

**Vision 2020 Backpack Nutrition Program  
5/18/18 Minutes**

Attendance: Auttum Powell, AmeriCorps Member; Jackie Siegel, Community Member; Jan Novak, DHS; Judy Harris, League of Women Voters; Justine Riesterer, AmeriCorps Member; Lynda Worden, Pine River HCE; Mary LaBlanc, DHS; Patti Miller, Community Member; Peggy Hetzel, Oasis HCE; Rose Schultz, Community Member.

**Call to order:** Jan at 9:00am

Roll call & Introductions: Sign in sheet

Approval of Agenda: Mary motioned, Patti second- carried

Approval of Minutes: Patti motioned, Lynda second- carried

Public Comments: N/A

**Backpack Nutrition Program History & Operations:** Jan handed out a paper with Fast facts about Backpack program on it. Jan explained how backpack is a workgroup of the Vision 2020 Committee, and that committee is under the Waushara Prevention Council. In 2011, Pine River HCE donated \$100 toward the development of the program. They were the first organization to offer financial support.

**Waushara Industries Site Visit:** The committee went to WI to look at the room where the items are stored and packed during the school year. They committee then got to meet with some of the volunteers that helped the program this school year and thank them for their service.

**Unfinished Business:**

Riverview Expansion Option: Jan is waiting to hear back from the building principal regarding the option of hiring lunch program employees to distribute program food to students. The committee reviewed printouts from the Wisconsin Dept. Public Instruction showing local free or reduced lunch rates in elementary schools. Riverview's FRLP rate is 61.7%. Based on the 2017-2018 data 246 students would be eligible to participate in the program.

The committee also looked at the data from the schools we already serve (Coloma 54.5%; Redgranite 64.8%; Tri-County 68.1%). Jan also gave out the Waushara County Economic Profile and talked about the poverty rate in Waushara County.

Kwik Trip Coupon Donation: Jan submitted a request to the foundation and it takes about 4/6 weeks to hear back (about mid-June). The request is to provide 2700 \$1 off fresh fruit purchase or cash/credit equivalent to increase access to fresh fruit.

The committee discussed making sure families have at least two weeks to redeem grocery coupons that are sent home. **Jan** and **Auttum** will adjust expiration and distribution plans.

Dollar General has opened in Coloma and may be a better option than Wautoma Kwik Trip for fresh food coupons for participating families. **Jan** will follow up.

The committee agreed to change white bread to wheat bread on coupons for the next school year.

**New Business:**

United Way Allocation: The local United Way allocations are managed by the United Way of Portage County. They continue to fund programs who received grant support in the past based on donations collected for Waushara County. The program received \$4,258 for expenses from April – January 2018. A funding report is due February 2019.

2018-2019 Meeting Schedule: Auttum Suggested to meet in July to prepare for the next school year. Then the following meeting would be September instead of October since there will be a change of AmeriCorps members. The committee will meet the third Friday of every other month from 9-11am with labeling to follow from 11-Noon. Meeting dates for 2018-2019 School Year are:

July 20	9-Noon
Sept. 21	9-Noon
Nov. 16	9-Noon
Jan 18	9-Noon
March 15	9-Noon
May 17	9-Noon

Year-end reports, including parent survey results will be shared at the July meeting. Recognition of Waushara Industries volunteers and staff will be coordinated by **Auttum** and **Justine**.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Brochure Review: Brief discussion regarding Vision2020 brochures and possible revisions. Consider adding “partners/donors” on the back to recognize them and changing “low income” to “eligible” and combining the first two sentences to backpack program description.

**Motion to Adjourn** 11:06am Lynda, Judy second – motion carried

Submitted by: Auttum Powell