**Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes**

Date & Location: March 18, 2021 via Zoom

Type of Meeting: Speaker Series Meeting

Recorder: Elizabeth Wunschel

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| Attending Appointed (Voting) Members | Victoria RaschkeWilla EssieKristen FaerberRhea KenneyElizabeth Wunschel |
| Attending Associate (Non-voting) Members  | Marsha SpenceJudith PelotAshlyn Anderson |
| Other Attendees | Fiona McAnallyAmber FordMikayla PrinceSarah GriswoldDarris UptonLaKenya MiddlebrookShep SternsAmelia GelnettAlice Allen |

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| 1. | **Legislative Updates:**In the American Rescue Plan:* SNAP benefits have been increased by 15% through September 21st
* Food banks have been given $4 billion
* WIC has been given an additional $800 million
* The senior nutrition program has been given an additional $37 million
* Pandemic EBT will be maintained and expanded
* There will also be aid for restaurants and increased child tax credit

Locally, the city government will receive $44 million over the next two years |
| 2. | **Presentation by Darris Upton, Knox County Diversity Development Manager**Darris.upton@knoxcounty.org  |
| 3.  | **Presentation by LaKenya Middlebrook, City of Knoxville Police Advisory and Review Committee**lmiddlebrook@knoxvilletn.gov  |
| 4.  | **Organizational Updates and Announcements:*** UT Nutrition: Healthy Weight Colloquium is coming up on Friday, March 26th. Dr. Spence will send information to share with the group.
* CAC Nutrition Programs: The March for Meals event is ongoing and successful. Mobile Meals has had 11 elected officials deliver meals during March for Meals. CAC is starting to think about summer feeding. This year, the state of Tennessee has mandated summer school, so CAC will be expanding summer feeding to accommodate new summer school sites.
* Knox County Schools: The USDA waiver to feed all students at no charge has been extended until September 30, 2021. Based on information from TDOE, this is intended to cover summer meals only—it would not cover our district for when we return for school in August. That is due to the fact that when we start school, we are expected to start back under National School Lunch Program (NSLP)/School Breakfast Program (SBP) as opposed to Seamless Summer Option (SSO), which is what we are using currently. We are hopeful that will change, but it is our guidance at this time. Also, TDHS has indicated that the next round of P-EBT funds should be mailed to families later this month. If anyone is receiving questions regarding P-EBT, use this number as a resource: (833) 496-0661
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| 5.  | **Reminders:** * The Data Committee and Structural Committee should begin meeting in April
* Our next meeting will be a voting meeting and will be held on April 15th from 8:30-10:00 am via Zoom
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| 6.  | Meeting Adjourned |