AzNN Food Systems Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2017

LOCATION(S): GoToMeeting

Agenda Item	Details			
Roll Call	AzNN/ADHS: Evaluation: Coconino HD: Greenlee Ext: Maricopa HD: Desert Mission. City of Tempe: Maricopa Ext:	Jesse Davenport Absent Theresa Kulpinski Cheyanne Colville Connie Ballard Anne Costa Brandon Hernandez Marina Acosta, Angela Entzel	Mohave HD: Mohave Ext: Pima Ext CHAPS: Garden Kitchen: Pinal Ext: Yavapai HD: Yavapai Ext: Yuma HD:	Absent Trish Zilliox Natalia B. Santos Jacqui Stork Jim Jepsen Absent Rebecca Serratos Tricia Kinnell
Updates	 Internal Evaluations (Laurel) The Evaluation Team and AzNN leadership team are seeking more information about internal evaluations that you conduct. This helps tell your story to USDA and ensure that evaluations align with the evaluation framework. AzNN has recently modified the SARN to capture this information, effective for the first SARN of FY17 (due April 30th 2017) so as a reminder: If you are doing an internal evaluation with an instrument not used by AzNN – let your evaluation liaison know (just as a FYI), and report your plans and results as appropriate in the SARN under the correct Focus Area. If you would like to do an internal evaluation with an instrument that is used by AzNN (for example, KAN-Q, Go Nap SACC, PARA) – you will need to talk with your Eval Team liaison before you conduct the internal evaluation, and report your plans and results as appropriate in the SARN under the correct Focus Area. If you are hoping to launch an emerging SNAP-Ed practice (new intervention or program) – communicate with AzNN about submitting a plan (which will include an evaluation plan) for the particular initiative/project. Upcoming Training (Jesse) AzNN Preconference April 4, 2017 Benefits at Farmers' Markets (Strategy 5) AzNN Conference April 5-6, 2017 			

	 SNAP Retailer Standards breakout Sustainable Gardens breakout → send ideas to Jesse Farm to School breakout → send ideas to Jesse SFSP Bridge breakout AzNN May Webinar → send needs/ideas to Jesse ☺ February SFSP Summit in Phoenix		
Summer Lunch Buddies	 Maricopa Ext, Maricopa HD, and AzNN Leadership will be tabling and collecting contact in 		
Buddies	for sponsors and sites		
	• Jesse will share contact info of sponsors in your county if you are interested		
	Drop Shipments to WIC and DES offices		
	• Decided on the call that yes, AzNN/ADHS Leadership will ship a small quantity of generic		
	materials to each WIC and DES office throughout the state (same as in 2016)		
	• Jesse is also looking into doing a similar shipment to public library (bookmarks)		
Eat in Season Guide	Pilot for Spring Eat in Season Guide (formerly the harvest calendar)		
	 New handouts developed by AzNN/ADHS – same information as the AzNN Harvest Calendar but organized in a different format – 4 flyers, 1 for each season, listing what's in season in AZ Local agencies who want to participate in the pilot sent Jesse their requested quantities Spring handouts for the pilot will be shipped directly to agencies Jesse will also send a form to collect feedback on the handout Final versions of the Eat in Season Guides will roll out this summer with AZGrown MyPlate 		
	handouts (another new material in development)		
Discussion:	How are others making contact with volunteers? And, if you get a buy in or		
Strategy 2	 commitment from them to help, how do you keep them? (Jim) Jim: Master Gardeners have been slow to get involved, it's been difficult to get people to participate and to find a core person in both community gardens and schools Jacqui: depends on the site, MGs are involved in the Garden Kitchen site specifically, took lots of work up front but it's smoother now. PTOS, presentations. Invited Jim to visit the GK. Marina: Invite MGs to shadow you first, applicable to other types of volunteers as well Patty R: Tempe Kid Zone has a relationship with AARP, have found seniors appreciate the comradery of volunteering in small groups and in pairs 		

, 	Is anyone physically working with schools and communities to actually create gardens? (Jim)
	• Jim: By physically meant the physical work of building gardens and working in them
	• Rebecca: Sites tend to have a location in mind that's a blank slate, meaning no irrigation, no shade, pest issues. They present the site with 3 options – in ground rows, cinder block raised
	beds, or all wooden raised beds (either all wood or wood frame with corrugated metal). Sites
	have committed groups of volunteers to help. Experts within Extension also help with design. Reaching out to 4H. With preschool gardens, they discuss the boundaries of what SNAP-Ed
	can provide including list of plants, labor to install, curriculum in the garden.
	 Tricia: Uses CATCH ECE + garden activity. Has parent volunteers and Master Gardeners. People in community restitution and juvenile justice programs build the beds. Looking into high schools and FFAs.
	 Cheyanne: Has a school garden committee with principals and teachers. There's 1 person in charge of the committee (currently a teacher). Working with MGs to install irrigation. The MG course on irrigation is being held at the school garden and the installation is part of the course. Marina: Starts with a consultation to learn their ideas and plans and share what SNAP-Ed can provide (soil, seeds, plants, work days). Also tour the proposed area to make sure it has 6-8 hours of sunlight and a nearby water source. Then, sets dates for ground breaking and planting demo and work backwards from there. You learn in this process whether people are ready to be the garden coordinator or not.
	• Anne: Trying to get a community garden going with City of Phx and MCDPH. Making sure you have a engaged community, usually 1 person charge but a vested interested from many
Hot Seat with Connie and Angela	Phoenix Renews is closing - New Roots program that farms in that space provides produce for one of our Mountain View Clinic farmers' markets; need an alternative site for our garden education that took place on that space as well. (Connie)
	• Read about what happened at Phx Renews:
	http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2017/02/08/mccain-stanton-ask-feds-save-
	phoenix-community-garden-phx-renews/97613866/
	• Angela: moving shed to another community agriculture site in south Phoenix, no growers from
	our incubator farm are coming with. Trying to informally help growers find new community
	gardens. Happened super fast, only 2 weeks notice to vacate.
	• Connie (tech issues prevented her from sharing more): lots of organizations are affected.
Closing	• Next call is Wednesday, March 8, 2017 from 10-11 AM.