

Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council
July 15, 2021

Attendees:

County appointees

Kristen Faerber, WUOT
Brett Foster, Knox County Schools Nutrition
Beth Brown, UT Extension – nominated
Ross Jones, Knoxville Dream Center – nominated
Jennifer Russamanno, 2 Chicks and a Far, UT School of Public Health

City appointees

Adam Caraco, Beardsley Farm
Bruce Crabtree, Boys and Girls Club – nominated
Rhea Kenney, Second Harvest
Kimberly Pettigrew, Nourish Knoxville – Chair
Vivian Williams, National Women in Ag Assoc.

Associate

Alex Carmack, American Heart Association
Cheryl Ball, Knox Education Foundation
Amber Ford, Knox County Health Department
Bailey Foster, Real Good Kitchen
Fiona McAnally, City of Knoxville
Judith Pelot, CAC

Guests

Torrie Boggs, United Way
Riley Douglas, KCDC
Madelyn Howe, Knox County Health Department
Marisa Moazen, KCDC

Announcements/Updates

- Program updates:
 - Grab and Go lunches from Knox County Schools/CAC – demand is down; need to reassess transitioning from COVID-19 model of distribution
 - Need for workers at Knox County Schools nutrition/feeding programs
 - Second Harvest has launched a new program that will focus on wide array of household needs of families and work with community to meet needs. They will start with 10 families
 - Jennifer Russamanno will be coordinating student placement for UT Public Health if you have needs
 - Mobile Meals will be having a 50th anniversary celebration on September 16th
 - Alex announced the Heart Walk that the American Heart Association is hosting on September 25th. They are also working on a Pots and Pans Program to serve approximately 1,000 individuals.
 - KCDC is conducting a needs assessment at all properties. Can add relevant food questions if needed. KCDC is continuing their work around Western Heights as a

master planned community and hope to add a social benefit restaurant there and something similar at Austin Homes.

- FPC updates:
 - Recommendations for new members (to replace members that have relocated) have been made to the City and County mayors. The City appointment has been approved.
- Discussions over topics/speakers for future meetings:
 - Presentation on ALICE – data from the United Way
 - Poverty simulation
 - ACES training
 - Food workforce needs
 - Panel of growers and how they navigated COVID

Next meeting will be August 19th from 8:30 to 10 am at the United Way – voting meeting.