

Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger
April 11, 2013
United Way Tampa Bay
Minutes

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Approval of March minutes
3. Florida Ag Producer Donations – Farmers Feeding Florida – Chip Hinton
4. Review of updated hunger assessment map – Pat Rogers/Caitlyn Peacock
 - updated agency locations
 - added bus routes for all 3 counties
5. “Gap” teams reports on progress to date
 - Michael Herrera – N. Pinellas
 - Beth Houghton – S. Pinellas
 - Caitlyn Peacock – SE. Hillsborough, and S. Tampa
 - Pat Rogers – NE Hillsborough
6. Plans for May information annual session
7. Any other team updates
8. Any info to share
9. Next meeting May 9, 9:30am, United Way
10. Adjournment

Meeting was called to order at 9:32am by Pat Rogers

Introductions

Approval of March minutes

Chip Hinton – provide linkage to nutritious food

- florida produces 60% of US winter fruit and veg crop; there are many times where there is product that isn't marketable but it still nutritious, due to size, lack of market demand
- Farmers Feeding Florida works with ag industry to maximize donations
- want to work w/ truckload lots 30-40,000 per truck load
- worked to set up logistics systems so food banks can accept
- the protocol is to saturate need in area where food is produced then branch out
- chip removes obstacles; takes on major issues for farmers

- Farmers feeding Florida gets grants to provide farmer with funds to cover costs to finish harvest for donating to food banks if that is necessary.
- usually farmers donate “just in time” product that has short shelf life
 - can move volumes to where it is needed
 - enables quick distribution
 - assured farmers it will be good for them as well
 - will absorb transportation; pick up at dock then theirs
 - grower has product, makes phone call, then ready to move immediately
 - leftovers have to be certain standard in order to donate to avoid lower overall price of product
 - work with packaging industry, gas industry, to lower costs of donations
 - moving from largest produced item to smaller operations for participation
 - grower chose to harvest crop instead of let it go
 - gleaners very important to process; but farmers prefer their own workers
 - do not touch anything that can be absorbed to local food bank
 - this process is unique to have person who knows/works in ag but factors are same; think like farmer; what problems they might encounter and work to problem solve
 - 30% is left to rot; we want to get ½ that
 - good news is we don't need the whole 30%
 - focus on the hard 7 – apples, citrus, Sweet potato, carrots, onions, potatoes = low reffridge, longer shelf life
 - 90% of what comes out of FL is fresh; 90% out of CA is processed
 - Sylvia – last couple of months huge donations, carrots, green beans, sweet potatoes
 - RCS, Lighthouse Gospel – both moved over 200,000lbs that could not have been moved otherwise
 - first thing Farmers Feed FL did was to eliminate obstacles
 - Beth – give agencies options for when they can pick up
 - works well to get food where it needs to be
 - Chip – need to look at costs to set up refrigeration capacity in downstream agencies

Map Updates

- had meeting in Pinellas and Hillsborough to train people on how to use map and explain the information
- going to use questions to help develop how-to-guide

- want to put together a transportation team; Kevin Salzer will lead; contact him if interested – will address both access to food by needy and distribution of food to agencies
- map layers easy to nav (click on and off)
- Caitlyn or Pat can come out and do walk thru; answer questions
- map is constantly being updated
- added transportation layer to show bus routes for all 3 counties
- working on childhood hunger map; to show child only programs
- Christina Sudduth – FL impact map uploaded on their website

Gap team

- Kip – had first mtg; looking at section county was interested in – Tarpon Springs - figure out what greatest need is and how to meet that need; talking w/ school districts; RCS works closely w/ pac-a-sac; gathering data then back into families

- ground truthing; map helping to show which questions should be asked
- where is the immediate need today
- local congregations interested in helping
- Beth – met w/ beach area
 - no sites in beach area, no agencies that provide resources
 - generally perceived to be affluent area
 - there ARE service workers, fisherman
 - under report of income (cash biz)
 - may account for lower reported
 - map is impressing people, powerful tool to make the point about needy in local areas.
 - the agencies that are around the corner may be providing more than is being represented to account for people traveling between zip codes
 - the charities indicate who is showing up knocking at their door
 - areas to look at are areas that have no supply close by
 - some charities track that but smaller ones unlikely

South Tampa

- education, mobile pantry to see how much need is really there
- going to meet with South of Gandy agencies to see current programs, needs, resources

S. Hillsborough

- working on getting together w/ department of aging
- as result of S. Hills Gap Team – Lighthouse Gospel bringing food to Southshore Resource Center pantry every other week
- Lighthouse is doing outreach in wimauma, see who shows up

New Tampa

- want to work on educational aspect
- nutritional eating
- working poor
- lead w/ healthy eating class how to eat on a budget
- need to educate on 2-1-1; other resources;

Other team updates

- Sylvia – FA mobile pantries - drop food vs staff run them
 - if have transportation come to and host own mobile pantry
 - it will allow more food to get into community
- Pat – see if business partners have refrigerator truck to see if they can run their own mobile pantry
- Will – if someone has property or initiative, food drop can be beneficial, not everyone can run trucks, so if can just drop and let them distribute from there allow more food to get in comm.
- Pat – ask businesses if they have space we can park palates for storage until can distribute
- Christine – exchange storage space for food; larger charities
- Dan Caccamo – reach out to small seafood distributors to see if can borrow truck; allow them to distribute food into area neighborhoods

GA Foods – a lot of shelf stable items

- have lots of trucks; will look into see

Will – have food trucks at grand opening of sustainable living project

May 2013 annual informational session

- push back to September
- objective is to invite stake holders in hunger issues
- talk about future programs
- gives ppl a direction to look into hunger
- report on what gap teams impact (now-Sept)

Sylvia – Feeding America Tampa Bay Agency meeting- May 3rd 8:30 – 12:30;
vendors, private businesses as well, sessions on:

- non-profit leaders: fundraising
- talk about different initiatives, network

Will - April 22 10-11:30 grand opening for Sustainability Living Project

- Mayor of Tampa will be there
- 918 W. Sligh Ave, Tampa
- first education class open to the public April 27 9:30
- monthly class will be general info
- can sign up to volunteer on Tampa Bay Harvest Sustainable living project website

- Christina S – if interested in setting up feeding site for children; FL Impact looking for new sites
- Jane – met with county to discuss removing fee for reduced breakfast and lunch; increase use of free meal prgm by 700/day in order to be able
- GA Foods – work to feed 350 kids a weekend via pac-a-sac
- Director Pinellas school food – working to expand pac-a-sac during summer
- Christina – after school replaced by summer feeding site
- Asst director Pinellas School Food– universal snack extention to more elementary and middle school
 - purchased 4 food trucks
 - pilot dinner prgm working w/ YMCA – May 2013
 - expand it to after school sites in Fall 2013
 - going to do mobile w/ picnic tables serve lunches
 - GA foods makes packages
 - DCF workers bring food when they go out to do investigation

Sheri – UW does great job recruiting volunteers

- volunteer recognition ceremony Will Carey will receive award April 23 8:30
- TBNTEH is incorporated; received tax exempt number

Kevin Salzer – Kevinsalzer@gmail.com

- contact if interested in transportation team

FL WIC will be going to EBT statewide feb 2014

- piloted Miami

Meeting adjourned 11:15am