LHIC Healthy Weight Work Group Meeting 06.23.16 - 8:30 a.m. Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Presentation by **Glenn Schneider**, Chief Program Officer at The Horizon Foundation, about the changes being implemented within food services at 3 HC elementary schools – pilot project **Talbott Springs - Forest Ridge - Bollman Bridge**

- Project includes introducing fruit and salad bar.
- Challenges: sustainability, parent engagement & buy-in
- Goal is to increase participation rate in HCPSS food program by improving the taste, quality and presentation of the food for the kids.

Presentation by Vanessa Pierre-Louis, Program Assistant for HC at Maryland Hunger Solutions

- Goals: education to community and improve public policies, maximize participation in federal food programs.
- **HC summer meals** 4 established in HD so far; 7 more slots available; sponsors of these summer meals can either prepare the meals themselves or contract with a vendor to prepare/drop-off (partner with Roving Radish?); sponsors need to meet certain criteria to participate.

Updates by **Dr. Elizabeth Menachery** re: status of new hires for LHIC and appointed co-chair for workgroup.

If members have any recommendations for a co-chair, contact Elizabeth.

Action items for next meeting on 7/28:

Barbara will invite **Brian Ralph**, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, HCPSS, to speak more about the changes being implemented at the elementary schools and how LHIC can support parent engagement strategies

Marsha will follow-up with Glenn Schneider re: resources for parent/community engagement

Kati will send the updated letter re: HCPSS Wellness Policy 9090 to the group for final review. Need to decide who should sign the letter before mailing.

Jeananne will add Susan sseibel@howardcc.edu to the healthy weight email list.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.