

# Food Access, Outreach and Education Task Force Meeting

February 10, 2014 at 3:00  
Fargo Cass Public Health Room #1

Present: Kim Lipetzky, Cheryl Stetz, Anita Marocco, Lloyd Harding, Lynne Wolff, Randy Bach, Johanna Christensen

## Brief updates

- \*On million square feet of food gardens challenge - meeting February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am; at the Hjemkomst Center – join us if interested!
- \*One Vegetable One Community - squash
- \*Victory gardens display at Hjemkomst
- \*Community Garden public forum and workshop March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- \*October 24<sup>th</sup> summit at DMF, bring the Food Systems Plan “alive”

## Discussion on what we want to work on for the upcoming year (see parts of the Food Systems Plan)

### 1. Food Deserts: (see food access maps)

-Partner with the 2 mobile FM – Randy Bach shared information on future plans, not only with mobile truck but with CSA, direct sales, etc. – in planning stages, thinking about taking mobile market to a few businesses who have requested this in Moorhead, having enough staff is an issue; emerging food desert map was shared

-Anything else related to the mobile grocery stores, markets, food deserts, Lloyd’s oasis, WM –

**Action step:** Lloyd will head up a group to explore his concept further; Kim will work with Lloyd to set up a meeting

### 2. SNAP at Farmers Markets

-ND is a priority state, look for potential grants; work with producers/markets to assess interest

**Action Step:** Kim will follow up with MN – Randy would be interested in receiving more information on how to set this up

### 3. The mobile garden – no word from the grant yet

\*our grant for the mobile garden has been submitted – hopefully we will know the end of February if we receive funding. Can reuse lumber and soil mixture from last year. Lynn can store items during winter and Anita will store garden again during growing season next year. Kim will follow up with Lynne once we hear outcome of the grant application

### 4. Work on food access/healthier options/raised bed gardens for Gladys Rae – Kim and Cheryl are looking into this further

### 5. Healthy concessions – there have been a few healthy concession projects happening

### 6. Healthy Food Festival at Streets Alive – discussed getting businesses involved and the “parkette” concept; potentially work with local art community for design

7. Hunger Free Garden Initiative – promote this more/donating produce to local pantries- **public health will be surveying local pantries on their ability to accept donations, when, barriers, etc. List with this information will be compiled. We will also tie into 1 Million Square Feet of Gardens Challenge since it is one of the program**
8. Support the promotion and outreach for the 1 Million Square Feet of Gardens challenge - **ongoing**
9. Corner store project – **not right now but something to consider in future**

Next task force meeting – TBD