

Learning Session Timeline & Info

Learning Session Title	Planning Team	Planning Meeting Date	Session Date
Learning Session 1: Models, Practices, and Progress in Centering Racial Equity in Statewide Food System Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rhoda Burrows ● Dr. Brittany Jones ● Naima Gardner-Rice 	12/7	Mar 3, 2023 Registration Link :https://msu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqduqhpzgpHtWwV1z3KAeX0rGP_nHpW3Kt
Learning Session 2: Networks as a strategy to set statewide goals and advance collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rhoda Burrows ● Dr. Abby Gold ● Stephanie Blumhagen ● Sarah Smith ● Catie DeMets 	March 10, 2023	May 18, 2023 (RSVP Forthcoming)
Learning Session 3: Data gathering and communication strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Abby Gold ● Dr. Brittany Jones ● Jan Libbey 	March/April 2023	
Learning Session 4: Advocacy Strategies & Policy Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erin Melton ● - ● - 	July/Aug	September 2023

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Instructions:

In this document, we have four draft outlines of learning sessions, derived from our [Miro board discussion](#). In each section, please:

1. **Draft Essential question:** Please comment/suggest if you have ideas, questions, or suggestions for changes to refine that essential question
2. **Scheduling:** Add your availability/preferences
3. **Summary of our Experience:** Review and add your own experience if it's not reflected there!
4. **Focus:** If you have particular items or topics you hope we can address in this learning session, note it here
5. **Outside Resources:** Are there any tools, speakers, or other resources you find helpful for this topic we should consider or that you would like to share?
6. **Sign Up:** If you want to help plan/facilitate this discussion, add your name! We'll work with everyone to schedule a planning session.

Questions? Let me know! scaleral@msu.edu

Thank you all for your participation!

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Commented [2]: Here is the link to download the PDF of the Miro Board (some had trouble with the miro board itself): https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j84nfBFSq60Eyl7emCDvgxXpj3n_Zg0l/view?usp=sharing

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Learning Session 1: Strategies for Integrating Racial Equity into Food System Plans & Implementation

Essential Question: How can we center racial equity in the development, updating, and implementation of food systems plans?

Scheduling [Planning Meeting] November or December

<https://www.when2meet.com/?17155594-2LKID>

Scheduling the actual learning session for January

[need a new when to meet poll]

Summary of our experience/expertise

- KS Healthy Food Initiative - Racial Equity Policy
- MI integrated RE/Antiracism into 2022 Charter Language; MN has this too as a part their Food Charter
- OH - OSU & Central State Univ. - Racial Equity
- IN, ND, MN - Health Equity
- IA - have worked with equity consultant in a set of intense racial equity trainings and have had some discussion about developing Restorative Justice practice in operational policy.
- Others?

What would be helpful to focus on? What questions do you hope to answer?

- Strategy Idea: multi-state partnership to hire a racial equity consultant?
- What does racial equity look like in the food system? Is a universal definition beneficial in this context?
- How to decolonize the food system?
- Real life examples of how states have worked to center racial equity in food system plan and implementation through specific applications (tools and practices) - models, road blocks, progress, tips and strategies to really stretch our imagination.
- Supporting/enacting food sovereignty through plans

Speakers or Resources outside of this group we may want to look into?

- National Black Food Justice Association
- Local food justice organizations

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- Rhoda Burrows
- Dr. Brittany Jones
- Naima Gardner-Rice
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Commented [3]: I would just add "in the updating of plans" to this as well, to emphasize that sometimes priorities and plans have to shift in order to center racial equity - Erin (KS)

Commented [4]: Thanks Erin!! I will do that!

Commented [5]: I would like to see a bit more specific - along the lines of "Models, practices, and progress in centering racial equity in the development and implementation of food system plans."

Commented [6]: Is there a possibility to move this to a different time next year? Since this is an important topic, I fear that attendance may be low due to it being around the holidays and I do not want people to miss out on valuable information.

Commented [7]: Yes! After talking it over with Sarah B. we agree that we can shift these meetings to better ensure folks can make it to this one and that we have a bit more time to plan it out. We'll send a note to everyone about that - we'll still use the availability (when to meet) to find a time for planning this session in the coming months, but we'll send out a new schedule!

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Learning Session 2: Networks as a strategy to set statewide goals and advance collaboration

Essential Question: How can we develop new or strengthen existing networks to advance statewide food systems goals and/or develop statewide plans?

Scheduling February or March

Are there dates & times or days of the week/month to avoid?

- NSAC Winter Meeting is Sun 1/29/2023 to Wed 2/1/2023
- Tues 3/14/2023 from 9-11 AM (MHA Meeting)

Summary of our experience/expertise

- MN, SD, ND, IA, KS - working with growers
- MI, SE, IN, NE, MN, WI, KS, MO++ Partnering with Govt.
- MI, MN, IA, IN - Starting, updating, creating charters/plans
- IA has history of a strong set of networking groups - Regional Food System Working Group, Food Hub Managers Working Group, Farm to School & Early Care Coalition
- NE- just funded to develop a NE F2S network from USDA
- MI - broad statewide, interrelated networks strategy
- IL- Created an F2S coalition of orgs, state agencies, producer network, and others working directly with IL Farm Bureau with common goals
- OH statewide networks
- Others?

