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Dear King County Food and Fitness Initiative Collaborative Partners:

This is a brief update to the current activities of the KCFFI.

Food and Fitness Orientation, Traverse City, MI

*In May, Sylvia and Erin attended the first Food and Fitness Initiative Orientation meeting in Traverse City as well as the Kellogg Food and Society conference. It was wonderful to meet co-conveners from the other eight FFI locations and share information.

Food and Fitness Networking Meeting, Chicago, IL

*In mid June, five members from the KCFFI will attend a networking meeting for Food and Fitness hosted by the Kellogg Foundation along with representatives from the other eight FFI communities. Representing our group will be the two co convening agency representatives (Erin and Sylvia), one representative from the program evaluator team (Group Health Community Foundation) and two youth and/or community representatives of the KCFFI. We have invited Collaborative Partners whose work is focused on youth and communities of color to determine who will attend the conference and represent the collaborative. Selection will be based on the following criteria: 1) Individual must work directly with youth or an organization serving youth, OR work directly with an organization directly serving communities of color and demonstrate readiness to learn about how the food and fitness mission can be integrated into programs and policy work you are doing for your community and organization. 2) Individual must be prepared to report back to the KCFFI Collaborative to advance the initiative and demonstrate commitment to integrating what is learned in Chicago into his or her organization's work.

Contract Development

*We are working to create contracts with several agencies (co convener - WSU KCE; Group Health Community Foundation for evaluation; and UW for Assessment activities) and hope this will be completed in the next month.

Next Collaborative Partner Meeting

*We are looking to identify dates for the next Collaborative Partner meeting this summer.

Next Steps

We are planning to bring together specific groups to begin the assessment activities, the evaluation of the KCFFI's work and others to help identify an interim governance structure.

We welcome your feedback and questions!

Erin and Sylvia