

AzNN Food Systems Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, January 11, 2017

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Responses to questions for AzNN	<p>Training in gardening curriculum- is this something that AzNN can provide? (Marina)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not currently in AzNN’s work plan. If there’s a significant need, we can look into adding for FY18. • Junior Master Gardener used by many partners. • Action: Jesse will look into bringing Jr. MG training to AZ. • Action: Reach out to Marina (macostaortiz@email.arizona.edu) to share ideas about using current curriculum and using resources where there are gaps. <p>What criteria is AzNN looking for in choosing gardening curriculum for the grade levels that it is lacking (1st-2nd grade and HS, etc.)? (Marina)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two requirements for additional curricula – 1) evidence-based and 2) fills a gap • Feedback on Growing Healthy Habits – very challenging, not user-friendly, too high level for K-2, 35 units, especially difficult in ELL community • Identified age gaps: K-2, high school students, adults, and seniors • Action: If you find a curriculum meeting the two requirements above, please send to Jesse and AzNN will look into it. 																																
Discussion: Garden sustainability	<p>Working with a gardening site after the "champion" staff or site leader has left (Jacqui)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tricia: Get directors involved from the beginning, so when they hire the garden is already part 																																

	<p>of the position. Be available to the new champion, so they feel supported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca: When staff leaves the site or is sick/out of town, we have been tapping Master Gardener pool and reaching out to other gardening orgs like Slow Food and Food Corps. When there's a need, an MG will usually step up. We work directly with the MG program coordinator. <p>Sustainability is an on-going issue in school and community gardens, how can we help gardens to maintain momentum after helping them initially? (Marina)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacqui: We now have regular schedule to check in with sites and have as many 'touches' as possible – very often. • Connie: School garden case study (will be sent to group) where champion was leaving. Parents were trained to teach one lesson a month in the classroom about 45 minutes. After being trained and participating, the parents weren't going to let the garden go. • Theresa: Farmers' markets and community gardens can be good places to find volunteers.
<p>Hot Seat: Rebecca Serratos with Yavapai Extension</p>	<p>Building a base for parent, preschool, and community engagement in the garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on Head Starts - staffs, teachers, and administration are already stretched • Small window from 3-5 years old and then kids go on to public school • In contact with every director in Yavapai, NACOG, and people at sites who are interested in gardening. Sometimes people don't get back to you and there's the perception and/or experience that getting a garden through the bureaucracy will be difficult. • Jacqui: Met with care coordinator and also facilities director. (Rebecca – are these positions in Phoenix or at NACOG in Flagstaff?) • County health departments have childcare health consultants, same as Quality 1st, could also work with housing authority for the city • Need to find gatekeeper in administration and then get multiple people involved to help move it through and share the work/time commitment
<p>Discussion: Benefit use at farmers markets</p>	<p>eWIC information: How will it impact farmers market? Is it for sure taking place this year? (Natalia)</p> <p>Yes – eWic is being implemented in Arizona in 2017. See timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2017: Pilot of eWIC begins in Pinal County Casa Grande clinic which will include approximately 20 local authorized vendors (not inclusive of all vendors in Pinal County) • November-December 2017: Statewide rollout of eWIC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 31, 2017 (hopefully completed before): Statewide implementation complete for all clinics, vendors, and participants <p>Clients with eWIC will only be able to use their fruits and vegetable benefits at a WIC authorized vendor locations, not at farmers' markets. Fruit and vegetable benefits are currently issued via paper WIC Cash Value Vouchers (CVVs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This does not affect the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP). FMNP checks will continue to be accepted by authorized growers at authorized farmers' markets. 2016 AZ Redemption Numbers: WIC FMNP ~\$136,000; Senior FMNP ~\$93,000; and WIC CVV ~\$3,000 WIC CVVs will still be accepted at authorized farmers' markets in 2017. When eWIC rollout is complete, WIC CVVs will no longer be issued to clients as benefits will be electronic. <p>What are options to support Senior FMNP (SFMNP)? (Anne)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Season barrier: Federal funding is usually received at the end of March with agencies able to issue checks starting in April (though the exact timeline varies year to year). FMNP is nationwide program, and the time of year (April-October) is challenging for growers and customers in the low desert. Transportation barrier: Some options to consider are 1) hosting farmers' markets (at least 3 growers, 4 hours, 1x per week) at the same sites where SFMNP checks are distributed, 2) looking into ride-share programs through community centers or housing sites i.e. van providing transport to farmers' markets as well as grocery stores, and 3) partnering with cities to provide bus vouchers along with checks.
<p>Hot Seat: Angela Entzel with Maricopa Extension</p>	<p>WIC, DES staff, and site educators are unfamiliar with process of how/when to use various benefits at farmers markets---lots of educational work to be done to promote benefits use at farmers markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created slides for presentation to DES staffs outlining what farmers' market are, the benefits of shopping at FMs, and how nutrition assistance benefits can be redeemed at FMs. There was general interest in this info as well as promoting with clients. Also shared flyers, banners, and videos for waiting rooms (slides & flyers will be sent out). Have also met with nutrition educators and gone on field trips to markets. Reminding people about farmers' markets and how to use benefits at markets seems to be a constant process.
<p>Closing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next call is Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 10-11 AM.