

Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Date & Location: Wednesday, June 21, 2023; United Way of Greater Knoxville

Type of Meeting: Educational

Recorder: Brett Foster

Attending Appointed (Voting) Members; bolded names in attendance	Bruce Crabtree Bailey Foster Brett Foster Laura Deubler Ross Jones Sara Keel Marisa Moazen Jen Russomanno Rylan Thompson Lauren Woods Donna Wright
Attending Associated (Non-voting) Members; bolded names in attendance	Beth Brown Adam Caraco Kara Finger Nicole Gross Lisa Healy Travis Henderson Marissa McKeague Judith Pelot Charlotte Rodina Wade Seifert Marsha Spence Caesar Stair Erin Sweeney Vivian Williams
Other Attendees	Jessie Hillman—Knoxville-Knox County Planning Madelyn Howe—Knox County Health Department Fiona McAnally—City of Knoxville Kimberly Pettigrew—United Way Greater Knoxville Marissa Spady—No Kid Hungry Amir Al-Bami—AMAC Ashlynn Anderson—United Way Annabel Arbelaez—Nourish Knoxville Kat Bike—Nourish Knoxville Alexis Coughlin—UTK Samiul Hague—Knoxville-Knox County Planning Mary Clay Kline—Second Harvest Hailey Lewis—UT graduate Courtney Liles—Second Harvest

	<p>Elizabeth McKenzie—Nourish Knoxville Pooja Patel—Second Harvest Porschia Prickett—Wesley House Kelci Sutherland—Nourish Knoxville Lillie Sutton—KCDC AmeriCorps</p>
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1.	Welcome and Introductions: Bailey Foster
2.	<p>Presentation: No Kid Hungry (Marissa Spady)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In TN, 1 in 8 kids are facing hunger. No Kid Hungry is working to end childhood hunger by making sure every kid gets three meals a day. • Share Our Strength is parent organization out of Washington, D.C. • How No Kid Hungry works to end hunger: Grants, Research, Outreach, Training, Advocacy & Awareness • Text “Food” or “Comida” to 304-304 to find free, healthy meals in specific communities. • Food Insecurity by region: 44.7% in West TN, 37.5% in Middle TN, 43.7% in East TN • Hunger is an education issue, a health issue, an economic issue. • TN DHS and TDOE oversee federal meal programs in TN • No Kid Hungry campaign in TN began around school breakfast (breakfast after the bell service models: grab & go carts, breakfast in the classroom, 2nd chance breakfast) • CACFP Afterschool Meals (evening meal and/or snack): area eligible (50% or greater free/reduced) sites only. • Summer Meals: open sites can serve any two of the following meals per day: breakfast, AM snack, lunch, PM snack, supper. Meals are free to any child 18 and under. • How No Kid Hungry can help: individualized community assessment, promotion and marketing support, identify additional sites/sponsors in area, grant assistance, brainstorming, media. • Child Nutrition Sponsor Gathering: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 AM EST (DHS joins for updates and opportunity for questions; share resources, grant opportunities, advocacy opportunities; opportunity to ask questions, learn from fellow sponsors) • Mayors Alliance: individual and collective leadership of Mayors to take meaningful actions to end childhood hunger in cities nationwide. 220 mayors nationwide. • New website has launched: Center for Best Practices

3.	<p>Organizational Updates and Announcements:</p> <p><u>Knox County Schools</u>—update on LINQ Connect-new free/reduced application portal; encouraged completion of applications; Medicaid matching project through TDOE to increase eligibility for free/reduced meals based on participation in Medicaid will begin next school year.</p> <p><u>American Heart Association</u>—wrapped up CPR/AED Awareness Week; partnered with Second Harvest for produce (used QR codes to direct to AHA recipes); cold storage applications are still open; collaboration with KCHD with selective food pantries to lead with a heart-healthy lens</p> <p><u>KCDC</u>—looking for organizational help with signup to help take residents grocery shopping; garden parties at all properties (looking for gardening supply donations); decline in population at Western Heights, Northgate under renovation, 5 Points has new management team, First Creek—opening waiting list for 180 units soon; July 6—Love Towers—ribbon cutting on health clinic; building first new property for Veterans only (</p> <p><u>Nourish Knoxville</u>—full swing in farmers markets; all markets have officially opened and experiencing record days (last kids program—236 kids)</p> <p><u>Real Good Kitchen</u>—July “Pay what you can” fried chicken lunch (Daddy D’s food truck participating); summer suppers on the road with indoor events</p> <p><u>Knoxville-Knox County Planning</u>—staffing, new team member present today—more planners to do less reactive planning and more long-range planning/community engagement; Hailey Lewis is interning with a focus on how planning/zoning impacts food access</p>
4.	<p>Meeting Adjourned.</p>

Upcoming Meetings:

July 19, 2023—Annual Retreat, City County Building, Small Assembly Room