**Agenda Item**: Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People Update

Presenters: Shirley Hymon-Parker, Clarence Watson, and Eric Young

## **Background:**

A brief history leading up to establishment of the Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People Steering committee is below.

- March 2014 ECOP releases their Health Task Force report, which can be found at https://www.aplu.org/document.doc?id=5134.
- July 2014 Joint COPs Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People joint work session engaged all sections of the BAA, together with the BoHS to set priorities, identify funding sources, and make a recommendation to the PBD.
- July 2014 As a result of the recommendations from the Joint COPs meeting, the PBD voted to establish a *Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People Steering Committee*. The purpose of the committee, operating with leadership by the BAA and BoHS, is to develop a broad-based initiative for which funding will be sought, possibly in 2017.
- September, 2014 The Steering Committee is appointed, chaired by Richard Linton (BAA) and Christine Ladisch (BoHS), with Shirley Hymon-Parker and Clarence Watson as the ESCOP representatives.
- October 7, 2014 The initial meeting of the Committee included a discussion resulting in a decision to focus on the integration and interaction of food nutrition, agricultural systems, and environment and their impact on chronic disease prevention and general human health.
- The next meeting will be late October to discuss formation of work groups around various aspects of the focus. An initial progress report will be given to the Policy Board of Directors at its November meeting.

**Action Requested:** No action needed, information only.