

<p>Purpose: Johnson County Food Policy Council Meeting</p> <p>Date: April 15, 2024</p>	<p>Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>Location: Health and Human Services - Room 214B 913 S. Dubuque St. Iowa City, IA 52240 and Zoom Option</p>	<p>Note taker: Camille Veri</p> <p>Members In Attendance: Giselle Bruskewitz, Joe Klingelhutz, Mike Roelf, Penny Rembolt, Michelle Harreld, Bill Weedman, Camille Veri, Zee Brown, Consuelo Guayara Sánchez, Julie Watkins,</p> <p>Ex Officio: Ilsa DeWald, Jon Green, Cassidy Beamer</p> <p>Guests: Debbie Ackerman, Paola Jaramillo Guayara</p> <p>Absent: Hannah Shultz, Deborah Kuiken, Molly Schintler, Emily Roberts</p>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items – Due Date
1. Meeting Called to Order by Giselle @ 6:02pm		
2. Introductions	Icebreaker - Pick an item of your clothing you are wearing right now and say what it says about you.	
3. Minutes Approval	Penny moved to approve, Mike seconds. March minutes were approved.	
4. Discuss 2024 FPC Working Groups	Leadership committee discussed and recommended keeping the working groups we have established: CFFG, value-added products, and rural networking. We will dive more into this in June including goals, activities, new meetings, etc.	
5. Discuss 2024 FPC Recruitment Strategies	<p>This year applications are due May 31. We created a recruitment video – members can share the video on social media from Johnson County accounts.</p> <p>Last month, a question arose around whether you have to be eligible to vote in Johnson County in order to be on the FPC. Ilsa and Cassidy investigated and this rule does not apply to the FPC. The only requirement is that members live in Johnson County.</p> <p>Last meeting we discussed how to recruit more members under the age of 25. We also discussed engaging more youth – in the short-term we don't have a formal structure in place for engaging youth in the community but this could be something to work towards.</p>	Paola and Ilsa to look into possible routes for exploring a stipend pilot.

	<p>What other experiences are we looking for on the council? We discussed more farm workers. What other gaps do we have in organizations represented?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Julie: Public health staff - Penny: Local food pantries - Paola: Can we explore stipends for members to help attract more members who may not otherwise be able prioritize membership? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cassidy: We have looked into this. One barrier to this is that it may need to become a county-wide effort for all boards and commissions – but is this true? - Giselle: All boards operate differently – is this a conversation we can reopen with the county? - Paola: Some commissions do have this. - Jon: There has been a lot of pushback at the county level to offer stipends. Mileage is pretty doable. If we could frame this as a pilot to increase diversity of FPC, we may be able to try this. Jon recommends we try to pitch this next month. <p>Other categories or potential members?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Julie’s friend Simran Sarin – was formerly part of a FPC, is a current med student. - Veronica from Yotopia - Camille to ask Michelle Kenyon from Field to Family about staff interest in joining – potentially Olivia? - Someone from the Global Food Project - Consuela may share with her students, Hannah is bringing it up to her students as well 	
<p>6. Discuss F2F Earth Week Fair Tabling</p>	<p>Cassidy is managing the FPC booth. Camille to help out. Other local orgs will be there, could be a nice opportunity to recruit new members.</p>	
<p>7. Presentation on Impacts and Outcomes of the First CFFG Cycle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We received grant reports at the end of January and Cassidy has been reviewing. - There were 9 awardees, \$100,000 in funding granted total. There were 74 applicants. - Invested in both small businesses and nonprofits, 2 nonprofits (which served over 19 small businesses) and 7 businesses. - 100% of funds were invested in organizations led by BIPOC, LBGTQ+, or person with disability led businesses. - ~\$94,000 went to equipment, infrastructure, and supplies. - ~\$55,000 went to production capacities. - 100% of grantees were able to complete their projects. - Some grantees were not able to finish until the end of 2023 so some impacts are still in process. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grantees felt the grant increased their business viability and some felt it helped them secure additional funding. - Qualitative feedback provided a fuller picture of grant impact. - Grantee spotlight: Center for Worker Justice led a workshop on business planning, financing, branding and advertising, and safe food handling. - Community impacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many grantees reported that the grant will help them increase production in 2024. - Funding helped grantees enter new markets and diversify sales. - Some grantees reported that the grant extended their growing season. - The grant also enabled increased food access, though difficult to quantify how much. - The council discussed how we can better facilitate connections between FPC and Field to Family 	
<p>8. Discuss ISU Community Food Systems + Farm to School and Early Care Conference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coming up on June 13-14. FPC was selected to give a presentation. - We need to get a sense for who from the FPC could attend and who can lead and help coordinate our session on Friday the 14th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Giselle, Zee, and Mike volunteer to lead our presentation. Hannah may also be interested. - Penny volunteered to support Zee with catering and other set up at the Johnson County Poor Farm. - There will also be a CFFG presentation that is turning into a keynote! We will invite past grantees to participate. This would also be on Friday, potentially at 8:30am. 	
<p>9. Updates from Local Food and Farm Manager</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Farm to Street dinner tickets went on sale today. - The next Iowa Food System Coalition meeting is May 9, 9-11:30am on Zoom. The agenda will discuss new policy priorities. They recently hired a new Executive Director. - There will be a send-off gathering for Cassidy on Wednesday, May 22 - Jon introduced his new goats, Hucklebee and Petunia 	
<p>10. Action Items & Agenda for Next Meeting</p>		
<p>Meeting adjourned by Giselle @ 7:58</p>		