

Marin Food Policy Council
Meeting Notes
November 19, 2019
HHS Wellness Campus, 3240 Kerner Blvd, San Rafael

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the HHS campus, Room 110

Attendance:

* = Voting members

X	Alexandra Danino, SF-Marin Food Bank*		Madeline Hope, West Marin Waste Education*
X	Bonnie Nielsen, UCCE		Marv Zauderer, ExtraFood.org
	Bonny White, West Marin Com Services*		Melanie Raquel, Marin Housing Authority
X	Bruce Richard, Envi. Forum of Marin		Paula Freeman, Covia
	Casey Poldino, Zero Waste Marin*		Reba Meigs, HHS Public Health*
	Cathryn Couch, CERES	X	Steve Schwartz, Interfaith Sus Food Collaborative*
	Elaini Negussie, HHS Nutrition Wellness	X	Susan Lopes, Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce
X	Felicia Chavez, Systems Thinking Marin		
	Gueidi Beltran, WIC*		
	Heather Bettini, CAM		
	Janet Brown, AllStar Organics		
X	Julia Van Soelen Kim, UCCE*		<i>Guests:</i>
	June Farmer, Marin City CX3*		
X	Kathy Carver, ExtraFood.org*	X	
	Kathy Koblick, HHS Public Health	X	Marchon Tatmon, SF-Marin Food Bank
X	Lauren Klein, Comm. & School Gardens	X	Wendy Tobiasson, citizen
X	Liana Orlandi, Ag. Institute of Marin*		Linda Jackson, Aging Action Initiative
	Lorenzo Cordova, BOS*		Sarah Estes-Smith, Aide to Supervisor Sears
X	Lori Davis, Sanzuma*		Jenna Stuart, Innovative Health Solutions
	Madelene McCann, Marin Child Care Council		

Welcome and Announcements – Alexandra Danino and Lori Davis

- Lori: stepping down as co-chair after 4 years, focusing on Sanzuma. Will remain on MFPC, just not on the Steering Committee. Thank you for your support through the years.
- Alexandra: stepping down as co-chair after 4 years, thank you for all of the collaboration on CalFresh through the years. Will remain on MFPC, just not on the Steering Committee.
- Liana: will become chair of the Steering Committee for the coming year.
- Wendy: DrawDown: Marin local kick-off meeting had a good turnout, still looking for others. Doing a collective impact workshop with DrawDown tomorrow.
- Julia: Special thanks to Lori and Alex for their years of dedicated service to the Council. Thank you also to Liana for stepping up as chair. Will announce openings on the Steering Committee shortly – welcome people to nominate themselves or others. There is no MFPC meeting in December.
- Felicia: 12/8 event on Climate Change as it relates to other UN goals.

Council Business – Julia Van Soelen Kim

Update on Marin Community Foundation HEAL Older Adult Collaborative Grant Proposal for 2020/2021

- We applied as a co-grantee to MCF HEAL Older Adult Collaborative Grant Proposal as collaborative grant with SF-Marin Food Bank, Innovative Health Solutions, Marin City's Intergenerational Garden. Effectively the same as how it happened the last cycle. Our fiscal agent would be Innovative Health Solutions. Other orgs in the room also applied. If awarded, will continue MFPC funding through Feb 2021, would require MFPC continue working on needs of older adults in the county. Will announce winners in early January.

Call for new Steering Committee nominations

- MFPC calls for new members annually to gauge interest. Steering Committee also may reach out to people to ask if they are interested in the next month or two. Welcome any and everyone.
- General qualifications: SC seat term is 1 year, meet the 4th Tuesday of every month to plan next meeting's agenda, be a leader in meeting agenda design, welcome and recruit additional members, represent MFPC in public, etc. If you are interested please contact any of the current Steering Committee members and we will answer any questions and provide more details. Steve: nominate Alex and Lori for award through CA Association of Food Policy Councils.

Annual online evaluation survey (3-5 minutes) coming soon via email – please take, as your feedback is critical.

Policy Updates – Steve Schwartz

CAFFN and Senator McGuire Update:

- Master Plan on Aging with Governor Nussom (supposed to be done in a year). CA FP Advocates out of Oakland wants to include food, wants input by December 13, MFPC could sign onto a letter. Does MFPC want to generate our own letter as well? Advised to be bold in our asks, ie: a minimum benefit for CA with state subsidies.
- CFFN legislative report coming out in mid-January, let Steve know if you are interested in attending the event.
- Marchon: recent change to proposed rule change to SNAP – in CA it would dramatically effect people's ability to qualify for CalFresh, especially older adults and people with disabilities.
- MFPC to submit comment in opposition to proposed rule change (with Marchon's supplied talking points) *Vote: approved.

Systems Mapping Our 2019 Educational Learnings – Wendy Tobiasson & Julia Van Soelen Kim

Objectives: Identify 2019 achievements; synthesize and map learnings from our focus on climate change and the local food supply chain; identify opportunities for future impact.

Discussion questions:

1. What achievements and activities have your organization done that move our local food policy objectives forward?
2. What topic(s) have been most impactful to your organization this year?

[Presentation and post-it activity](#) (updated to reflect member input)

- Focus areas in 2019: Local Food Supply Chain and Climate Change

- 2019 Achievement and Activity Highlights
- 2019 Policy and Education Highlights
- Opportunities for Future Impact
- Climate Change Mind Map

NEXT STEPS

- This information is already on DrawDown: Marin's website, Wendy will update this with our input. Other uses?
- MCF collaborative grant has a sister group, and it's been hard to explain who MCPF is and what they do, this can help cross-pollinate.
- Take this activity to your organization and ask where they fit in, what they are working on or could be?
- Can circulate this activity to people not present at today's meeting, enter ideas to update and bring new version to January meeting.
- What would help you (as members) to take the next step from here?
- Question of membership and missing voices at the table leading to gaps the work...
- Prioritize time in meetings for people to network and collaborate – might be added value that keeps people coming and/or brings new participants?
- Map participating orgs and make sure all are represented, bring to January meeting?
- End of the Year or Exit Interview – why don't people come?
- Contact VOAB Adriana Rabkin for participation?
- In January we will bring back these charts and take another look at them as going forward.
- We should reach out and encourage people who weren't here today to take a look, and to attend the meeting in January!
- Feedback loop being completed by engaging in this exercise

Julia Van Soelen Kim

- One of the things meetings rarely have enough time for is hearing about individual member's work and making connections between members and their organization. Now is the time for this synthesis.
- Please take the online evaluation and give us honest feedback! Are you interested to dive deeper into these two topics, or look at new areas?
- Thank you for a great year!

Closing – Julia Van Soelen Kim

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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