



Food Security Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. SoMD Fridges
3. Food Pantry Platform
4. LMPP Community Garden
5. Updates & Suggestions
6. Next Meeting

Introductions

- Shan Chen
- Carla Wilson
- Christine Allred
- Aniko Renee
- Mike Martines

SoMD Fridges

- HSMP is continuing to look at locations to house the next SoMD Fridge in St. Mary's County
 - Considering the following regions of the county
 - North - Charlotte Hall?
 - South - Ridge?
- If you have any ideas or have a contact, please reach out!

Food Pantry Platform

- Wellcheck is continuing to develop the food pantry platform
- Reaching out to food pantries/organizations to obtain their contact information, hours of operation, and point of contact
 - We have obtained 8 profiles so far!
- We will be scheduling a training/info session for the food pantries on how to use the platform at the end of this month
- Idea: Including the Community Garden as a potential profile for distributing fresh produce?

LMPP Community Garden

- Carla Wilson of St. Mary's County Community Development Corporation spoke about the upcoming Lexington Manor Passive Park Community Garden.
- The community garden will be a hybrid model, featuring communal plots and rental plots. In ground plots, ADA-accessible beds, and raised beds are available.
- The garden is governed by a steering committee and features smaller committees that focus on topics such as planting and education.
 - The education committee includes partners like University of Maryland Extension and Master Gardeners.
- The Community Garden meetings are hybrid-style, on the first Friday of each month. Meetings take place at Lexington Park Library!
- For more information on the community garden or to request a virtual meeting invite, email Carla.

Updates & Suggestions

- SNAP-Ed is able to develop recipes for individuals receiving its Pantry Bags. Pantry bags contains foods needed to make a meal - a “meal in a bag.” Contact Christine for more information on pantry bags.
- Christina & Frank Allen are helping to support SNAP-Ed’s school gardens by providing seeds/starter plants. They are also purchasing seeds for the upcoming community garden. The Allens are knowledgeable on specific topics, such as gardening, and would be great to consider as a speaker(s).
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is beginning to plan for next year’s Bag Hunger event. The date is TBD.

Next Meeting

- Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 2:30-3:00 PM