair Food Network to see how things went and how they can grow the program.

**Summary of topics identified that have a state agency component and status:**

Topic	State Agency	Status
MI Good Food Fund	MDARD	New Advisory group to meet March 22, 2016
WIC	MDHHS	Continue to meet quarterly to discuss issues.

<b>Food Safety for small and mid-sized farms</b>	<b>MDARD</b>	Trainings to be offered by MDARD and International Food Protection Agency
<b>SNAP at farmers markets</b>	<b>MDHHS</b>	Farmers market technology issues being reviewed but needs solution.  Possible update and presentation from MIFFMA at next meeting.

**Possible New Priority:** Rich discussed food access in the northeast rural area of Michigan. It includes 16 counties. There was a webinar connecting the developer and county officials to make them aware of the study. The study was on food retail, economics and diversity.

**Legislation Updates:** New Samaritan Law regarding food donations. Kevin explained the new law makes it clearer.

**Next Meeting:** The committee decided to cancel the April 26 meeting due to member schedule conflicts, both on April 19 and 26. **The next meetings are planned for July 26 and October 25, 2016 from 9:30-11:30 at Constitution Hall, Lansing, in the 6N Richard Van Deusen Room.**