

Governor's Food Desert Working Group
In-person meeting
June 27 & 28, 2022

MINUTES

Attendees:	
Working Group Members:	Kathy Webb, Kenya Eddings, Christie Jordan, Rachel Spencer, Sandy DeCoursey, Kelley Jackson, Jean Noble, Cynthia Edwards
Working Group Representatives:	Lance Whitney representing Tomiko Townley, Derek Lewis II representing Derek Lewis, M.D., Deborah Landers representing Julie Harlan, Jennifer Wessel representing Joe Thompson, M.D.
Facilitators:	Janet Harris, Payton Christenberry, James Hopper, Aaron Keith Kenard, Lizz Wagner, Quiana Brown, Molly Thomason, Meghann Ray
Guests:	N/A
Regrets:	Steve Goode, Gary Proffitt, Kara Wilkins
Location:	Winthrop Rockefeller Institute / Zoom

I. Welcome and introductions

Janet Harris and Kathy Webb opened the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Monday, June 27. Working group members, representatives, and facilitators introduced themselves and their organizations.

II. Existing data and focus group planning

Participants shared resources already available that could be used by our group, and planning for a series of 12 focus groups throughout Arkansas was begun.

III. Policy recommendations and practical intervention

Working group members and representatives divided into two groups and spent time discussing possible policy recommendations that the group would like to set forward and practical interventions that might be employed to reduce the percentage of food deserts in Arkansas.

IV. Recess for the evening

Work paused for dinner and rest at 5:00 p.m. Monday, June 27.

V. End of recess / begin the new day

Payton Christenberry and Kathy Webb ended recess at 8:30 am.

VI. Policy recommendations and practical intervention (II) and audience discussion

Working group members and representatives divided into the same groups from the previous day and continued their discussion. Additional time was spent in these groups identifying the audience for their ultimate recommendations.

VII. Initial report construction and assignments prior to next group meeting.

Participants discussed a draft structure for the final report and divided into small groups to determine individual assignments they should complete prior to the next whole group meeting.

VIII. Closing survey and adjournment

Participants completed a facilitation quality survey and the meeting was adjourned by Kathy Webb at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as to form and content:

James Hopper 7-6-22

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Group