

FCS Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 6, 2025, 6:30 PM

Cobleskill Extension Center, Cooperstown Education Center & Virtual Meeting

ACTION ITEMS:

➤
➤
➤

1. **Call to Order** – Healthy Connections Educator, Michelle Leveski called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Michelle asked members to approve the minutes from the previous FCS Advisory Meeting. Deb Gansinger-Hall motioned to excepts and Nelta second the motion.
2. **Roll Call** – Deborah Gansinger-Hall, Lindsey Garner, Kelly Martin; staff Michelle Leveski, Nelta Miller, Mariah Goodwin, Liz Callahan and Maegan Freeman. Absent: Jessica Hill, Shelby MacLeish, and Brenda Seery.
3. **Welcome:** Executive Director, Liz Callanhan spoke about Michelle and Nelta’s job transition and that it is going well. SNAP funding is restored until the end of December 2025 with the goal of extending to September 2026. To be determined by the end of January 2026. County funding for Otsego County has been reduced by approximately 25% in the next budget.
4. **Program Updates:**
 - a. **EFNEP – Nelta Miller**
 - Gilboa Co-Op Camp; Hartwick Summer Camp CCCCC program, parent and child series, and open houses.
 - EFNEP training consuming a big part of the calendar
 - Michelle explained that EFNEP will let Nelta begin doing classes at the end of October and Michelle will work with Nelta as she begins EFNEP classes.
 - b. **Healthy Connections – Michelle Leveski**
 - Slowly transitioning out of EFNEP (classes, paperwork)
 - Recapped the work she has been doing
 - Revising youth curriculum
 - Open houses with a healthy interest in parents and youth wanting to participate.
 - 6 CROP schools this year for programing. Nelta will be working with the parent/child, and Michelle will be doing the programing for the youth. All 6 schools are on the calendar.
 - Participated in Cooking with Kids new curriculum that is being piloted statewide by EFNEP.
 - c. **SNAP-Ed – Maegan Freeman**
 - Reviewed activities participated in since last meeting, several open houses for CROP, Delaware and Otsego Fairs, health fairs, senior fairs
 - Jam packed for October, and calendar starting to fill up for November and December

d. Farm to School – Mariah Goodwin

- Did a lot of outreach during fairs.
- Working with Carolyn Myran, building producer lists.
- Met with 8 out of 10 schools: 2 tastings in September and 5 scheduled for October.
- HOTM features planned for the year.
- Still trying to meet with Laurens and Oneonta FSDS.
- Working with Katie from Harvest NY; one local school will participate in the regional roots culinary training in November (Schenevus, Mariah hopes to attend)
- Collaborating with BOCES FTS staff and Kelley D. to work on FTS bidding process education (one for each County in January).
- Edmeston and Sharon Springs Schools -interested in expanding...

Other concerns or comments:

- Liz and Deb recapped the Annual Meeting
- Chobani-conversations about food insecurity in Otsego and Chenango Counties.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM. Our next meeting is TBD