Community Assessment on Food Procurement Barriers

We are conducting a short survey to better understand the community’s potential interest in food procurement standards. We appreciate your input that will help inform our work in preventing obesity and cancer in Broome County. We strive to work in cooperation with food service providers and would like to learn how to best accomplish our goals as a partnership.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Diane O’Hora at the Broome County Health Department at 607-778-3921.

1. What is the name of your agency? _________________________________________________________

2. What is your role?__________________________________________________________

3. Who benefits from your food services?__________________________________________

4. Phone number: ___________________________ Email: ____________________________

5. # of daily meals: ________ Circle # of Days per week that meals are served: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

6. Do you have a Nutritionist or Dietician on staff/consultant that helps inform your purchases? ○ Yes ○ No

7. To what extent is the **nutritional content** of prepared/served meals a priority in your facility?
   Nutrition…. ○ Is a very high priority ○ Plays a role but not a top priority ○ Is not a priority ○ Don’t know / Not sure

8. Do you think that **nutritional content should be a top priority in determining menus**?
   ○ Yes ○ No ○ Don’t know / Not sure

9. What are some reasons why nutrition **would not be the top consideration** for menu planning and grocery sourcing? (check all that apply)
   Nutrition is not considered because… ○ It would increase operational costs ○ Lack of qualified personnel & expertise ○ It isn’t important ○ Not enough demand ○ Don’t know / Not sure ○ Other ________________________________

10. What might be helpful for your agency to **source ingredients and serve meals that meet recommended nutritional value**? (check all that apply)
    ○ Funding ○ Community support ○ Policy/required standards ○ More options from food purveyors ○ Other ________________________________

11. What are some **factors determining your food purchases**? Please rank on a scale of 1 to 3, 1 being the most considered.
    ___ Least expensive ___ Nutritional quality/value ___ Grown/processed regionally or within NYS
    ___ Demand from patrons ___ Other ________________________________
    ___ Easy to prepare/pre-prepared ___ Other ________________________________
    ___ Availability ___ Other ________________________________
12. Would you support a policy that promotes more healthful food procurement standards?
   □ Yes  □ No  □ Maybe  □ Don’t know / Not sure

13. How easy or difficult might it be to manage and enforce a food procurement policy?
   □ Very easy  □ Somewhat easy  □ Somewhat Difficult  □ Very Difficult  □ Don’t know / Not sure

14. What would make incorporating food procurement standards easier for your facility?
   □ Phasing in  □ Catering to individual facility’s needs  □ Merge existing contracts
   □ Technical assistance for implementation  □ Other: ____________________________

15. Do you offer low sodium options?  ○ Yes  ○ No  If yes please list some of them (optional):

16. Please estimate the percentage of food cooked from scratch in your facility:
   □ 0-15%  □ 16-25%  □ 26-50%  □ 51-75%  □ 76-100%  □ Don’t know / Not sure

17. When you are purchasing food, are there plenty of options to source the following?:

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

18. Sugary drinks in public vending machines should be replaced with water and other healthier drinks.
   □ Strongly Agree  □ Agree  □ Disagree  □ Strongly Disagree  □ Don’t know / Not sure

19. Public vending machines should offer only healthy snack choices.
   □ Strongly Agree  □ Agree  □ Disagree  □ Strongly Disagree  □ Don’t know / Not sure

20. Vending machines should be removed from public schools and municipal buildings.
   □ Strongly Agree  □ Agree  □ Disagree  □ Strongly Disagree  □ Don’t know / Not sure

Any additional comments?
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