**NC 1196 Annual Meeting 2019 Held at College Station, Texas**

**Attendees**: Christine Coker, Mississippi State University; Alex McIntosh, Texas A&M University; Catherine Brinkley, UC Davis California; Hee-Jung Song University of Maryland College Park; Marissa Cisneros, Texas A&M University; Virginie Zoumenou University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

**Attendees through Zoom**: Irene Hatsu, Ohio State University; Melissa Pflugh Prescott University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Bhagyashree Katare, Perdue University; Maya Vadiveloo, University of Rhode Island.

Dr. Alisson Gustafson sent information related to her current project in order to be considered in the new proposal.

**Thursday, December 5, 2019,** the meeting began at 8 am with introductions

**Introduction**

Dr. Alex McIntosh began the meeting by discussing the agenda and some details related to the new proposal. He also informed the group that he will retire soon. Alex has been the secretary for the NC116 for decades. The group decided to identify someone to shadow Alex during the proposal renewal process.

All attendees introduced themselves and briefly described their work over the past year.

Dr. Catherine Brinkley is working on several projects related to: Food desert; Poverty; Street food vendors and regulations in California; and Food Banks.

Dr. Marissa Cisneros’ current project focuses on food insecurity and methodology approaches; Food environment, Race, and ethnicity; Food Banks.

Dr. Alex McIntosh Alex is working on a project related to Antibodies, soil, and animal lives; soil functions and soil linkages to people and their environment; and food Ad “The Body in the Ad”.

Dr. Hee-Jung Song is currently focusing on the following: food waste reduction among elementary schools; and food recovery among college students in collaboration with the dining service.

Dr. Melissa Pflugh Prescott’s projects focus on diet quality and food waste at school; farm to school; food recovery and share the table approach; and food safety education.

Dr. Irene Hatsu has continued to study issues surrounding food insecurity, nutrient supplement, chronic disease, and mental health; food environment and food insecurity among homeless youth and homeless shelters.

Dr. Christine Coker has worked with community and school gardens. She is also working on the garden at the experiment station.

Dr. Bhagyashree Katare is working on several projects: government policies and food insecurity; Food expenditures using secondary data; Diet quality, alcohol, and smoking; and healthy food choices and food pantries.

Dr. Alison Gustafson is working on food distribution and grocery shopping.

Dr. Virginie Zoumenou, has continued her project on childhood obesity among preschoolers; She is also working on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of health initiative - “The Well Connected Communities project” which includes two current mini -projects: “Healthy street –Healthy me” and “Fruits Available to All” in three communities on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

**New Proposal**

After the introductions, the group focused on the new proposal. We reviewed the guidelines and the previous proposal. We discussed the new objectives based on the current and future projects. Two sets of objectives were suggested:

First set of objectives suggested:

Objective 1: Improve food security by impacting policy-makers and the policies that influence the structure of food systems among underserved populations. (*school meals, street food, food waste, food recovery, emergency food, local government  regulations, USDA regulations etc.*)

Objective 2: Assess the feasibility of community engagement in health and food systems initiatives (*best practices of community engagement initiatives*)

Objective 3:  Assess the feasibility of food production and virtual food distribution systems among underserved populations. *(production, retail markets, grocery shopping, and emergency food distribution etc.)*

Second Set of objectives suggested:

**Objectives**: Scaling up will require the following steps in research and practice:

1. Assessing the Food Environment
2. Community engagement to identify suitable interventions
3. Intervention piloting and data collection to understand feasibility and transferability
4. Scaling up and assessing the results at scale.

The group will continue the discussion and will select the final objectives for the new proposal.

Please forward your suggestion regarding the objectives to **Dr. Catherine Brinkley** [**ckbrinkley@ucdavis.edu**](mailto:ckbrinkley@ucdavis.edu) **and Dr. Hee-Jung Song** [hjsong@umd.edu](mailto:hjsong@umd.edu)

**Current Work**

Each participant included their current work in a google drive document created for the new proposal.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gCUIX4sDWMbPsPigX74-TSpZBUtq1tar?usp=sharing>

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Please see the draft of the proposal in the google drive document at  <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gCUIX4sDWMbPsPigX74-TSpZBUtq1tar?usp=sharing>

**Friday December 6, 2019**

**New proposal**

We continue the discussion related to the new objectives. Any suggestion from the large group is welcome.

Assignments: each member is expected to submit the following for the new proposal:

* Each member’s current and previous work
* Outcomes and Projected impacts of the member’s work. Alex insisted that the impact should be more than the publications. The impact of the project on the target population or community is expected to be included in the new proposal.

Group name: we also need to choose a new name for the new proposal. The previous name was: “NC 1196 Food systems, health, and well-being: understanding complex relationships and dynamics of change”

We decided to keep **NC1196** but we need to change the statement; “*Food systems, health, and well-being: understanding complex relationships and dynamics of change*”

We are still brainstorming on the new statement. Any suggestion is welcome

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**Group projects**

Food SystemLiterature review: Please see attached the new teams for the literature review.

Book proposal: The book proposal was reviewed. The corrected book proposal is already submitted to Springer.

**Website:** The purpose of the website is to help members have access to the information related to other members’ work. The website will give opportunities for collaboration. Dr. Christine Cooker will work on the website and will add more windows. [nc1196.weebly.com](http://nc1196.weebly.com/)

**New Funding opportunities**: the opportunities are listed in the google drive document in file named “Grant FRA”. Please click on the link below

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gCUIX4sDWMbPsPigX74-TSpZBUtq1tar?usp=sharing>

**Election of the New Board:**

* New Chair: Dr. Christine Cooker
* Co-Chair: Dr. Irene Hatsu
* Secretary: Dr. Catherine and Dr. Hee Jung Song will shadow Dr. Alex McIntosh until his retirement.
* External Funding: Dr. Hee Jung Song will communicate the available external funding and related deadlines.

Please welcome the new board. It has been a pleasure serving as a chair for the past two years.

Happy Holidays.

Virginie Zoumenou