KCLMB Board/GC Meeting

4.16.2020

Action Items

- Share school attendance and performance data **(Rosie)**
- Update Action Plan to reflect the KCLMB's role as the resource hub for food insecurity and provide any additional feedback on the FY20-FY21 actions to Rosie, Bess and/or Sarah in light of COVID-19 **(All)**
    - o Identify the right people inside the community who can then be the resource hub within their community – particularly in hard to reach communities
- Review and update action plan considering COVID crisis and recovery **(DEP)**
- Share resource information with the library if you want them to publicize it **(All)**
- Reach out to KCPS to join the Guiding Coalition and advocate for KCPS to support the identification of children and their families who need their basic needs met including access to technology/Wi-Fi **(KCLMB)**

COVID-19 Response/Partner Updates

- Community Center is currently acting as the central hub for collecting food and packaging meals that go out to the community
    - o Including the backpack program
- Maryland was approved for the pandemic SNAP program
- Kent County was approved for summer SNAP program
- Kent County Health Department is working through COVID-19 responses while continuing to offer remote services
- Medical Assistance has extended determination deadlines and there is a COVID-19 enrollment period for qualified health plans until June 15th
- Samaritan group is providing emergency cash assistance
- Mid Shore Behavioral Health created a resource guide on its website
- Kent County Health Department is doing telehealth sessions
- Tax sale is postponed until, at least, mid-August
- There was discussion at the Board of Education budget presentation to use KCPSS savings to address needs that will arise post-COVID

FY20-FY21 Action Plans

- **Updates to the FY20 Actions in light of COVID-19**
    - o COVID-19 has presented an opportunity to shine a light on youth and families living in poverty
        - ▪ Food distribution through SACRJ has highlighted what the needs assessment and community plan has shown us – there is a tremendous unmet need for food insecure families and seniors
    - o There has been extensive volunteering in the community – we have an opportunity to harness that momentum
    - o There has been extensive media coverage on meal distribution

- o Food pantries currently have access to refrigerators to handle perishable foods, but they will not after COVID response
  - o It is likely that the position for transportation/housing coordinator will be approved
  - o There are outreach/navigation services to get families set up for remote learning
  - o We need to keep the racial disparities front and center
- **Possible shifts to the FY20 Action Plan**
  - o Overall, we need to express a greater sense of urgency through the action plan
  - o KCLMB should become a hub for food insecure residents
  - o Need better ways to reach communities outside of Galena
    - ▪ We need to work to identify the right people inside each community who can be the resource hub within their community – particularly in hard to reach communities
  - o Summer programming is up in the air, but it is not too early to begin planning
    - ▪ There are going to be some programs that are not able to happen – we may be able to shift this funding to provide hotspots or use the funding it to jump start a system to connect residents with basic needs
  - o Now that Sam Shoge is the head of Kent Chamber, he should be involved in the Action Plan

Cross Mapping our FY21-23 Actin Plan

- Gaps
  - o Biggest barrier is having access to Wi-Fi hotspots
    - ▪ We need partnership with KCPS to help us identify areas of greatest need
    - ▪ KCLMB may be able to come up with a system to determine the areas of need while respecting privacy, utilizing mapping based on where food is being dropped off
  - o Efficiency of delivery of resources
    - ▪ Particularly the connection between food and transportation and food distribution to the homeless population
  - o Need to be able to provide youth with opportunities to get their driver's licenses
- Implications
  - o Great need for efficiency
  - o Would people be reluctant to go into minority areas with everyone wearing masks?

How are we doing?

- Need more trade school options
- Have successful trade professionals tell their story
- Continued work with mentoring groups
- Strengthen mentoring programs rather than duplicating them
- Grassroots mentoring programs
- Dual enrollment options
- How does this work for underresourced youth?
- task Faith based communities on how they can help the action plan

Whats going on?

- COVID-19
- Transportation - huge barrier
- Family Support - frustration with homeschooling
- Collapse of distance learning at the High School

What partners do we need?

- Economic Development
- KCPS
- Community College
- Local business trade owners
- Kent Chamber -
- Principal at the high school
- Youth
- Washington College - Food Lab
- Service organizations

Critical activities

- Racial disparities front and center
- Harness pool of volunteers
- redefine the way we work together
- Youth voice perspective on the solutions

What's working?

- Caroline County Culinary School
- Crafts-person movement is reblossoming
- Talbot County programming
- Social enterprise ideas - have youth run a business
- Young adult driving school, food distribution, making compost, farming
- School in South Carolina

What else do we need to know?

- Look at doing a youth lead participatory research project
- Focus on Black/Latino and Homeless Youth

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