

Vision 2020 Meeting

May 14, 2018

10:30 -12:00 PM

Mission “to engage and mobilize individuals, families and organization in efforts to build a community of opportunity.”

Present: Jan Novak, Dept. Human Services; Patrick Nehring UW extension; Mary Ann Schilling UW Extension; Tracy Bastar, Dept. Human Services Economic Support; Bruce Runnels, Grace United Methodist Church, Amber Gotch, Hancock Research Station and Becky Schmidt, Heartland House Administrator.

1. Call to order – Jan welcomed Attendees and called meeting to order at 10:35am.
2. Meeting Secretary- Tracy Bastar will take notes for this meeting
3. Roll call and introductions
4. Approval of Agenda – Amber made a motion to approve, Mary Ann seconded, Motion carried.
5. Approval of Jan 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes- Bruce made a motion to approve, second by Tracy, Motion Carried.
6. Public Comments- Watched the video *The Ounce of Prevention –The First 5 Years Change Everything*
7. Workgroup reports
 - a. Backpack Nutrition Program – Representative Scott Krug will be the May 18 meeting and at Waushara Industries to review our Back Pack Nutrition Program.
 - b. Food Connections – The garden is ready for planting at Grace United Methodist Church. The garden at St. Marks has no gardeners signed up and may not continue if families do not make use of it. Recruiting families and/or volunteers interested in growing produce for local pantries. Letters sent out to community partners to sponsor a garden, waiting on replies. Patrick and Amber working on a gleaning program to propose to area farmers. Requests that Vision 2020 make formal request to Waushara County administration for a liability insurance policy rider to cover program volunteers. Looking to engage service oriented groups like FFA or 4H to do gleaning on local farms. Their target date is May 25, 2018 for the program outline to be completed. Discussion about setting up gardens at local CBRF s and Nursing homes as an alternative model to make fresh produce available to lower income households and engage residents interested in gardening and being involved in the community.
 - c. Financial Wellness – Workgroup is forming as a tri-county effort involving Green Lake, Marquette and Waushara Counties. The group’s next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5th at ThedaCare in Berlin from 8:30-10am. She would like to include Economic Support, ADRC, Food Pantry, W-2 and F-set workers to identify ways to reach families and find GAPS in financial wellness services. Financial Education services are currently being completed by Mary Ann. She recently completed a 4 part session with Waushara County Jail inmates doing Financial Wellness Classes. Contact MaryAnn Schilling for more information.

d. Education & Outreach - Jan and Pat are working with a group of clergy who are interested in taking a more active role in addressing local poverty issues. Vision 2020 is facilitating their planning process. They recently decided to organize a Festival entitled We ARE in Christ on Sunday, September 9th at Hope Lutheran Church in Wautoma. The festival will include workshops regarding Advocacy – Resources – Education to kick off a number of related activities such as a CROP Walk and Shanty Town. UW-Extension/Vision 2020 will lead a Community Food Challenge simulation at the event and will be recruiting V2020 volunteers.

8. Unfinished Business

Reviewed changes made to the 2018 Economic Security profile per recommendations made during the January meeting and subsequent electronic review by V2020 members. Motion to approve the 2018 Economic Security profile as presented by Amber, second Mary Ann, Motion carried.

9. New Business:

- a. Vision 2020 Brochure – Reviewed current brochure with the following recommended updates: Backpack Nutrition Program revise language describing the program to clarify number of schools being served and remove “high needs”; Food Connections add link to connect consumers with fresh food stands, remove “Sacred Heart”, change Fresh Food Atlas to Directory and remove date of publication in county guide; change 501©3 information to charitable nonprofit; and explore options to receive donations electronically. **Workgroups will get revised brochure text and photos to Jan by June 18th for brochure updates.**
- b. Book Study – Received list of potential titles for a V2020 book read. The committee will continue exploring this activity at July meeting and establish targets to facilitate book study among committee members or at community level.
- c. Strategies to advance mission –
 - Reviewed list of items not covered by Food Share program which could be considered for specialized drive. The information was received from Marty Lee at the Waushara Food Pantry. Pet Food, Paper products and Hygiene products are on top of the list of needed items.
 - Consider promoting resources at the County Fair (\$100 Exhibitor Fee) or as an unmanned display booth in the Family Living Building
 - Send information in existing newsletters – school districts, 4H, Dept. of Aging, etc.
 - Use Prevention Pointers column which is free weekly article in Waushara Resorter
 - Produce and distribute ½ sheet flyer to target groups/communities that contains resource information. Prioritize communities and info to include, organize in phases
 - Volunteer at events – Community Food Challenge on September 9th or other community activities that support our mission/goal
 - Create exhibits and display at county libraries for consumers to view and obtain resources or at food pantries.

10. Next meeting and Agenda Items: **Next meeting will be July 16, 2018 Location TBD. 10:30-12.**

Agenda Items

- Update to the 2020 brochure.
- Book Study activity to read and review suggested books on poverty. Handouts given were The American Way of Poverty, The working Poor and Hand to Mouth. A study Guide of Evicted poverty and profit in American city.
- Gleaning outline & Insurance.

11. Motion to Adjourn MaryAnn, Second Amber. Motion Carries. Adjourned 12:05pm