

SECOND HELPINGS WORKING GROUP MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2014, 1:00–3:00PM, CDC QUINTE, 65 STATION STREET, BELLEVILLE

IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Kiley Mullaly, Wendy Anderson, Maribeth deSnoo, Steve van de Hoef (chair), Ruth Ingersoll, Nicole Chevalier, Beverley Bell-Rowbotham (recorder)

REGRETS: Kelly Mathieson, Brandi Hodge, Ashley Hartnett, Carolyn McInnis, Kellie Brace

MANDATE:

Second helpings (Food Reclamation Project) Working Group is responsible for identifying and implementing one or more actionable projects that will improve access to healthy food by children, youth and families in Hastings-Prince Edward.

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1. Welcome			
2. Review of Agenda	Focus on evaluation and next steps		
3. Overview	1. Regular attendance has decreased over time: 23 > 7. Three people have resigned from their jobs, and some agencies have changed their priorities. 2. Review of long range outcomes: a. Primary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals who are hungry have improved access to nutritious food • Measurable reduction in food waste 		

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	b. Parallel tracks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More dense network of food program providers • Better understanding of the needs of food program providers and of the system of food programs that address hunger and food insecurity in HPE 		
4. Evaluation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some success on parallel track outcomes but not on the primary outcomes 2. Learned a lot about what's happening behind the scene e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of food waster due to business margins • Development of Food Access Guide • Impossible to reach objectives from side of our desks • Lot of work: can't be accomplished without dedicated time/resources • Lots of affirmation, but lots of work • After the launch, lots of good press but nothing from the community • Problems with decentralized structure • Positive stuff already happening in community • Need to develop core messaging, long range planning • Transition needed eventually to self-government or part of an agency • Setback when no agency could take it on • Perceived barriers to food reclamation greater than the real barriers >> importance of messaging piece • Not much food from restaurants >> better to invest time in caterers • Need to invite key stakeholders to be around table >> food producers, food programs (besides CDCQ) • Importance of volunteer sign-up pledges • Can't get grants without an organization 		

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5. Options	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Self-incorporation 2. Aligning with a community organization (criteria: food distribution program, willing to go beyond themselves) 3. Partnering with Loving Spoonful 4. Launch a specific project in community to put more food into the food chain 5. Dissolve 		
6. Reflections of how we've worked together	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two different groups came together: different personalities >> good job to work together >> listened to each other >> built consensus >> collaborative and respectful >> took time but good outcome to figure out a project 2. The work is important and valid, but breaking it into groups perhaps slowed it down >> the subgroups fragmented the group and there was no central coordination 3. The co-chairs did a good job of facilitation , but we lacked coordination 4. Lack of central coordination was a problem but no one had the time to take on that role 5. Consensus that we were not ready yet to pull the plug 		
7. Next Steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Move to continue in an advisory capacity: develop tools, could start to write grant applications >> idea of working toward getting a lead agency 2. Develop a specific project >> with end date and coordination 		Steve and Ruth will put together a proposal
8. Next Meeting	October 29, 1:30-3:30 pm @ CDC Quinte to discuss options		Be there or send proxy