

Health for All through Food Security Working Group 2016 Quarterly Reports

January to March

Activities:

- Masters of Public Health student joint placement from January to March between Food Security working group and Food Matters Manitoba (FMM). Project is to investigate a population health approach to increase food skills and food literacy.
- Continued working group engagement regarding the Winnipeg Food Policy Council. Public engagement forums planned for spring.
- One working group member and Masters of Public Health (MPH) practicum student presented “Ethics, Equity, and Food Security: the healthcare professional experience” at the Ethics Forum at the end of February.
- Demonstration of current GIS mapping of Winnipeg food deserts. Working group continues to inform this project.
- Connected with Executive Director at NorWest Community Food Centre to participate on working group.
- Working group members working on a food security logic model.

April to June

Activities:

- Presentation by Public Health Dietitian from Population & Public Health Healthy Built Environment working group on Healthy Food Systems.
- Three working group members attended City of Winnipeg consultation session on the creation of a Winnipeg Food Council.
- MPH student report “Improving the food skills and food literacy of Manitoba’s children and youth: A population health approach” is finalized. Working group in discussions on ways to further disseminate report.
- Based on MPH student report, one working group member developed a pilot project with community partners related to food skills in schools to be administered during the 2016/2017 school year in three schools with grades 4-6 classes.

July to September

Activities:

- Using recommendations from the FMM food assessments, working group discussed potential priorities and areas for action using newly developed priority tool to help identify cross systems issues.

- Continued working group engagement regarding development of Winnipeg Food Council. FMM requested WRHA submit formal letter and presentation in favour of council to the Executive Policy Committee (EPC) and then City Council in fall.
- One working group member asked to present on Health Equity at Clinical Nutrition Rounds and will mention Food Security working group work.
- Submitted letter of support to the Public Health Agency of Canada for FMM's Our Food Our Health Our Culture project.

October to December

Activities:

- One working group member presented at College of Dietitians Annual General Meeting on Health Equity and mentioned Food Security working group work.
- One working group member presented on food security and health equity at WRHA Nutrition & Food Services education day.
- Working group discussed impacts of racism on health to help align our work. Reviewed articles on Indigenous food security.
- Reviewed completion of an updated nutritious food basket as a potential priority area for action.
- Continued working group engagement regarding development of Winnipeg Food Council. Letter of support from WRHA drafted and ready to submit once council is on the City's Executive Policy Council agenda.
- Working group discussions on hospital data related to malnutrition rates and areas for potential action.
- Welcomed Nutrition Consultant with Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living who joined working group.
- Presentation from Daniel Kanu (Northern and Indigenous Program Coordinator, FMM) on the process FMM undertook to review Truth & Reconciliation Commission recommendations.
- Presentation from working group member on public health inspector process to request a permit to serve wild meat at special events.