



Section I:	Meeting Information
<p>Meeting Topic: Community Engagement in 2019 Date: Monday, January 14th Location: Robert Wood Johnson Fitness and Wellness Center - Community Room Time: 6pm-7:30pm Next Meeting: Monday, March 11th from 6pm-7:30pm @ RWJ Fitness and Wellness Center - Community Room</p>	

Section II:	Attendance
<p>Yvette Molina, Nimit Shah, Karen Lin, Julie Jerome, Johnny Malpica, Linda Bright, and Luca Giovannetti</p>	

Section III:	Agenda Items
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Agenda Items	Report	Action Taken
<p>Look Back at 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community Gatherings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Broke down formal barriers of traditional meetings ○ Encouraged increased community participation ● Community Input <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gatherings provided a space for residents to voice their concern ○ These concerns prompted an Alliance-wide look into school meals ● School Meals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Residents brought issue of school meal quality to Community Engagement workgroup ○ Workgroup brought in two faculty from Rutgers 	<p>Discussion/Informational</p>

	<p>researching school meals in New Brunswick, particularly breakfast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Presented to Community Engagement and broader Alliance ○ Community Engagement chairs continue to advocate for improved school meal quality ○ Other workgroups have taken interest in the topic of school meals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Advocacy & Policy - sugar cap research ○ Nimit - PBS docuseries on food policy with school meal related episode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ https://www.pbs.org/show/food-forward/ ■ Linda - possible screening at a General Meeting ■ Karen - potential to coordinate programming with RWJ related to health and wellness 	
<p>Future of Community Engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How to engage more residents? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using informal gatherings as an introduction to the Alliance and its other workgroups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Need to slowly introduce community members to the functions of the Alliance ○ Changing meeting locations and times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Residents have expressed concern with late meeting times in winter ○ Continue to have food at meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Johnny - focus on increasing the amount of food ○ Continue to have child-friendly meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Yvette & Johnny - opportunity to collaborate with Rutgers students ○ Follow-up with residents ○ Creating a Community Engagement specific online forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Would need consistent content development ■ Potential to create an internship position devoted to the development and curation of this project 	<p>Discussion</p>
<p>Strategic Plan Overview</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looking at ways to collaborate with other workgroups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocacy & Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Description of plan by Johnny ■ Using community Engagement focus group/community gathering technique to 	<p>Discussion/ Informational</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ex. Sugar Cap Project ○ Healthy Food Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Use of Feeding New Brunswick Network to promote farmers market events ■ Finding/building upon list of houses of worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If time permits, reaching out to these houses of worship ● Can find a way to incorporate student learning/interning in this project ○ Agriculture and Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Promotion of the community gardens at gatherings ■ Linda - idea to partner businesses with gardens to promote growing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ex. Brooklyn Hot Sauce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.brooklyngrangefarm.com/ ■ Reintroduce community partners to Agriculture and Gardens workgroup ○ Food & Economic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Helping to connect local organizations to the incubator project ■ Devoting a gathering to the incubation project/Mercado 	
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upcoming Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Every other 2nd Monday ○ Next meeting is March 11th at 6pm in the RWJ Community Room ● Food Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workgroup Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Taste-testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nimit- Cost-effective, nutritionally balanced meal tasting ● Nimit- tea tasting ■ Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nimit - Identification of food/ingredients by smell ● Avenue to incorporate giveaways and increase participation 	<p>Discussion/Informational</p>