

Baltimore City LHIC SDOH Workgroup Meeting 8/11/23

Friday, August 11, 2023

Meeting Subject: LHIC SDOH Workgroup Meeting - 8/11/2023

Meeting Date: 8/11/2023 11:00 AM

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Group Meeting Norms

- When you join, please chat-in or say your name.
- State your name before speaking.
- Verbalize messages in chat.
- Speak for yourself only, using “I” statements: “I do not like...” instead of “we do not like...”
- Raise your hand to speak and use your camera when possible.
- Closed Captioning is available through Teams by clicking on More Actions and selecting “Turn on live captions”.
- Meeting notes will be sent in “text only” format at the end of each meeting.
- All meetings are public facing and will be recorded.

Vision

An equitable, just, and well Baltimore where everyone has the opportunity to be healthy and to thrive.

Goals

1. Increase support of urban agriculture.
2. Improve social and community ties.
3. Improve quality of life, increased autonomy.
4. Reduce food insecurity and malnutrition.
5. Sustainable agribusinesses and agricultural innovation.

New Attendees

Victoria Minka: Introducing Victoria Minka, from the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA). She is a Communications and Engagement Specialist and serves as a facilitator for the AAPI Advisory Committee. Hopes to contribute as a limited English proficiency representative and advocate for public health in regard to how immigrants are impacted. Hope to gain more knowledge about community partnerships and coalitions.

Rhonda Boglin: Introducing Rhonda Boglin, formerly of VALUE Baltimore part of the empowerment team and advocates for older adults in the community. She is a vendor and art teacher for BCPS. She is also a community member participant recruited as part of the LHIC's effort to incorporate more of the community voice and lived experience to inform future work.

Rasheeda Bradley: Introducing Rasheeda Bradley, new Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) coordinator for the Baltimore City Health Department. She is interested in the impact that multiple marginalized identities can bring to community work.

Community Member Recruitment

COMMUNITY MEMBERS WANTED

The Baltimore City Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC) is seeking community member participation in its workgroups to help initiate and guide conversations around positive health outcomes throughout Baltimore City.

What do we need?

Energetic individuals with:

- Desire and ability to listen and engage with multiple perspectives
- Desire and ability to work and collaborate with diverse groups with long-term goals
- Desire and ability to think about big problems and offer solutions
- Open availability for designated workgroup meeting times

MUST BE A BALTIMORE CITY RESIDENT

Compensation: Community members will receive a \$30/hr stipend for their participation in LHIC workgroups

How do I join/Get more info?

- Email Stephane Bertrand, LHIC Coordinator at stephane.bertrand2@baltimorecity.gov or call at 443-257-5118



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Notes & Takeaways

Why is healthy food accessibility important?

- There are 20 urban farms in Baltimore, and there is a lot of potential for urban agriculture.
- Urban agriculture is an economic pillar and social determinants of health. It provides food and green space, and there is a definite link between green spaces and mental health.
- There are three pieces to the puzzle when talking about food security, availability, access, and utilization.
- Access to food in Baltimore is a big issue, but it also has to do with affordability. People are realizing that the food system is broken and that it needs to be more localized and regional. Different apps are being introduced to get food to people and that is going to become important in the future.

- Importance of being aware of what people are going to eat and encouraging farmers to grow foods that are typical for certain people.
- How to encourage in purchasing and marketing and development with the farmers markets themselves of how it feels like a culturally comfortable place to be.
- The importance of having a list or map of all of the farmers markets and supporting local farmers to educate people in communities to start their own gardens.

Importance of food production for immigrants

- Importance of being aware of what people are going to eat and encouraging farmers to grow foods that are typical for certain people.
- How they would feel buying things from someone they don't know who doesn't look like them.
- How to encourage in purchasing and marketing and development with the farmers markets themselves of how to cultivate a culturally comfortable shopping environment.
- The importance of having a list or map of all of the farmers markets and supporting local farmers to educate people in communities to start their own gardens.

"Having a seat at the table"

- Purchasing is a big concern for members, SNAP has a big role to play in purchasing and making sure people are signed up for SNAP.
- A seat at the table is important, but who can be invited to the group that can help facilitate some of this work? (Farmers, CBOs, Paul's Place, City of Refuge, Entrepreneurs)
- Having them at the table will give us additional ideas. Having entrepreneurs who are willing to think in terms of businesses.
- In New York, there are a lot of small corner stores and grocery stores, but there are no green grocers in rich tourist places.
- The Department of Housing and Community Development is an entity that may need to be at the table. The Department of Planning has a sustainability division and a food policy and resilience division.
- The importance of marketing the significance of urban agriculture in Baltimore.

Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Survey

- This survey is about what kinds of public health issues are most pressing in the city. Please take this survey to help inform our priorities as we move forward. The health department has a policy office, and they are working to change the laws and regulations, the systems, etcetera in our city that impact

public health. We will be starting a collaboration with them soon to learn how to be activated politically on in public health.

- Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA): Please complete and/or share the Baltimore City Community Survey.

****This survey is restricted to people who reside within Baltimore City. ****

- Please note that an additional “Key Stakeholder” survey for community, healthcare and government leadership is in process and we will be sharing that ASAP.

Survey link: https://ascendient.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aXfEbXXEPTLUfJk

QR Code:



[Meeting Recording](#)

<https://youtu.be/OXlgybZaDz4>