

Food and Nutrition Commission Meeting
August 8, 2011
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Ramsey County Plato Conference Center
90 W. Plato Blvd., Saint Paul, 55107

5:30 **Welcome and Introductions** (Becky/Hai)

5:40 **Announcements and upcoming events** (All)

Aug. 18, 5:30 – 7:30, Local Foods Night at St. Paul Reformation Church, 100 N. Oxford St

Aug. 30, 9:00 – 4:00, Urban Ag Tour, F&N Comm. to be part of the opening panel discussion

Oct. 24, National Food Day, opportunity to have table at UofM Coffman Union
<http://foodday.org/>

Saint Paul Farmers' Market table (Katie)

Others

5:50 **Progress Report on Recommendations Preparation** (Becky/Hai)

- Where are task force recommendations in the process of being ready to be compiled with the others?
- What suggestions do you have for the format that we will use for these recommendations?
- Given what I know about the recommendations from my task force, what questions do I have about how to fit these recommendations into this format?
- What will the review process look like for the Commission in September? (For example: elimination of duplication; determination of which recommendations are cost neutral; prioritization in terms of importance, low hanging fruit, longer-term work to build support and/or need for funding, etc.)

Commission Discussion:

- What will be important to consider as the Commission reviews and finalizes its recommendations?
- What are important features that we would like to have as part of the review process?
- Once we finalize the recommendations, what are the next steps we will need to take to move them forward?
- How do we want to keep the many people who have volunteered with the task forces involved?

6:20 Elevator Speeches and Making the Case (Becky/Hai & All)

At the last Commission meeting, members determined that scheduling one-on-one meetings with key policymakers at the district, city and county levels was an important next step.

- Who were the elected policymakers we identified as those we need to connect with?
- Who is willing to attend these meetings?
- What is the process for getting them scheduled?
- When do we want to complete these meetings?
- What are the important talking points to cover?
- What information do we want to get from the policymakers?

Practice talking points in pairs (15 minutes)

Follow-up Conversation (Large Group)

Why is sticking to talking points important for these conversations?

What is challenging about trying to talk about the Commission's work in the context of talking points?

What will be important for Commission members to consider as they have these meetings?

7:00 Discussion of evaluation survey for Commission members (Marijo Wunderlich)

7:10 Developing the Awards Program (Linda & Nadja)

- What are next steps for moving forward with an awards program?
- What decisions do we need to make tonight to get this process rolling?
- What timeline do we want for developing a process, soliciting and reviewing nominations, determining an awards event, and executing the first annual effort?

7:25 Questions and Closing Comments

Next meetings:

Monday, Sept. 12 (Monday after Labor Day), 5:30 – 7:30, Plato Conference Center

Monday, Oct. 3, 5:30 – 7:30, Plato Conference Center