

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Sarah Powell, Becky Adams, Andi Ridgway, Jennifer Conner, Vanessa Kraus, and Katrina Betancourt.

1. Meeting Minutes – Andi made a motion to accept April minutes, Sarah second, motion passed.
2. Fiscal Report –
 - Katrina reported that she has not hired anyone to assist her with financials. She was trying to spread by word of mouth instead of posting publicly. She has not had any good candidates yet. She is completing a job description for the position. Sarah suggested that we share the job description with the Advisory Committee.
3. Officer Updates 2021-2022 –
 - Vacant position of 2nd Vice-Chair – Julie Harlan was approved by the Board to take this position. Andi will confirm that she accepts.
 - Updated the 2021 ArCOP Leadership Team roster
4. Grant Applications
 - Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) – applied to fund DUFB incentives and Jeremy’s salary, expand DUFB in grocery stores
 - GusNIP COVID Relief and Response grants program (GusCRR) – applied for \$650,000 for 4 years, farmers markets, grocery stores, food stands, starts Aug 1 if we are awarded
 - America Walks – Becky
 - Can support 20 communities for training, On hold until after July 1.
 - Becky is working with Jennifer Reaves and city of Gosnell, may do some training for America Walks with them
 - CHOICES – Becky
 - working on dissemination of results with funders and agency communications teams on approvals; will be out soon
 - AR Farmers’ Market Association – Katrina talked about how social media has helped spread the word about farmers markets and between farmers. Providing assistance to farmers markets across the board, without requiring the membership fee that AFMA did.
5. Growing Healthy Community (GHC) Application – Katrina
 - Steve is updating the GHC application to be completed in FireSpring
 - Andi will ask HHI staff to help prompt the completion of the GHC applications for local communities using their local contacts
6. Advisory Committee – Vanessa
 - Will look at updates of policies and contact list for the next meeting
7. Disability and Health grant – Vanessa

- Received confirmation from U of A that the grant was not submitted on time in grants.gov. They are on a no cost extension through October. Looking at other grant possibilities.
- Looking at the CDC Health Accelerator funding opportunity. Andi will ask ADH to support her application and provide a bonafide letter for their application.

8. Discussion of projects for Graduate Students

- May need some “plug and play” projects for shorter time frames
- Katrina to pull together some info packets with potential projects
- Vanessa’s students are required to complete a community assessment. They work from August to May for 300 hours.

9. Other business

- Becky is looking for extra help for Nutrition and Physical Activity section due to several openings; to work with the BRIC grant on nutrition and health education, will last through Dec 2022

Sarah adjourned meeting at 11:30 am.

Announcements

1. View ArCOP’s Calendar to see upcoming events.

<http://arkansasobesity.org/news-events/event-calendar.html>



Minutes submitted by Andi Ridgway, ArCOP Secretary