

Activate Omaha Kids
Nutrition Plank Meeting
October 10, 2007
Extension Office
8015 W. Center Rd.
Minutes

Members Present: Lisa Maupin, Lori Swirzinski, Martha Nepper, Cynthia Tiedeman, Sarah Schram, Caryn Kusleika, Joan Sather, Becky Jackson, Mary Balluff, Carolyn Thiele, Kathleen Upton, Carrie Miller and Melissa Kelly
Staff Present: Mikki Frost and Diane Roberts

1. Welcome and introductions. Mary Balluff welcomed a large group and introductions were made.
2. Review of Agenda.
3. Review of Goals and Objectives and Strategies of the Nutrition plank. The attached goals were reviewed and approved.
4. Setting Priorities and Timelines. - The group was divided into 3 subgroups to prioritize the identified strategies as to time frame (short, middle, long term) and importance (1 – 3 stars). The results of this brainstorming will be condensed and sent out with the minutes for further refinement.
5. Discussion of surveys and participation. Becky Jackson reported that the second request for the Activate Omaha Kids inventory information had been sent out on September 28, 2007 and that the deadline for response was today, October 10, 2007. Lists of the respondents from both the Activate Omaha Kids inventory and the state survey from DHHS were reviewed. Mary asked that our membership contact those individuals and programs who were not listed, to complete either one of the surveys, either at www.activateomahakids.org or _____.
6. Discussion of Evaluation Questions. The Evaluation Committee has submitted a series of questions for the Nutrition plank. The Nutrition Committee has re-worded these questions and we will return these questions to the Evaluation Committee.
 - a. What is the asset map of nutritional programs?
 - b. Does our community value breast feeding?
 - c. What nutrition messages are effective?
 - d. How are schools and early childcare settings supporting healthy eating?
 - e. How engaged are healthcare providers in Douglas County for supporting healthy eating?
7. November meeting. From the strategies we worked on today, we will draft plans, measures and timelines for review at the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at 2:30 at a site to be determined.