

Food Justice Momentum Team: 7-29-09

16 Attendees *see sign in sheet

Diana Ross opens the meeting with 2 tasks for the FJMT:

- Need a representative for august 7th training session 9-1. Jen Chandler will attend.
- Team will need to have a resident engagement plan - organize or formal data

Why we are here and what we want to get out of this team:

- American Community gardening association
- Resident – concerned around issues for seniors -
- SPIN/Caring Council
- Resident – house leader - access to healthy food
- Organization focused on people growing own food by 2010
- Resident – Casa Saludables, area planning committee- a community center for the community like Sherman heights center –
- Resident – house leader – Casa Saludables – school issues keep kid out of the system
- Alliance for African Assistance Interested in distribution with dignity
- Resident – Feeding America – food justice is access to food and next is being able to grow it
- Grad student at UCSD – food justice as part of a larger picture of environmental justice – networking with racial justice, environmental justice, . . . putting these at the intersection
- Researcher – Shelia – urban historian
- Price charities – watching how the meetings work
- Emergency food distribution – distribution system is not enough and not good enough
- Jen – teaching food education class found people know what to eat but don't always have access.
- HHSA (Juana) connection with cap – community liaison – role in this group is bringing info on county programs
- HHSA food stamps planning – to support nutrition efforts (for Dale Fleming)
- HHSA Jack --- legal aid for food stamp recipients – particular interest in homeless access to gov't systems
- UCSD Epidemiologist/anthropologist – focus on obesity and tobacco – obesity is the key to eliminating health disparities
- HHSA Jayne county central region – health team –role networking gaining and sharing information – county has obesity initiative - also on stamp it out committee with ca nutrition network ;; “eat right when times are tight” brochure.
- Ellee – IRC – community garden and farming – creating access to land – city heights farmers market – creating solutions to the inequitable system
- Lisa – CHWC – dietitian - interest in nutrition /Food Justice

Jayne is liaison to research and evaluation team – Fernanda and Shelia are also on the communication and technology resource team.

Need to figure out: How are we going to know if we are having an impact?

What does food justice mean and how does it tie to obesity?

- Global discussion on water as a right or need – food is the same thing
- If it's a right why are there these inequities – its not about how much but how distributed
- Food banks etc – give out mostly bread – what are we putting on people's table
- Issue is much more access than education
- Food justice is about individual and access change
- Equality of access – not level –
- If there is access to unhealthy food – why not access to healthy food?
- Difference between trying to change behavior and trying to change the system – more productive goal is right to choice – in this society food is not a citizen or human right – it is a consumer right if you can afford you can have it
- Differential pricing according to geography
- Its not snacks its access to healthy food throughout the month
- Biologically the pattern of eating causes the food to turn to fat more quickly
- Suggest we id areas where we can make changes –e.g. disparity in the cost of food by geography

Question: People in agencies or gov't – are we perpetuating the issues?

- One issue about the quality of food being given out
 - System Issues
 - food banks/emergency food
 - food stamps
 - federal programs and food policies/subsidies
 - housing, transportation, racism, density
 - local markets – too expensive regardless of the quality of food

DESCRIPTION OF THE FOOD JUSTICE MOMENDUM TEAM *See handouts from the meeting

RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT PLAN:

Elements needed:

- Childcare - Jack
- Time – Lisa and Sahra
- Interpretation - Fernanda
- Cultural competence –openness- Lisa and Sahra
- Orientation to what we are doing and why we are asking them-Expectations – Russell and Bill
- Fundraising –transparency – Ellee
- Relevancy – Shelia
- Transportation-Jeannette
- Incentives – Bill
- Evaluation – Jayne and Shelia
- Outreach - Bryan

What do we want to bring next week: (August 5th)

- Identify issues – recommendations
- Challenges/Barriers

(Access to data – Example: What was done before the farmers market? What data was collected?)