**Indiana State Nutrition Action Committee**

**Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 5th, 2021

**Time:** 1-3pm

* **Organization Updates and News**
	+ **IDOH SNAC Website**
		- We are working on developing a website! Over the next few months, we will keep you updated with this progress.
		- In the meeting, we mentioned creating an RFP for a website partner, but we are moving in another direction with this process.
* **Partnering with Community Wellness Coordinators**
	+ *Presented by Nathan Miller & Jered Blanchard*
		- Presentation: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MaJrwa9XFauxbBWwFVehFtVkh413jFySJvDwJLQnUZw/edit#slide=id.gd7210f6ded_0_69>
		- Additional resources: Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice: The Role of Community Wellness Coordinators Across the State: <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:0a6577df-0f08-4883-a6e0-193c26cd37e3#pageNum=1>
	+ Collaboration plays such an important role in prompting the work of CWCs and the work done in the community, since they do not have funding for specific program budgets
	+ Your community engagement will lack if you lack funding, resilience, and collaboration
	+ It takes a long time to build up partners and collaboration., but once they are in place- there is a lot of momentum with initiatives
	+ Sample initiatives
		- Food access
			* Community only had a corner store and gas station for food
			* After engaging with the community and focusing on youth engagement, they were able to create a common space for people to gather and host Farmers Markets
		- Built environment
			* Found an intersection in the community that needed a boost of safety to improve usage of trails
			* After many partner collaborations, funding searches, and community input the team was able to create bike lanes and engage in other tactical urbanism projects!
			* This also helped to create a hub for the community to gather and connect
	+ Steps to community collaboration from the CWC perspective: make a list of people you know and those you want to know, find their passion, and then connect their passion with others (you or otherwise)
	+ Please see the attached slides from the presentation as well as slides about what community wellness coordinators do for Hoosier communities through Indiana’s Nutrition Education Program
	+ If you would like to know more about the Nutrition Education Program or contact your county’s CWC, please reach out to Amy or Julia
* **SNAC Strategies & Goals Update**
	+ Please see the slides for our updated SNAC strategies and goals
* **Health Equity Series: Part 1 – A Health Equity Primer**
	+ Presented by Naima Gardner-Rice
	+ In alignment with our new health equity statement and goals, we will be conducting small health equity sessions during each 2021 quarterly meeting (and beyond)
	+ This presentation was rooted in the idea that health inequities are differences in health status that are systemic, unfair, unjust, and avoidable
	+ Antiracism is about intentionally identifying the policies that lead to desperate outcomes and changing them using your own position of privilege
		- Why do we lead with race and not with the other isms: Race plays a unique role in our current system of oppression
		- Racial inequities persist across any other system and apply to other dimension of inequity as well
		- We must understand why race is so uniquely different when compared to other
			* It’s not exclusively race, but it’s always race
			* We intend to do better to amplify the lived experience of BIPOC and be open to any critical feedback on our end
	+ Foot apartheid is being used rather than food deserts in this space
		- This term acknowledges the systemic intentionality behind those conditions of a food desert- points to the idea that food deserts are not naturally occurring, which can be implied when mentioning the “desert” term
	+ The CDC has identified racism as a public health crisis and inadvertently identifies race and the experience of BIPOC communities
	+ Recommended book for more information about racialized trauma: My Grandmother’s Hands
	+ What are some additional topics that we should consider from an equity perspective?
* **Project Team Report-Outs**
	+ Nutrition Incentive Program Team
		- Nutrition Network Building Update
			* Sent out emails to 23 stakeholders throughout the state after connecting with members of this group
			* Trying to understand capacity for housing a statewide nutrition incentives program
			* Conducting hour-long interviews with these stakeholders (performed by Kelly Ferguson through Wholesome Wave)
		- An evaluator at MCPHD will physically analyze these interviews and to give a picture of what a network of nutrition incentive programs would look like and what stakeholders (SNAP and retail matching programs)
		- Please email Michelle if you would like to provide an update of nutrition incentive programs in your area
	+ Nutrition Education Promotion Team
		- SNAC One-pager Updates
			* Amy is working to compile and finish up these one-pagers by the next meeting
			* We are working on developing a new project for this team to discuss at the next meeting
	+ Physical Activity Team
		- New Project: Peer Learning Network & Forums
			* Through conversations with CWCs and other stakeholders, a gap that we would like to fill is resource delivery and technical support with PSE changes related to community physical activity and the built environment
			* We are going to start brainstorming a statewide peer learning network for physical activity resources at the next meeting, so please invite anyone who would be interested!
	+ Steering Committee
		- Health Equity Statement & Plan
			* A draft has been formed for the health equity statement
			* An outreach plan and health equity plan will be drafted over the coming months
* **Announcements and Reminders**
	+ If you are a new member to the group or have yet to submit a **SNAC Member Profile**, please reach out to Amy or Julia to ensure you are included in our SNAC Member Profiles document.
		- Please send any updates for **SNAC Member Profiles** by **May 24th at 5pm**
		- **This template has been attached to the email**
	+ Our next **newsletter** will be sent out **May 17th, 2021**. If you have an event, organization update, funding opportunity, job posting, and/or new resource(s) to share with the group please e-mail it to Amy Rupp (arupp@isdh.in.gov) by **Friday, May 14th.**
	+ The next meeting date is **August 24th, 2021 1 pm-3pm**. Please contact Amy Rupp (arupp@isdh.in.gov) and/or Julia Brunnemer (JBrunnemer@isdh.in.gov) for all SNAC and SNAP-Ed related information.