**Healthy Eating Subcommittee Meeting**

**PSE Assessment 12/3/20 @ 10 am**

**Attendees**: Miranda Smith, Angela Patterson, Jeri Bentley, & Anne Reichle

**PSE Assessment:** All subcommittee members were provided with an electronic copy of the PSE assessment and asked to review/take notes prior to the meeting. Many people returned the assessment with notes.

**Food Banks/Pantries:** Several food banks/pantries available in county. Most are open randomly when food is delivered for giveaways but some are available by appointment also.

* **St. Francis Center** – Food giveaways 1-2 times each month and also by appointment as needed. Contact: Ashley Riegel or Greg Covey
* **Lost & Found Worship Center** – bread giveaway weekly. Also have food giveaways randomly. Can be contacted by families in need. Contact: Tim Hale
* **Care Outreach** – No physical building but have people who manage organization and provide vouchers for food/clothing. Will help when needed in many ways. Contacts: Marilyn Braden or Shirley Graham
* **Renovate Life Church of God** – food pantry and random food giveaways. Food pantry available as needed/appointment. Contact: James Dimel.
* **Monthly food giveaway** at fairgrounds operated by FDA/government. Senior Center may have more specific information.
* **Meals on Wheels** – for senior citizens only. Available county-wide. Must sign up through Senior Center
* **Blessing Boxes** – all over county. Fully volunteer based. Boxes are maintained by Melissa and Steve Hammond

**Concerns/Gaps:**

* No current policies in place anywhere in county to encourage healthy eating
* No public transport other than for medical purposes – paid for by insurances or self-pay (on-demand only)
* Some transport companies have waivers for miles to use for other trips aside from medical appts – just varies per company
* No food policy council currently in place

**Ideas**:

* Mobile food pantry for residents with limited transportation options
* FB Live Cooking Demos using food giveaways
* Public transport to/from grocery and/or farmers’ market
* Farmers’ Market accepting vouchers from Care Outreach – possible 2:1 acceptance to encourage fresh food purchases