



Friday, January 26, 2024, 9:30-11:00 am

Lincoln County Health Department, Clinic Room

Members Present:

X Aspirus Merrill/Tomahawk Hospitals Jane Bentz	X Healthfirst, Inc. Morgan Thums	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lincoln County Health Department Lexi Buntrock
X UW-Extension Food Wise Terry Kolb, Shara Allen		

Partners Present:

Agenda Item	Notes	Action Items
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Buntrock at 9:32 am.	
2. Welcome and Introductions	Introductions were made.	
3. Approve Minutes of September 8, 2023 Meeting	Motion to approve minutes by Bentz, seconded by Thums. All ayes. Motion carried.	
4. Agenda Items A. Open discussion of current state/local legislation influencing nutrition/healthy lifestyles B. Action Plan - Dashboard Updates & Review Annual Work Plan / Aspirus Health Funding	A. Current State/Local Legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WPHA/WALHDAB Supports Healthy School Meals for All Legislation - WPHA and WALHDAB also agreed to support draft legislation that provides enough state funding to K-12 public and private schools statewide so that all school children may receive a free breakfast and/or lunch each day at school. Under this bill, meals would be available to all students, regardless of family income. Also, families would no longer need to complete income verification and related paperwork. Governor Evers also included this proposal in the Fiscal Year 2023-2025 budget that he submitted to the legislature in early 2023, but it was ultimately not included in the final budget that he signed into law. ● Additional Funding Over Summer for Families who Qualify for Free & Reduced Lunch B. Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dashboard Updates – Group made some updates to the CHIP 2023-2028 Healthy Lifestyles Dashboard directly. Buntrock will request addition report outs via email. Report out is for 2023 quarters 3 & 4. 	Buntrock will send out request of dashboard data to coalition members.

<p>C. Review Coalition Work and How It Aligns with Action Plan and Annual Work Plan (ex. Gleaning, Food Pantry Assessment, Campaigns, Hydroponic Gardens, Food Demos, School Wellness Policy, Promotional Materials, Lincoln County Food Resource Guide)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2024 Healthy Lifestyles Work Plan – Buntrock drafted a work plan for the year based on preliminary discussion from coalition members at the last meeting. Reviewed today. Coalition Members made suggestions. See attached work plan. ● Aspirus Health Funding – Each organization can submit a funding request to Aspirus, but Buntrock can do one on behalf of the coalition. Make it separate from Healthy Minds. <p>C. Review Coalition Work – Moving forward this will be part of b. (Action Plan Updates) and d. (Member/Partner Updates).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gleaning – Buntrock presented Gleaning Toolkit for approval. After coalition members reviewed, a motion to approve the toolkit was made by Bentz, seconded by Allen. All ayes. Motion to approve carried. Current Update on Gleaning efforts: Bentz reported their gleaning efforts are down, but Merrill Food Pantry is in need of more. So they could use additional gleaning. LCHD has potential funding to pay for funding of containers. Food Pantry can purchase the containers much cheaper. Talk to them about submitting a request. Buntrock will check in with all the pantries about accepting gleaned foods. As a coalition, we brainstormed list of places to get the toolkit out to: –Potentially Environmental Health Specialist from LCHD present the toolkit while out doing restaurant inspections. –Other places: Church Mutual, Pine River, Golden Harvest, County Market - expand beyond bread, other gas stations, Mexican Restaurants, Eagles, Club 64, any fast food restaurants, Nursing Homes, Merrill Distributing. ● Food Pantry Assessment – Kolb, Allen and Buntrock currently working on this initiative and have been meeting as a subgroup. Plans to meet with the Merrill Food Pantry late February. Possible funding through the Health Department for Pantry needs. Possibly will look at doing the assessment with other food pantries in Lincoln County afterwards. ● Campaigns – discuss Farmers Market Campaign. Buntrock, Bentz, Kolb will work together on this. ● Hydroponic Gardens – Buntrock reported out that Washington Elementary School is using their hydroponic garden (only update since last check in and update). Trinity has a new principal and Buntrock explained what the hydroponic garden 	
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	<p>was and how it worked. He will see if any of this staff are interested in leading this initiative. This will no longer be an agenda item, but as Buntrock gets updates, Buntrock will share.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food Demos - PRSYL and Tomahawk Head Start occurred in Fall 2023 - updated in dashboard. Food Pantries, Low Income Housing - Aspirus was doing, but not time. UW Extension might be able to. Discussion will happen. ● School Wellness Policy – Partnership efforts are being made to between Healthy Lifestyles members and school. ● Promotional Materials – Buntrock reported out on what we have available: Insulated bags, healthy substitute magnets, healthy temperatures and cooking measurements magnet. Survey to go along with these. Request materials through Buntrock. ● Lincoln County Food Resource Guide - Updated! View on our website. Has been professionally printed with our updated logo. Hot off the press – just got the copies this week. Note: New logo was branded to match our Live Well Lincoln brand. 	
<p>D. Member/Partner Updates</p>	<p>D. Member/Partner Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UW Extension - Harvest of the Month Campaign. Stockboxes - Erin Wells and Merrill Enrichment Center stepped down and UW Extension taken over the admin piece for now. Need partners to help. Possibly Merrill Food Pantry? Looking for additional partners. Happens both in Merrill and Tomahawk. Tomahawk Admin is taken care of. Day of, Church Mutual sends people. Needing more help with the admin. Not much time - 1-2 times. Need more help with data collection and answering the phone. Trying to streamline so not much work. Suggestion: Check with churches, St. Vinnies. Last year, over \$27,000 worth of food distributed last year. 85-90 boxes per month about. Make sure it is listed on FindHelp. ● Aspirus - Jane working on getting reports out from Farmers Market on coupons and Fruit & Veggies Prescription Program given out by the provider. 	
<p>E. Member/Partner Agreement Survey</p>	<p>E. Member/Partner Agreement Update – Buntrock will send survey with the meeting minutes to assess partners' membership status and areas of interest. https://forms.gle/SCpLFqGQpxeNoMTC6</p>	<p>All coalition member/partners asked to complete Coalition Agreement Survey.</p>

F. Recruitment of New Coalition Members	F. Recruitment of New Coalition Members - Discussed while looking at work plan. Possible partners: Tranquil Times, PRSYL, Food Pantry. All members work on recruitment.	
6. Adjournment	Next meeting is April 26 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 am. Buntrock adjourned the meeting.	

Minutes submitted by: Lexi Buntrock, Public Health Educator, 1/26/24