UPCOMING EVENTS
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016
MOCAN MEETING

The Steering Committee encourages all members to send in articles for the newsletter.

Please send your submissions to Donna Mehrle. Thanks!

ARTICLES OF INTEREST
THANKS FOR JOINING US! APRIL 14 MOCAN MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Hi, everyone. Thank you all for joining us for another MOCAN!

Check out MOCAN meeting highlights and speaker presentation decks from last week’s meeting:

- **Lisa Nelson**, MOCAN co-chair & Freeman Health System, & **Donna Mehrle**, MU Extension, presented on MOCAN business:
  - Second Remote Meeting Location – Thanks Marry Ellison, Co-Chair, Springfield-Green County Health Dept
  - Implementing the Strategic Plan
    - Work Groups
- Collaborating with Oral Health – **Amy Kelsey**, DHSS
- **Pop-Up Traffic Calming as a Public Health & Planning Tool** – Cindy Mense & Grace Kyung, Trailnet
- **Legislative Update** – Dave Zellmer, UM Center for Health Policy
- **Eat Smart in Parks** – Cindy DeBlauw, MU Extension
- Work Groups met and reported on current projects
- Meeting Minutes – coming soon!

ATTEND ‘SHOWCASING THE DAIRY INDUSTRY’S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY’ TODAY!

Today is Earth Day!

What better time to learn more about the dairy industry’s overall commitment to sustainability and the varied efforts underway by dairy farmers in the Midwest and other dairy community leaders to minimize overall impact on the environment?

Today’s consumers are interested in both the nutrition in their food and how it was produced. In fact, statistics show that the number of consumers who are prioritizing sustainability in their purchasing decisions has increased significantly since 2007.

Please join us on April 22nd at **11:00 AM CDT** for a webinar that will provide updates on both dairy farmer’s ongoing commitment to sustainability, as well as the efforts underway in the dairy community to minimize dairy’s overall impact on the environment.

Register now!

Looking for more information on sustainability? Check out Midwest Dairy Association’s sustainability toolkit.

The toolkit includes blog posts, infographics, farmer stories and a social media calendar that you can share in your own communications channels.

Happy Earth Day!
**PRINCIPLES OF POSTHARVEST HANDLING AND FOOD SAFETY**

Are you new to fruit and vegetable farming and wondering how to extend the quality and shelf life of your produce? In this workshop, Laura Christensen of Blue Door Farm in Kansas City, KS will discuss the basics of produce quality as well as postharvest handling including washing and storage, packaging, cold chain management and some basic equipment considerations.

We will also outline the principles of food safety practices relevant for small-acreage and/or organic growers and provide some general information about Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). We will also be touring the City Market Farm to Table Kitchen, which is available for farmers to rent for processing value-added food products.

**April 25th, 4-7pm University of Missouri Extension Office (across from City Market) 105 E. 5th St, Kansas City, MO**

To register or for more information, see the [flyer](#).

**INTERACTIVE DNPAO ’DATA, TRENDS & MAPS’ DATABASE**

The Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity’s (DNPAO’s) Data, Trends & Maps database is an interactive tool that provides state-specific behavior, policy, and environmental indicators from multiple data sources about obesity, nutrition, physical activity, and breastfeeding.

The DNPAO has also added a new data source, Women, Infant, and Children Participant and Program Characteristics (WIC-PC). This data source provides information on 2-4 year old low income children who have obesity or are classified as overweight.

The database can be accessed [here](#). Please contact Elizabeth Simon for comments or questions.

**DHSS HEALTH DATA TRAINING – SUMMER 2016**

The DHSS Bureau of Health Care Analysis and Data Dissemination (BHCADD) is offering sessions of Introduction to Profiles and MICA, Health Data Analysis, and the Health Data Workshop in three locations this summer: St. Louis, Kansas City, and Jefferson City.

These courses are recommended for staff who need to understand and present data to inform policy or decision making related to priority health issues. There is no cost to attend the courses, which are hands-on and designed to assist local public health agencies and community partners with health status monitoring and data analysis needs.

Register for DHSS training sessions [here](#).

For questions or more info, contact Andrew Hunter or Becca Mickels.

**2016 NPAS SURVEY ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & PUBLIC HEALTH**

The National Physical Activity Society conducts [this survey of Physical Activity in Public Health professionals](#) every two years to get a sense of the needs of the profession.

**Goal:** Develop a thorough picture of the training and resource needs of people working toward public health approaches to physical activity.

**Who should participate?**

Professionals who address physical activity as part of their work--public health, nonprofits, academics, and others; Members, partners, and allies

**Where?** Local, state, or national level

Survey open through **May 13, 2016**. Response time is estimated at 20 minutes. **No federal funds are used for this survey.**

Participate in the 2016 survey [here](#).

**‘FARM TO SCHOOL WORKS’: 2015 USDA FTS CENSUS AVAILABLE**

The results of the [2015 USDA Farm to School Census](#) are now available. In school year 2013-2014, school districts purchased nearly $800 million in local food from farmers, ranchers, fishermen, and food processors and manufacturers.

That’s a 105 percent increase over the $386 million of local food purchased in the 2011-2012 school year when the first Census was conducted. Forty-six percent of school districts report that they will buy even more local foods in future school years.

An overview of the census is available [here](#). Via SNEB.

**COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS PUBLISHED**

The seventh annual [County Health Rankings](#) are now available. Data include more than 30 factors affecting the health and well-being of people living in nearly every county in the United States, including adult obesity rates, physical inactivity rates, access to exercise opportunities, and a food environment index that measures both food insecurity and access to healthy food.

View county health rankings in your community [here](#). Via SNEB.

**Thank you to Jessica Mackey, Cindy DeBlauw, and Donna Mehrle for contributing links for this issue!**
UPCOMING CONFERENCE CALLS

SCHOOLS WORK GROUP CONFERENCE CALLS
This sub-group meets via conference call the first Monday of each February, March, May, June, August, September and November.

Conference call times: 11:00–12:00 CST.
Contact Cindy DeBlauw for more information.

CHILDRENCARE WORK GROUP CONFERENCE CALLS
This sub-group meets via conference call the first Monday of each February, March, May, June, August, September and November.

Conference call times: 11:00–12:00 CST.
Contact Cindy DeBlauw for more information.

MESSAGES WORK GROUP CONFERENCE CALLS
The Messages Work Group meets via ad-hoc conference call. The group is currently, working on recommendations made by AdZou students.

Conference call dial-in number: 866-357-7737
Passcode: 614 774 2047

Conference call times: 1:00–2:00 CST.
Contact Lynn Cole for more information.

Note: The call-in number and code are the same for all calls.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT WORK GROUP CONFERENCE CALLS
The Built Environment Work Group meets the fourth Monday of every month.

Conference call times: 10:00–11:00 CST.

The bridge & toll free numbers are the same for all thirteen calls, 526-6207/866-630-9356.
Contact Kathy Craig for more information.

FOOD SYSTEMS WORK GROUP CONFERENCE CALLS
The Food Systems Work Group meets the third Thursday of every month.

Conference call dial-in number: 866-357-7737
Passcode: 506 966 4346

Conference call times: 9:00–10:00 CST.
Contact Lorin Fahrmeier for more information.

Note: The call-in number and code are the same for all calls.

WORKSITES WORK GROUP CONFERENCE CALLS
The Worksites Work Group is meeting ad-hoc to revise the WorkWell Missouri Toolkit.

Contact Liz Peterson for more information.

POLICY WORK GROUP CONFERENCE CALLS
The Policy Work Group meets ad-hoc periodically.

Contact Donna Mehrle for more information.