

Indiana Grown/ Food Hub Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2014

--Ted McKinney, David Bausman, Jill Pritchard, and Laura Buck in attendance

- David talked with Ryan at LG's office Thursday – no task force allowed prior to 7/1, would be in violation of Open Door Law
 - Will be following up regarding 1:1 communications, have to figure out how the invitation process will work (update: 1:1 communication okay so long as not discussing specifics of the program. Conversations to gauge interest and commitment would be fine)
 - If we get our top candidate list to Ryan, LG's office will vet and get appointed on July 1
 - David will ask Ryan what vetting info they need
 - Ted would like candidates submitted to LG's office by May 1, include those off our list, provide at least a bio
- If we are contacted by people who would like to be on the commission: "Glad to know of your interest, but the decision is up to the LG's office"
- Regarding name change: David recommends holding off on anything official until after session to avoid legislators getting confused. Ted still interested in changing name sooner, however. He would like it ready to go at the start of session so that legislators will know the name will be changed but won't *officially* change until after session – giving them a heads up of the change
- Ted spoke with Mark Newman, Mark agreed to help provide input. He can help us with marketing expense estimates, which Ben will help with too (update: Mark will be at 4/21 meeting)
- Application form for commission: We will assemble the form based on vetting info LG's office wants. On application, have people check all categories they think apply to them so as not to limit. Press release to accompany applications – "we are seeking candidates, " a call for candidates for commission, keeps it open to everyone and avoid appearance of showing favoritism. We can still submit our top candidate list, but this way no one excluded who is interested
- David requested from Laura budget strategies of 4-6 other states, top and medium quality programs. Would like at end of May
- Ted is going to work on communications with Purdue regarding their commission member
- Ted would like next meeting to include Mark Newman and last 1 ½ hours
- Ben Kenney joined meeting to discuss press release. Ben will put out press release, I will put together application once desired info obtained from LG's office. Get done this week! We will then deliberately send the release to our top candidates. (Update: LG's office went ahead and compiled the application themselves, press release not out as of 4/21)
 - Make sure the application conveys that being on the commission is a *commitment!*
 - Press release to be send out first of next week (ideally the 14th)
- Laura will send contact info for our top candidates to Ben (update: completed but some only have facebook pages)
- Ted would like to have a meeting with Tony Hahn in the future too