

# BHLC Strategy and Collaboration

2/11/22 Meeting Agenda and Notes

## Standard Meeting Agenda:

1. Agenda Review / Modification
2. Follow-up Activities (from previous meetings)
3. Discussion Items (Guidelines: New opportunities, Initiatives, Decisions)
4. Info-share Updates: (Guidelines: Project and activity summaries that increase understanding, solicit feedback and/or request collaboration)
  - a. Culinary
  - b. Allied Health
  - c. Sustainable Food Systems
  - d. Community Culinary & Nutrition
  - e. Health Academies
  - f. Life Enrichment
  - g. Community Outreach
5. Action Items (Assignments): (Guidelines: Items that need action, follow-up or input from the group)
6. Next Meeting Agenda Items

## BIKE RACK FOR ITEMS ON THE BACK BURNER

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## February 11, 2022:

1. Agenda Review
2. Follow-up from 1/14/22 Meeting
  - a. Douglas Haynes
3. Discussion Items
  - a. Primary objectives and priorities
  - b. Participation additions
    - i. Recommendation to include Lizzie Luchsinger
  - c. Process for responding to external requests for info, field trips, tours, etc (brainstorm)
4. Cross-Department Activities
5. Info-share Updates:
  - a. Culinary
    - i. Cafe & 418 opening to public week of 2/21; both closed week of 2/28 for practicals. Cafe reopening on 3/9 and 418 on 3/23.
    - ii. ACF scholarship applications due 2/28; students received email to apply.

- iii. Not renewing CDM re-accreditation through ANFP. No students enrolled in the past two semesters.
- iv. Perkins PROE surveys sent to Brewing faculty and students. Brewing advisory surveys to be sent out soon.
- v. Culinary advisory board meeting will be held at TTC & Zoom on 3/4/22 at 7:30AM.
- vi. Greenleaf met with Linda Depta about setting up an internship/scholarship opportunity; Chef Cory, Monica Koning, and I meet with Greenleaf today to get more details.
- vii. "Food for Thought" Kalsec/KVCC culinary competition will be held on 4/21/22 at CAH.

**THE APRIL 21 FOOD FOR THOUGHT  
COOKING COMPETITION**

Kalamazoo Valley's culinary arts students are invited to submit snack or appetizer recipes and an explanation of how they relate to food science.

Applicants who qualify to participate in the Food for Thought contest will be paired with a research chef or food scientist from Kalsec to create an appetizer to be sampled by guests at the event.

Submit your recipe and application by Feb. 28 to [foodforthought@kvcc.edu](mailto:foodforthought@kvcc.edu)



**b. Sustainable Food Systems**

- i. HORT program courses and certificates were approved by ALC in February. HORT AAS goes back to Course & Curriculum for further discussion today.
- ii. Garden Education and Outreach Program Coordinator, Delia Baker, started on Monday. This is the continuation of the three-year "Community Farms" Innovative Thinking Grant that started in 2018 and paused for 2020-2021. She is focusing on youth job skills training and supporting community organizations to start gardens. (We are open to suggestions for partner organizations for this project)
  - 1. Connection with Douglass Community Association through Lee Arbogast and one of his students to revive their garden.
- iii. We will be included in the Michigan Department of Education's Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement proposal. Proposal writing will take place over the next month in collaboration with MDE and other partners.
- iv. Crystal Van Pelt is moving into the Food Systems Education Program Manager position, effective Monday 2/13. We decided not to fill the Food Hub Outreach/Marketing position at this time; we're going to take time to build out our new website and outreach strategy and re-post in the summer, hopefully setting our new colleague up for success. The Food

**Commented [1]:** Can we discuss Douglass programming? Looks like we have at least two touchpoints.

Hub Operations Coordinator (Crystal's current position) will be posted soon.

- v. Life Enrichment classes are underway at FIC for the spring season. We're working on setting the fall schedule by March.
  - vi. Food Share is serving between 80-110 students weekly.
  - vii. User Experience and Mood Boards for ValleyHUB website:  
<https://projects.invisionapp.com/boards/5T43E18SEQH/> Input welcome before next Weds 2/16. Email Rachel.
- c. Community Culinary & Nutrition
- i. SNAP programming started on February 8th with continuous sessions planned through August 2022
  - ii. Working with WMED and the YMCA as a possible subcontractor to provide culinary education for youth at risk of obesity in Kalamazoo
  - iii. Outreach from the Douglas Community Association through Deb Coates for youth culinary education programming in March
  - iv. Working with Kalamazoo Public Schools through Nkenge Bergan for healthy meal prep culinary education for KPS teachers
- d. Health Academies
- i. Phlebotomy Academy in Session @ CAH
  - ii. Seeking two full time CNA instructors with a recently upgraded starting salary. [Here](#) is a link to the posting.
- e. Life Enrichment
- i. Working with Ed Genesis to develop a course entitled A look at Social Justice in America through a Hip Hop Lens
  - ii. [Unlocking Memory](#) for \$10, March 8th
  - iii. [Childbirth Preparation, Postpartum, and Breastfeeding](#), \$125 starting March 9th
  - iv. [Simple Stress Relief](#) \$10, March 15th–ONLINE
  - v. Families in Transition–Ongoing Monthly
- f. Community Outreach
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**Commented [2]:** This would also be a great connection point with our SNAP-Ed PSE work and ValleyHUB outreach.

## Bike Rack

- Restart prior committee work
- FreeAgent software demo