



NC GROWING TOGETHER

Connecting Local Foods
to Mainstream Markets

CEFS NCGT Management Team Meeting

1/23/2014, 512 Brickhaven Drive, Room 106, 1:00-3:00 pm

Present: N. Creamer, J. Day, R. Dunning (lead, notes), K. Chojnacki, A. Fugate, , J. Lelekacs (notes), T. Tripp, G. Miller
Call-In: JJ Richardson, M. Schroeder-Moreno, Noah Ranells

- I. **Discussion: Grant management housekeeping, K. Chojnacki report**

- II. **Discussion: Creation of Food Hub working group (learning community, community of practice)**
 - a. Agreement to kick off a working group by:
 - i. Funding 6 NC food hub personnel (3 current managers, 3 reps from forming food hubs) to attend the national food hub meeting in Raleigh March 26-28.
 - ii. Followup meeting of these recipients in May with other NC food hub personnel (existing or forming hubs) and those with an interest in learning more about food hubs.
 - b. Note: planned Extension in-service training on the topic of food hubs to roll out later in the year

- III. **Updates**
 - a. Food Safety Planning and Work
 - i. Group GAP calls planned for week of Jan 27 with Wallace Center and NCGT partners in anticipation of Group GAP pilots for food hub(s) in NC
 - b. Fort Bragg connections and work with dining halls
 - i. Connections have been made between NCGT and base personnel to create and implement local-seasonal based menu options
 - ii. Supply chain student work on possible produce consolidation centers for areas near-base
 - iii. NCGT gathering farmer-level data on produce supply in the Base encroachment zone
 - c. Grocery model work
 - i. Solidifying DSD vendor-setup processes at stores
 - ii. Supply chain student team work on optimal supply chain routing through warehouse
 - iii. Supply chain student team working on sourcing NC seafood direct to store
 - d. Academic/educational update
 - i. Local food supply chain course in place, 6 student teams working with NCGT partners on supply chain challenges
 - ii. Suggestion to do mid-semester evaluation of course using Office of Faculty Development services