

Healthy Active Communities

Fresh Food Access

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Thursday, April 5th 2018

10:00 – 11:00am

AEOA

702 3rd Ave. S. Virginia, MN 55792

Planning Conference Room

(Basement)

Meeting Objective: Provide updates and discuss details of merging with Northland Food Network.

Proposed Agenda:

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| 10:00am | Welcome/Introduction |
| 10:05am | Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aurora Healthy Corner Stores• Virginia Healthy Corner Stores• Farmer's Markets• Farm to School<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Virginia○ Aurora• Super One Healthy Checkout Lanes• Salvation Army(s)• Chisholm Mobile Food Shelf• Other |
| 10:45am | Northland Food Network merging details |
| 11:00am | Conclusion/ Next Meeting
Date: TBD
Location TBD |

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10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Ray Jobe, Brian Bluhm and Emily Caouette

Discussed Aurora Audits, Brian will not be attending the CHNA Northern Pines Meeting April 5th
Ray will discuss the Aurora Audits at the CHNA Meeting tonight.

Discussed Virginia Healthy Corner Stores – Brenda's has paused, Chris would like to develop a monthly recipe feature, and Brenda's will not be collaborating with Essentia. Chris and Emily are looking to do more cooking classes. Marlise sent out information to Freedom Value Center and Short Stop- hasn't heard back.

Discussed Farmer's Markets – Ray will ask if there is any additional information on the Aurora Market at the CHNA meeting. SNAP, POP, and Market Bucks is getting expanded to Cook Area Farmer's Market – Need to find a person to run the equipment – AEOA has the funding for this person, Brian has a person in mind.

Brian would like to do more tie-ins with the Virginia Market i.e. Bike Helmet Giveaway –
Chris is looking to tie the MUACDR to the Farmer's Market on Thursdays.

Chisholm Volunteer Carousel – We should connect with these folks on anything food related work in Chisholm that needs volunteers.

Discussed Chisholm Mobile Food Shelf

Chris wants to work with food shelves on 'Super Shelves' to make their locations look more like a retail grocery store.

MN Food Share March Campaign – Brian and Emily promoted for Food Shelves

Farm to School – Presented to Virginia Principals, haven't heard anything back

Mesabi East has a greenhouse and will be at Earth Fest this year, we should connect with them about Farm to School – Brian will send contact information to Ray via email.

Mt. Iron will have a greenhouse at their new building - we should connect with them about developing a farm to school plan. – Brian will send contact information to Ray via email.

Ray will call Rick Depew at Super One about healthy Check-out lanes

Community Gardens – Excepting reservations for garden plots, vandalism signage has been ordered. Last year there were several open spaces in the Northside Park. North Bailey's Lake, Pine Mill Court, Chestnut Gardens, Raised beds at the Youth Foyer. – Could we rent out the tiller for folks needing/wanting to do a garden at their own home?

Farm to School, Regional Vision are the two subgroups this group will most likely tie in to.

Marlise is applying for funding to promote Farmer's Markets

Brian is trying to get something into Home Town Focus Health Edition.

Would the City of Virginia be willing to promote health food access work i.e. Farmer's Market on their cable access.

When will Essentia Health have a person in Emily Anderson's old position as a Community Intervention Specialist?

This Group will no longer be meeting monthly as is, but rather will be incorporated into the Sub-Groups of the Northland Food Network, specifically the Farm to School and Regional Vision.