

11/18/2022

Meeting Subject: Bi-Weekly LHIC SDOH Meeting - 11/18/2022

Meeting Date: 11/18/2022 11:00 AM

Participants

Attended By

Teresa Leslie, Keyonna Mayo, Elise Bowman, Matt Morgan, Mary White, Hameenat Adekoya, Sonya Kirby-Edon, Ken Gelula, Ishaan Pathak, Yvonne Bronner, Madison Nuzzo, Lorena de Leon, Katie Lautar, Marc Rabner, Charles Jackson, Crystal Pope, Briana Wagner, Farmer Chippy, Charlie Nguyen

Update about interviews

Farm Name	Interviewer	Date of Interview	Interview Updates
Baltimore Free Farm			Unable to interview -- skip
Whitelock Community Farm	Keyonna Mayo		Going through transition phase -- skip
Strength 2 Love 21217	Hameenat Adekoya	10/19/22	Done
Bon Secours Community Works 21223	Keyonna Mayo and Teresa Leslie	11/17/22	Done
Hidden Harvest 21201	Keyonna Mayo and Teresa Leslie	12/1/22	Interview coming up
The 6th Branch: Oliver, Johnson Square, Broadway East (Greenmount)		10/26/22	Done
Real Food Farm (Clifton Park)	Keyonna Mayo and Teresa Leslie	11/15/22	Done
Filbert St. Garden 21226	Keyonna Mayo and Teresa Leslie	11/29/22	Interview coming up
Plantation Park Height Urban Farm 21215		9/23/22	Done
Barefoot Farm			Shut down (443) 977-7840
Greener Garden	Teresa Leslie		Have not heard back
Black Butterfly (Curtis Bay)		11/9/22	Done
Farm Alliance (Remington)	Keyonna Mayo and Teresa Leslie		No date yet, but confirmed; Keyonna following up

Farm Listings and Potential Interviewees

[Farm Alliance of Baltimore](#)

[Project VITAL Greening Lots](#)

Black Church Food Security Network - Works with a network of church farmers; Rev. Dr. Heber Brown, heber@blackchurchfsn.net

Black Yield - New location in Mt Claire

Bliss Meadows - Backyard Basecamp has a farm

[Ulysses Archie](#) - [website](#); located in Irvington, rents goats and raises chickens (443-793) 443(

Discuss process

Common themes:

- Lack of support
 - o Frustration
- Interest in working with the community
 - o A lot of food is given away
- Interest in education
 - o Work on food and nutrition classes
 - o School outreach
- Need to make sure people are utilizing food

Farm Shutdowns

- Land reclaimed by city
 - o Controlled by DOP; How can we support those doing urban agriculture and keep space in certain zip codes?
- Lack of land security
- Sustainability
- Lack of support

Urban Agriculture and Food Access Research (Hameenat)

Summary of Meetings

- Finances - Lack of adequate funding and revenues
- Education - Lack of community education
- Youth - Desire to educate youth and work with schools
- Policy - Lack of policies that support UA and farmers
- Community - Lack of community support & concerns of safety
- Environment - Soil testing, soil remediation, and environmental sustainability

Literature Review

- A food system solely reliant on UA cannot address food insecurity
- Must be met with intentional health communication and education through marketing

What's Missing?

- Strong distribution networks
- Innovative marketing
- Health education
- Financial and policy support
 - o Lack of understanding at policy level of impact made by farms

Additional Comments and Group Needs

Original Intent of SDoH LHIC

Engage with the community around supporting education and/or one of the other barriers

- There is a lot of other work going on in the city, and we don't want to duplicate work.

Maryland Physicians Care

- Applying for USDA grant with Teens for Food Justice and Horizon Goodwill
- Looking to buy empty structures and plots to work with Hagerstown Public Education to address the food desert

Division of Aging

Passes out farmers market coupons to senior centers

Redemption rate is going down - Deadline is the 30th of each month

- Price and convenience - lack of transportation and convenient hours, higher prices than grocery store, only in-season produce
- This was seen in WIC programs

Discuss funding opportunities

See attached document.

How to think about funds as a coalition.

Next Meeting: 12/2/2022 @ 11:00 a.m.

- o Decide how to move forward
- o We have collected and shared our learning and we want to move toward action and intervention. As a group, decide what opportunities exist that we can act on.
- o Who wants to be an official consistent member on the SDoH LHIC workgroup?

Next Steps

- Ken - Connect Elise to DHCD (Abby) and DOP about process of shutting down farms
- Elise and Teresa - Schedule a meeting with Farmer Chippy
- Mary - Reach out to Teresa re: recap of SDoH work so far