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**Lincoln County Nutrition Coalition Meeting**  
**Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill WI 54452**  
**Friday, September 8, 2023 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**  
**Meeting Location: Service Center-2-247/248: GSB North Conference Room**  
**801 N. Sales St., Merrill, WI 54452**

**In Person Members:** Lexi Buntrock, Lincoln County Health Department, Jane Bentz, Aspirus Health, Shara Allan Food Wise, Terri Kolb, Food Wise, Danielle Bender, Lincoln County Health Department

**Teleconference:** N/A

Agenda Item	Notes	Action Item
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Buntrock called meeting to order 10:12 am	
2. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting	Kolb makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Buntrock seconds the motion. All eyes for meeting minute’s approval.	
3. Open discussion of current state/local legislation influencing nutrition	No updates.	
4. Action Planning - CHIP	<p><b>Objective 1:</b></p> <p>-Food Wise will be involved with schools. Connect to the curriculum director. Kolb is currently onboarding prior to starting the programming piece. Interested in exploring “Harvest of the Month” Social marketing campaign with fresh produce, working with schools—taste testing, recipe distribution, bringing what is happening in the school to home (The resources are already documented)</p> <p>-October Apple Crunch—Very limited to only provide a bite of food per child. Is there a donor?</p>	<p>Buntrock will work on updating the action plan based on discussion and put in easier format, then will share with coalition prior to finalizing.</p> <p>Buntrock work on updating the Food Resource Guide</p>

--Merrill do cooking demonstrations 2x/year for HeadStart parents, Tomahawk is a bit different. Cooking demonstrations include cooking appliances. We are not able to do Tomahawk because there has to be a % of individuals that have free/reduced lunches.

-Tomahawk Main street- Farmers market

-Merrill Farmers Market- new person running it

-Report some sort of data graph to show the efforts that are going towards the goals.

-Add standing agenda item of events.

-Expand participation with nutrition coalition meetings

-Buntrock to develop a call to action template to assist with advocacy.

**Objective 2:**

-Update Nutrition Food Resource Guide- funding from Aspirus (Jane)

-Find Help (platform for referrals) Buntrock and Bentz to have a meeting in regards to find help and the referrals.

-Promoting food pantries/ head start/ any place where it is low-income is getting the farmers market coupons.

-Food prescription—through Aspirus- paying for medication and then there is not enough for food. Coupons used at farmers market. Coupon for \$20—will get the counts at the end of the year of how many people are utilizing these coupons.

-Aspirus is looking into fresh food box for certain patients/ certain diagnosis—there is not much information on this right now- just starting

-Aspirus NEEDS to focus on low income, pay \$5 get \$15 worth of food!

-Marathon county developed a video for showing how to use EBT.

-Campaign to be developed during the “off-season” Summer 2024

-Food demonstrations at Farmers Market

-Food pantry assessment, making improvements to become healthier

-October 20 (Rhineland) —Food Wise is working on a Food Pantry Network, learning what it takes to be a pantry, have volunteers create a safe atmosphere—become more trauma-informed.

-Food pantries in schools-Anyway we can improve this?

	-Harvest of the month, 1 campaign every year? Every other year?	
5. Review Coalition Work a. Gleaning Project b. Food Pantry Assessments c. 5210 Collaboration/ Campaigns d. Hydroponic Gardens e. Food Demos f. School Wellness Policies g. Promotional Materials	A) Aspirus donating food to food pantries- Good Samaritan Food act. Food pantry gets whats left from Kwik trip, county market, Walmart. Room for expansion. B) Nothings been done. C) September is Childhood Obesity Month. LCHD has scheduled a series of 5210 promotion throughout the month on our FB page. D) Buntrock to touch base with the schools. Check in with St. Marys (Tomhawk). Reach out to St. Johns E) Discussion. F) Partnership is trying to be developed between Nutrition Coalition members and schools. G) Please get out insulated bags with resources of the nutrition food resource and healthy eating substitutes and the healthy temperatures of meat. There is a survey that can be distributed.	
6. Partner Update	-Aspirus Introducing Find Help platforms -New food wise staff.	
7. Recruit new coalition members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Partner/Participant Survey: <a href="https://forms.gle/dvTX5j5tVM85pwSe7">https://forms.gle/dvTX5j5tVM85pwSe7</a></li> <li>Tranquil Acres in Tomahawk</li> </ul>	View the Partner Survey to the left. Please provide suggestions.
9. Next Meeting Date(s)	-Next meeting(s): TBD. -Schedule Quarterly Meetings for 2024 -Do a different day. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month? Opposite month? -Nutrition Coalition meetings will be held in LCHD Clinic Room from now on.	
10. Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Bentz, seconded by Allan. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjournment at 11:23 am.	

**Submitted by: Danielle Bender 9/8/2023**