

ABFPC General Council Meeting  
April 22, 2013  
4-6p Public Works Building Room 109

Attendees: Terri March, Ellen, Emily Kujawa, Brittany Wager, David Abernathy, Darcel Eddins, Carlye Gates, Mary Lou Kempf

**Check-In/Set Next Meeting Date:** May 20<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm because May 27<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day – location TBD

**Discussion of ABFPC bumper stickers** (Darcel and Ellen)

- Darcel emailed Ellen the Council's concerns regarding the distribution of bumper stickers that say "Stop Mowing, Start Growing" and include the ABFPC website
- Ellen responded to Darcel's concerns
- these bumper stickers will not be distributed – the Council is not ready to have our name put out there in such a public way, we are still working on branding and do not want to send hundreds of people to our website before we all feel confident with it; also brought up process/decision-making – no one person can speak on behalf of the whole council – everything must be brought to the General Council

**Report on Community Health Improvement Plan** (Emily and Terri)

- hand-out was distributed
- a representative from the ABFPC has been invited to serve on the Public Health Advisory Council which is county-specific – more information will be sent out
- having someone from the ABFPC on this Council will help move policy forward – this group oversees the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
- Gordon Smith initially wanted to be the representative but is unable to since he is not able to put his city council hat aside
- every 3 years county does a community health assessment that is aligned with the hospitals; across WNC, counties and hospitals are trying to get aligned to compare across counties, identify/support collective impact; need to develop common indicators
- everyone has been asked to complete the survey that will be used in the CHIP – each cluster should fill it out using one of the strategies that they are looking at related to food security
- cluster members are also encouraged to fill it out on behalf of the organization that they work for
- the results of this survey will be used in the CHIP – a draft is intended to be complete by end of May/early June

**Status of County-level Resolution to recognize ABFPC** (Emily)

- early fall there was a resolution for the County to recognize the ABFPC – a variety of folks helped draft the resolution. It was on the commissioner's meeting agenda for November but it was then tabled
- now, we have new commissioners at the county level
- recently, there was a presentation to the new commissioners given by Gibby – part of the presentation was on the work of the ABFPC
- county is not yet ready to have an "action plan" like the city
- the General Council has been encouraged to draft specific policies to send to commissioners rather than a comprehensive food action plan
- we should ask Gibby if there are priority areas so that we can focus our drafting of specific policies
- Council as a whole thought this task should go to legislative cluster to work on

**Report on speaking to class at Warren Wilson College on 4/15 regarding “Resilient Food Systems”**  
(Susan and Emily)

-last Monday, Susan and Emily presented on the ABFPC in a freshmen class at Warren Wilson; received lots of positive feedback; Laura Lengnick, the professor, wishes to become more actively involved

**Up-date on Fiscal Agent options** (Darcel)

-Darcel is in conversation with Elizabeth McLaughlin from NC Public Health Foundation  
-it is looking like NC Eat Smart Move More may take us under their umbrella  
-Terri plans to talk with Mary B from Eat Smart – wants to assure them that we won’t be competing for grants – anything we seek we would run by them first  
-Elizabeth is excited about the opportunity!

**Up-date from “Communications Working Group”** (Emily)

-unsure of the status – sort of floundering? Need to continue this conversation and improve communications – both internal and external

**Interns for ABFPC – Legislative Cluster (Emily) and Education Cluster** (Brittany)

-Maggie Ullman had a draft of internship application  
-Karen offered to tweak it  
-important to discuss supervisory structure, tasks, etc.  
-Brandee has said in the past that she would be willing to manage interns

**Making contact with “Groundswell International”** (Mary Lou)

-Carlye will make contact with Chris from Groundswell, as requested in an email from Gordon

**Report from Clusters**

-Asset – The Hack for Food – [codeforasheville.org/hackathon](http://codeforasheville.org/hackathon) – June 1<sup>st</sup> at Ab Tech from 9a-9p  
-sponsored by Code for Asheville and the ABFPC – part of the nationwide National Day of Civic Hacking  
-Emily will get powerpoint from Dayna used at Organic Growers School and send to David Abernathy – this may be great to have looping at the hackathon  
-there is a meet and greet social on Mahy 31<sup>st</sup> at 7p-9p at Mojo Coworking – Gordon Smith will introduce the event  
-Access – no updates – didn’t have a meeting this past month – it had been rescheduled  
-Education – new google group; Julie Loveless as facilitator and communicator; wants to bring child nutrition director to a meeting to share information/facts about school food; perhaps bringing child nutrition director in from Henderson County  
-Land Use – met with Buncombe Parks and Rec about how to grow food on county land; partnerships with schools may be a good place to start

**Gordon**

-choosing to take a step back as he is becoming more involved with his City Council campaign  
-emails he receives about the Council are going to Mary Lou  
-has a meeting with Groundswell International folks on Monday at 1pm  
-willing to serve as a liaison/contact person so he can help carry things from the ABFPC to the City council

**Other**

-ABFPC Coordinator Position description has been drafted – will be sent out; people can comment – feedback to be sent to Emily Kujawa by May 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Closing Round**

**\*\*All clusters have been asked to complete the survey for the CHIP (emailed out) and to nominate a person from your cluster for the Public Health Advisory Council (important to use Dynamic Governance)**

### **Items for Next Agenda:**

- choosing representative from the ABFPC to serve on the county-level Public Health Advisory Council
- status of the Communications Working Group
- internships with the ABFPC – reviewing draft internship application and what this might look like
- elect new ABFPC 3-month facilitator