

Nutrition Advisory Committee of Dutchess County

Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2013

In Attendance: Shayna Russo, Christine Sergent, Rebecca Lull (CCEDC), Ozie Williams (DoH), Jackie Bucelot-Mills (Kids R Kids Feeding), Susan Grove (PFP), Jeanine Henningson (Community Resident), Kathy Bell (Astor), Ann Vizcarronda (Health by Ann), Janice Jallade (Community Action Agency), Lorraine Scuccimarra (Child Care Council), Michele McKeon (Catholic Charities), Krista Adams (Hudson Valley Community Services, Inc.), Patti Wilkinson (Beth-El Fitness Ministry), Akilano Akiwumi-Assani (Fareground), Pat Brown (OFA)

Program Sharing

- Child Care Council is hosting training workshop, "Advocating for Your Child," on March 19 from 6:30-8:30 at the Child Care Council. Training topics include principles of child development, child day care program development, safety and security, and statutes and regulations pertaining to child day care. Free for parents. Call Child Care Council to register.
- Child Care Council is having a marketing campaign for the 5 steps to find the quality child care. Lorraine passed out flyers to hang in your agency.
- Hudson Valley Community Services (HVCS), formerly ARCS, has hired a new educator. Referral forms are available if needed. They are having a fundraiser called "Drag Brunch! Returns!" on 4/7/13 from 11-3. Enjoy brunch and playing bingo. Tickets are available for \$25 per person. On 3/8/13, HVCS is hosting a Friendraiser at Outdated: An Antique Café in Kingston. More info on website: www.arcs.org.
- Pat Brown passed out MyBenefits.gov pamphlets. Also pamphlets on income tax credit were passed around.
- Jackie mentioned the biggest challenge for the summer feeding is the public awareness. For the month of July, there will be a summer feeding billboard in Beacon, on Rt. 52. Kids R Kids Feeding purchased a van. For the summer months, the van will be used to deliver meals to the sites. The other 10 months, New Vision Church will be using it for their food pantry. Jackie has been working on a website.
- Community Action also passed out tax preparation pamphlets.
- Hudson Health Plan is having a food drive for Orange, Dutchess, Ulster and Sullivan Counties. Rosina Tezgeldi is asking where the neediest food pantry is and she will drop off the food. Dutchess Outreach was suggested.
- Fareground is in the process of finding new space for their café. An email was sent prior to the meeting in regards of the unfortunate news.

- Hudson River Health Care wants to run Food Day differently this year in the county. They reached out to CCE to play a bigger role. Depending on county funding, how strong a role of what we can do.

Follow-up actions from last meeting

- 2013 Mission, bylaws, goals: The bylaws were attached to previous email. Please let Shayna know of any other changes. Two changes in the bylaws were pointed out. It was agreed that if there is no response from an agency, that a “no” comment will be assumed. Also on the back of the agenda, the 11th goal needed to be added.
- Priorities for the year: Shayna went through all the agency’s priorities that were submitted and compiled them into 4 areas: Summer Food Service Program, Educational Resource, Food Security/Food Systems, and NAC Visibility. In the areas are specific goals. The committee members were asked to pick 2 to 3 goals in each category that they would like to see NAC state as goals for 2013.
- ESNY Changes: There has been a 28% cut in CCEDC’s Nutrition Program, SNAP-ed. The cut came from the federal level and the cut was 28% across the state. A letter has gone out describing the changes to our program to our partnering agencies. There will no longer be home visits. Our educators will only be doing group lessons. We are looking for any agencies to host groups at their facility. Another change is the limit of 1 food activity per 6 lessons. Our goal is to keep office space at FPC but looking for a smaller office. Please let Shayna know if you would like the letter in soft copy.
 - Another change is that as of now CCEDC will not be able to provide lunch at NAC meetings. If an agency would like to sponsor lunch, let Shayna know.

New Business

- Scheduling the priorities: Each member was asked to select 2-3 goals per category and Shayna will compile the list to come up with the goals for 2013 and put it on a calendar.
- Christine talked about the United Way RFP that is due on 3/11. United Way is looking for agencies to collaborate on programs and does not want to see services duplicated. She invited any agencies to collaborate with CCEDC in writing a proposal to achieve NAC’s priorities and helps further our goals. This is the first time that United Way has included a nutrition objective. We are also collaborating with 2 other agencies on the financial proposal. Any interested agencies were asked to email Shayna by the end of the day on Friday, February 22.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2013 @ Family Partnership Center

****Lunch will be provided****

(Thanks to an anonymous donation)

2013 NAC Meeting Schedule

*3rd Thursday of the month from 12:00-1:30 @ Family Partnership Center, 29
N. Hamilton, 12601*

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

(No meeting in December)