

## AzNN Food Systems Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, September 14, 2016

LOCATIONS: iLinc

**PRESENT:**

Organization	Name
AzNN	Noelle Veilleux
Evaluation	Laurel Jacobs
Coconino HD	
Maricopa HD	Anne Costa
Maricopa Ext	Angela Entzel
Mohave HD	
Mohave Ext	
Navajo HD	
Pima Ext	Jacqui Stork
Pinal Ext	
Yavapai HD	
Yavapai Ext	
Yuma HD	

Agenda Item	Details
AzNN Personnel Update	<p>The AzNN has completed interviews for the Food Systems Specialist position. Special thanks to Connie Ballard, Therese Neal, and Linda Yee for conducting the interviews. We are excited to announce Jesse Davenport has accepted the position and will be joining the state AzNN team on 10/11. Jesse was previously the Food Access Coordinator for Maricopa Extension and the former AzNN food systems subcommittee local lead. We will send out Jesse's contact information as soon as she is on board.</p>
Group share on current FS activities (Strategies 1-5)	<p><i>Not all comments were captured due to tech issue with phones.</i></p> <p><u>Strategy 1</u></p> <p>Anne: Partnered with Crooked Sky Farms to start a CSA at the food bank. Are able to accept SNAP for CSA even though Crooked Sky is currently not able to accept SNAP at the farm. DMFB is looking to expand the CSA to the hospital component for their program as well.</p> <p><u>Strategy 2</u></p> <p>Marina: School gardens-several gardens are just getting started. Three instructional specialists are using the Jr. Master Gardener curriculum.</p>

**Challenge: lack curriculum for grades 1-2; special needs population**

**-Community gardens: Hasn't been too active, getting started on first garden.**

**Challenge: lack of gardening curriculum for adults. Also a lack of resources that focus on teaching how to garden rather than how to start a garden.**

**-Home gardens: Hasn't done much around home gardens. Not sure how to track evaluation data pertaining to home gardens.**

**Feedback from Eval (Laurel): Contractors are not required to track home gardens for evaluation purposes. There are no plans to track information pertaining to home gardens in FY17. Contractors that wish to track home gardens internally may need to have a separate conversation with the UA AzNN evaluation team.**

**Anne: Currently working on a garden at an affordable senior housing site. Participation in the garden helped initiate the development of a Gardening Club and then a Health Committee.**

**DMFB maintains monthly and seasonal gardens onsite at their demonstration garden.**

**Challenge: Need for adult and senior gardening curriculum.**

**Jacqui: Started partnering with the Pasqual Yaqui tribe; installed gardens at transitional housing site.**

**Partnering with 18 ECE sites—12 of which have established or previous gardens, 6 intend to begin gardens in the next year or so.**

**Challenge: Distinguishing between PSE and DE activities when gardening. Clarification needed for staff to help them understand when their work would be considered DE and when it supports a PSE effort.**

**Feedback from Eval: PSE refers to a change in a policy, an organizational or systems change, or to the built environment. Establishing the garden club and health committee (from Maricopa HD) are examples of efforts supporting PSEs. Teaching a lesson from a curriculum at the site with the newly established gardening club would be considered DE. Together the PSE and DE efforts can reinforce each other at one site or in one community.**

**Strategy 3**

**Angela: Working with Roosevelt School District. Food Service**

	<p>Director wants to buy locally, but requires the grower to be GAP certified despite this not being a general requirement.</p> <p>Has also been working with two groups of farmers. One group is interested in starting a cooperative or CSA. The other had been considering doing a Group Gap certification, but learned that getting certified as a group may not have any financial benefit and therefore may not pursue that option. Maricopa Ext may not have the capacity to continue working with both groups and may need to decide which group to continue with.</p> <p><u>Strategy 4</u> No comments from the group.</p> <p><u>Strategy 5</u> Angela: Has been working to promote FN and create awareness online. Has worked with MCDPH to create a brochure advertising how to use benefits at FM. Met with a local DES office to see how they can begin working together. Currently working on a training to present to DES office staff in the next month or two.</p> <p>Anne: There is room for improvement needed for seniors participating in FMNP sites that use CSFP as well. FV vouchers are distributed when it is hot; not all sites distribute FV vouchers which was disappointing for participants who had received promotion but did not receive them. <i>(not sure I captured the finer details here)</i></p> <p>Jacqui: Working on promoting FM with DE and incorporating produce into the lessons. Created a map of Pima county of all FM that accept WIC or SNAP benefits. The map we been well received.</p>
<p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>Anne: Thinking of submitting Jr. Master Gardener for approval. Has anyone else done this? Feedback from group: Yes Feedback from AzNN (post-subcommittee meeting) Jr. Master Gardener is an approved curriculum in the AzNN Resource Guide. If you did not specify Jr. Master Gardener in your work plan and would like to add it to your curricula list, contact Ryan and Therese for further guidance.</p> <p>Angela: Regarding strategy 1, there is an objective related to completing (?)<i>Food Assessments</i>. If attempting this with Salt River</p>

	<p>Pima Indian community, keep in mind this required extra time and effort and may be appropriate to work with someone closely related to that field.</p> <p>Jacqui: Has been a known need for a while to have a conversation with AzNN pertaining to upcoming activities related to working on implementing menu changes. Plans to address soon.</p> <p>Anne: Would like guidance on how to report on days spend working in a garden.</p> <p>Feedback from eval: Generally, this can be captured in the SARN as qualitative data. If specific meetings took place in the course of the day, could also be recorded in the corresponding box in the SART.</p> <p>Next month is F2S months and Food Day. ADE sent out toolkit to promote F2S month—can partners use all components of this kit for promotion?</p> <p>Aznn response: will follow up for guidance.</p>
<p>Feedback/suggestions for upcoming FY17 subcommittee meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would be helpful if the agenda was shared earlier to gather feedback from respective teams for input</li> <li>• Dedicate time to talk about curricula</li> <li>• Regularly highlight successful projects to share ideas</li> </ul>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	