

Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger  
October 10, 2013  
Location: United Way Suncoast  
Minutes

Agenda:

1. Introductions – 5 min
2. Review of September Annual Meeting
3. Discussion on current hunger priorities in Tampa Bay
  - Review existing Work Teams
  - List priorities going forward and appoint work teams for the next six months
4. Review of Network structure, open positions
5. Any information to share
6. Adjournment

Meeting called to order by Pat Rogers at 9:31am

Introductions

Review of Sept Meeting:

- Good turn out; created new community interest

Priorities discussion:

- TBNEH background - 2010 first TBNEH meeting
  - meeting to apply for USDA grant to do hunger assessment
- couldn't get funding without having official hunger council

OPEN FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION:

- Previous work teams - Will Carey: community garden work team; now, Lighthouse pilot program is doing around 1,000,000 lbs in produce this year
- Website: in process of getting HCC web-design program intern.  
Also, UT and USF College of Public Health also outlet if need extra help
- Plant City United Food Bank had 100 new families that had never used a food pantry before; what are trends? Numbers are still very high.
- unemployment rate does not directly mean hunger is less of an issue
- Food distribution - more efficient method for distribution
  - agency capacity - revisit issue now that map complete
  - charities doing 30 million lbs a year
  - Plant City United Food Bank difficulty getting need met due to individual capacity issue –
    - Capacity – individual vs. agency
- Healthy eating: hunger is now a health issue, not a safety net

issue

- FNP (Family Nutrition Program) – free nutrition education program serving low-income adults. Funded by food nutrition services branch of USDA.
- IFAS helps families spend their money more effectively; how to cook recipes on a budget
- amp up awareness for programs that are underutilized
  - how to use exotic foods? Last mile – reinforce clients to bring unused food to neighbors
  - get resource list together of all programs – put on website
  - child lunches – time an issue? No one there to encourage kids to try new things
- Hillsborough county: Hillsborough School District looking to partner with UF for food waste study
  - competition for food waste - different companies want to buy food to make compost/fertilizer
  - student health advisory (Pinellas) – promoting healthy eating in schools; teach kids
  - Pinellas pilot dinner program for all students and families included
  - what is the issue? How can we get to underlining issue of hunger? Poverty
  - understanding poverty and how the system works for the people; from their perspective
  - money smart – fdic program; budgeting class

Priorities:

- New people - real situation
- Access to food donations from food banks
- Homebound seniors – Michael Herrera
- Healthy eating – IFAS, FNP, charities that educate, WIC –

breastfeeding

- Food waste
- Student Health Advisory
- Promote /Advertising Healthy eating
- Why is someone hungry? What can be done?
- What is all out there is help our cause? (comprehensive resource guide)
- Policy in re donated food from grocery
- Transportation – distribution AND access sub groups?

Work Teams (for next six months)

1. Underlying issues - best practices –  
Cliff Smith\*, Christine Miller, Christine Long/Scott B., Jane Walker, Michael Herrera, Pat
2. Healthy eating – whats being done – Dan Caccamo\*, Mark Trujillo, Caitlyn, Nan Jensen, Carol Smith, Rocio Bailey
3. Transportation: top down/bottom up – Caitlyn\*, Jerry, Jane, Jason Martino, Kathy Helms, Will Carey, Lisa Yacso, Shaina/Ken Murphy and Carol Smith SUAC, Sylvia
4. Policy Issues - Christina Sudduth\*, Rocio Bailey

\*work team leader

Next meeting: bring scope of work group to present to Network

New positions open

- Vice Chair, Caitlin Higgins-Joy stepping down
- Bring nominations to next Network meeting to be voted on

Any information to share

Next meeting November 14, 9:30am at United Way Suncoast

Adjournment: 10:56am