What would be helpful to focus on? What questions do you hope to answer?

- Do folks use network "mapping" to any degree of success? If so, how?
- Exploring what "collaboration infrastructure" looks like in each state
- Strategies for equitable network development and equitable participation (i.e. Power-sharing, co-design, other?)
- Innovative, cross cutting networking among the networks to reinforce the coalition efforts behind state plans.

Speakers or Resources outside of this group we may want to look into?

- Rich Pirog - experience with Michigan and Iowa
- Abby Piner - North Carolina

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- Rhoda Burrows
- Abby Gold
- Stephanie Blumhagen (sblumhagen@farrms.org)

Commented [11]: Ohio's Roadmap process from 2017 might be useful.

Commented [12]: Thanks! It's such a great document!
<http://ohiofpn.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/OFPN-Oct-Report-FINAL.pdf>

Commented [13]: Ohio has strong statewide networks - created through Nutrition Incentive Program and statewide Food Policy Network. Network capacity is always a struggle as they are not independent organizations, rather more communities of practices. So human and financial resources are always limited.

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Commented [15]: Ohio did a Network Map in 2017 through creation of our Roadmap. It was directed by partners at OSU and included over 600 stakeholders who identified those in food system they worked with. It may be dated, but I would be happy to share what we did, how we used it.

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- Sarah Smith (sarah.e.smith@nebraska.gov)_

Learning Session 3: Data gathering and communication strategies

Essential Question: How can we use storytelling and data to assess and share impact of charter/plan goals?

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Scheduling

This session would take place in conjunction with the 2023 Michigan Good Food Summit. The Summit and this meeting will be a hybrid in-person meeting with a virtual and in-person option.

Save the Dates:

- May 18, 2023 - SARE PDP Learning Session #3 (Likely 1-3 PM EST; in-person only networking dinner to follow)
- May 19, 2023 - MI Good Food Summit (all day - speakers in the AM, breakouts in the afternoon)
 - SARE PDP members will receive complimentary registration to this event (whether virtual or in-person)

Summary of our experience/expertise

- +++ Storytelling (methodology + evidence-based and building evidence) MN
- IN, IA, MI, MN Racial Equity Metrics
- NE - LR337, Interim study that led us to the f2s Network being feasible
- KS - know of someone else in the state expert in storytelling/metric re: food system plans
- MI, MN - Shared Measurement
- Nutrition Incentive Programs Midwest (lots of data is being collected)
- IL- working directly with a statewide producer policy group and incorporating this work into F2S coalition
- Others?

What would be helpful to focus on? What questions do you hope to answer?

- What strategies to track and share progress/highlight solutions and leadership toward food system goals?
 - Systematic Gathering Stories - Journey Mapping, Ripple Effect Mapping, Most "relevant Story"
- Community-driven Storybanking Process (Methods)
- [Development of a]Food Systems Data Hub
- Mixed Methods
- Data gathering at different stages of plan development
- Identifying & Authentically + Strategically Engaging Audiences
 - in both informing process/priorities as well as in lifting up leadership and solutions
- [gap] Funding to support this work
 - How can data tracking and communication help make the case for funding food systems work, more and consistent data collection and storytelling
 - How that all connects to advocacy (see essential question for session #4)

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Speakers or Resources outside of this group we may want to look into?

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- Dr. Abby Gold
- Dr. Brittany Jones
- Jan Libbey
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Learning Session 4: Advocacy Strategies & Policy Priorities

Essential Question: How can we use a charter/plan to have background info for advocacy - a tool for people who are engaging in advocacy?

Scheduling - August or September

Are there dates & times or days of the week/month to avoid?

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Summary of our experience/expertise

- +++ Working with Food (Policy Councils) OH, MN, KS, NE, MI
- WI mini study on Extension's role in FS policy and planning at state and sub-state levels
- NE - Leverage state and federal admin \$'s-- new opportunities have landed this year
- KS - creating broad coalition for shared policy goals
- Local Policy - ND
- MI - experience with federal and state policy informed by our charter; Lots of work to grow capacity of food councils throughout the state to engage in advocacy (and use an equity lens); some new ideas on future advocacy for local/regional food systems
- IA - Iowa Farmers Union is leading a series of Advocacy trainings specifically related to the plan we're working on - Nov - Dec. 2022
- Others?

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In this part of the discussion we identified that there may be two main focus areas to dig into: a) doing advocacy, and b) shared priorities (what we're advocating for). This conversation could serve as a continuation of the previous session!

- [gap] Funding to support this work - how can we use advocacy (especially story and data informed advocacy) to advance our goals and support the collaboration and coordination needed.
- Advocacy and Relationship development with legislative & govt. as a strategy to support the work
- Examples of policy strategies
- Advocacy tools: Identifying Audiences

Commented [19]: Ohio Food Policy Network created a formal Policy Agenda in 2020 which may be relevant here.

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- Altering Messaging for different Audiences
- High Priority policy topics
 - Access to services - i.e. loss of waivers (Erin & Carrie)
 - Farm Bill
- The White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health Strategies that overlap with food networks and food charters (Abby Gold recommendation)

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- Maggi Adamek TeraSoma
- Bolder Advocacy (helps nonprofits understand what they can and can't do lobbying-wise)

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- Erin Melton (erin@kac.org) - Kansas
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