| **NUTRITION & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TASKFORCE**  *Meeting Summary* | | | |
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| **Date** | **7.10.25** | | |
| **Type of Meeting** | General Coalition Meeting | | |
| **Attendees** | Marissa Flanders, Jenna McCarthy (Community Service Solutions/CalFresh Healthy Living)**;** Cassidy Moyer (Mammoth Disposal), Anthony Ottati (TOML); Lara Walker (First 5); Colleen Moxley (Mono County School Nurse); Kristine Kidd, Larry Pace (Eastern Sierra Farm Fresh); Marjee Neer (Mono Public Health Nurse); Carolyn (Salvation Army); Andrea Fillebrown (CDPH); Melissa Cannon (Mono County WIC Director); Carolyn Balliet (Mammoth Lakes Salvation Army) | | |
| **Recorder** | Marissa Flanders |  | |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION or F/U** | **WHO** |
| **UPDATES: Food Waste Prevention, Strategic Plan** | **Food Waste Prevention, Recovery, and Redistribution:**  Carolyn – Applying for food assistance grant. Shared that the new Von’s manager has restarted donating frozen meat to Mammoth Mountain Housing. The Salvation Army is continuing to receive dairy donations from Von’s and donations from Starbuck’s (mostly bakery items).  Cassidy – shared that the upcoming FWPRRT meeting is scheduled for July 17th at 9:00 AM. Bishop Paiute Tribe Food Sovereignty hosting a Community Market on Tuesdays from 5-7:30pm, and [Trashy Thursdays](https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1286/Trashy-Thursdays) has begun.  **Strategic Plan:**  Subcommittee met in June to review draft. Revisions will be ready for September meeting. |  |  |
| **NEW BUSINESS: Reconciliation Bill, School Wellness** | **Reconciliation Bill:** How is this affecting our organizations? How may this affect our partnerships/coalition? How can we maximize remaining time and leverage continuing resources? Should NPAT continue under new leadership, or are existing partnerships, groups enough?  Jenna – Some details still uncertain, but SNAP-Ed funding likely ending at the end of September. Future of NPAT uncertain based on member capacity. Mentioned that groups like FWPRRT and school wellness committees can still be sustained. Strategic Plan can serve as guide for other groups/organizations.  Cassidy – Shared they are here to continue support towards any meetings and will continue hosting FWPRRT meetings in the future.  Colleen – Reflected on the positive impact CFHL and NPAT have had on School Wellness, particularly with the triennial assessment and collaborative meetings. Stated that NPAT and the committee went hand in hand, which was motivational and encouraging. With NPAT disappearing, she hopes to continue the momentum with more CATCH training and RYD support. Expressed concern about how the committee and schools will adjust.  Jenna – Asked whether free/reduced lunch programs will be affected, distinguishing between state and federal implications. Shared that CSS will be creating a resource guide for schools focusing on nutrition and physical activity programming - gardens, the school wellness policy triennial assessment, CATCH, nutrition curriculum, etc.  Colleen – Was uncertain about the impact on schools and will reach out to the school lunch program (Lupita) for clarification.  Margee – Highlighted that the biggest impact will be on clients who use SNAP services, with fewer alternative sources for those services. Expressed concern over decreased access. Noted that NPAT served as an inspiring and effective launching point for partnerships/healthy programming and resource sharing. Helpful to hear what programming others are doing.  Anthony – Mentioned that this is a significant loss for children and the public lands, citing cuts to wildfire resources and funding.  Melissa – Shared that the impact on her side is more minimal compared to nutrition assistance. Noted WIC is growing by 4–5% annually but can only serve the number of participants allowed by funding levels.The WIC funding for fiscal year 2026 remains at the same level as 2025, which is standard for a conservative Congress. However, there will be a projected 10% decrease in the fresh fruit and vegetable benefit over time, which may impact local grocery stores and vendors.Suggested scheduling a meeting after California's special legislative session, as decisions made there could affect state funding for programs like school meals.  Kristine – Reported that state funding is secure for now, though federal funding is uncertain. Shared that Samara will be working part-time with ESFF, with hopes that the additional grant funding could make her full-time.  Larry – Noted delays in grants and changes in language.  Lara – Reported no changes in funding but expressed concern about local families losing insurance and benefits.  Anthony – Suggested quantifying scope of CFHL that will be eliminated so others may potentially continue it.  Jenna – For schools in Mono County, CFHL services include school wellness policy/committee support, nutrition/cooking lessons, garden subcontracts to help pay for garden supplies and supervisor salaries, physical education equipment/teacher training, stencils, and nutrition and physical activity resources (Food Hero newsletters, recipes, etc.). Perhaps others could teach (either guest educators or more trained teacher staff) or provide materials for taste tests. Plans to compile and share curriculum lists and other resources with schools.  Ordered PE guidebooks and CATCH activity boxes for K–2 teachers at MES. May offer CATCH PE training in September if there’s enough interest.  Margee – Mentioned one-time projects, including the Altrusa program involved in garden projects in Inyo County. Suggested looking into cooperative extension programs like Master Food Preservers.  Jenna – Added that Dustin shared UCCE will also experience funding cuts.  **School Wellness:**  Summary of last year’s discussions, progress. What is most needed going forward?  Colleen – Discussed challenges and goals for school wellness committees. A wellness committee is in place in Mammoth but not yet in Eastern Sierra Unified. In addition to beginning a wellness committee in Eastern Sierra Unified School District, she wishes to increase participation in Mammoth Unified's committee. Colleen emphasizes the importance of involving parents, administrators, and the superintendent in these efforts. She also mentions the desire to continue successful programs like CATCH, playground stencils, and nutrition promotion.  Jenna - CFHL discussing what we can do with materials that will not be used once program ends. If allowable, it’d be great to donate materials like stencils to partners.  Colleen - could take the lead on storing/distributing stencils to schools. Emphasized incorporating PTOs into school wellness committees, noting that parents have strong opinions about the food served. Colleen plans to speak with PTOs to seek support.  Jenna – Commented that MUSD has strong community support compared to other districts. Encouraged ongoing outreach to community organizations that are wellness committee members.  Anthony – Noted that federal funding for hydroponic towers has stopped (e.g., for seeds), but PTO funding is helping to keep them running. Currently, there are seven towers, most of which are cared for. Trying to rehome the one at the high school.  Colleen – Wants to continue initiatives like RYD with MCPH.  Cassidy – Suggested a student representative on school wellness committee.  Colleen – Added that it has been difficult to get students involved. However, there is student interest in having a salad bar. Plans to reach out to Student ASB to encourage participation and better involve students. | [WIC Fruit and Vegetable Benefit At Risk - Food Research & Action Center](https://frac.org/blog/wic-fruit-and-vegetable-benefit-at-risk)  Strategize ways to increase admin, student, and parent involvement | Jenna and Colleen |
| **ROUNDTABLE (Other program updates/asks)** | Lara – Shared that the new fiscal year began on July 1st and they are currently in the reporting season.  Cassidy – Scheduled to teach a lesson in Lone Pine next week for the summer camp (ages 6–13). Also working on additional summer projects. FWPRRT is scheduled for July 17th at 9am.  Anthony – Focused on grant reporting tasks.  Marissa – Announced a new nutrition series at the Walker Wellness Center, running from July 22nd through August 19th. Sessions will be held every Tuesday from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.  Jenna – Mentioned that NPAT may add an August meeting date. Currently working on school gardens with Antelope and Lee Vining. May return in September for a site visit, which would include CATCH PE training. Hoping to partner with Master Food Preservers for Marissa’s WWC class to teach food preservation workshop.  Kristine and Larry – Launching a farm-to-table market in Bishop every Thursday possibly starting July 24th at Methodist Church (has AC). Each event will feature one producer. There will be food demos, seasonal recipes, local produce, ceramics, plant starters–things people need to serve meals. Kristine just earned Master Gardener certification.  Colleen – No new projects to report at this time.  Andrea – Noted that there is an all-LHD call for CFHL programs this afternoon where staff can ask some questions that have come up (equipment donations, etc.).  Margee – Planning 2 RYD events at the elementary and high school, as part of healthy habits presentation. Mentioned potential involvement of Jordyn (Community Health Outreach Specialist for Mono County) and Daisy (Spanish-speaking) in school wellness activities. Jordyn has connections with ESUSD. Would like curriculum list from Jenna. | Send launch date to group  Send nutrition curriculum list to Margee  Contact Jordyn regarding potential ESUSD outreach | Kristine  Jenna  Jenna |
| **Adjourn** | **Next meeting: September 4, 2025, 10:00-11:30.** | | |

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