

Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger
October 9, 2014
United Way Tampa Bay
Minutes

Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Network business – Deborah Lekenta

- EFSP update
- September Annual Conference

3. Grant Application Updates

- Lauri Wright – Nutrition Coordinator
- Rosy Bailey – Taste-it!/IFAS/USF Partnership
- Debbi McCarthy – Senior Wait List
- Caitlyn Peacock – HEAT grant/Bayside High School

4. THI National Hunger Conference Presentation – Caitlyn Peacock

- Recommendations for National Hunger Commission

5. Vote on new work team topics

- Transportation – ongoing
- Healthy Eating – ongoing
- Bridges (best practices) – ended
- Other topics?

6. Any additional info to share

7. Adjournment

Meeting called to order by Deborah Lekenta at 9:30am

Introductions

- Need name tag tents for next meeting

Network business – Deborah Lekenta

- EFSP Update
 - o Transitioning from United Way Suncoast to TBNEH
 - o Phase updates
 - Ph31 – final report is not yet due

- Ph32 – funds have not come in yet; no word on when
- Ph33 – begin advertising in December/January
- September Annual Conference
 - Over 75 people in attendance
 - Largest turn out to date
 - Planning a Food Planning/Hunger Council conference for April 2015

Grant Application Updates

Lauri Wright – Nutrition Coordinator

- Hired Rosy Bailey as Nutrition Coordinator

Rosey Bailey – Bons Secours grant

- Expanding on Taste-it!; adding cooking matters to program
- Grant will provide equipment for pantries to manage their own Taste-it! program
- Clients will receive groceries after graduating from cooking matters

Debbi McCarthy

- Senior wait list LOI approved; formal proposal requested
- Deadline for submission October 20, 2014

Caitlyn Peacock

- HEAT grant
 - Partnership with IFAS/SLP/Guest speakers
 - How to get homeeconomic concepts back into school system
 - 30 pregnant homeless students will participate in program
 - Two guest speakers will come into their classroom to discuss career opportunities in horticulture and agriculture
 - Following the guest speakers, the students will have an opportunity to visit the Sustainable Living Project
 - After field trip Cooking Matters curriculum will begin a 6-week healthy cooking class

THI National Hunger Conference Presentation – Caitlyn Peacock

Texas Hunger Initiative, *Together at the Table*

- Best practices addressing hunger
 - Food pantries addressing illness with food, i.e., diabetic food pantry (Feeding America – Collaborating for Clients)
 - Household needs
 - Participants asked what other needs besides food
 - Hygiene products, toilet paper, diapers

- Easy to talk about needing food but extreme shame when discussing needing hygiene products etc.
- Food pantries should try to incorporate other household products in their outreach
- ABCD Asset Mapping (Asset Based Community Development)
 - Roles of community residents - the client, advisor then producer
 - What can residents do by themselves for themselves?
- Food insecurity VS Hunger
 - Food insecurity is an economic indicator
 - Hunger – physical sensation due to lack of food; cannot measure because individual experience

Vote on new work team topics

Current Work Team Updates

Transportation Work Team

- October 23 at FDOT Hillsborough Pinellas, Pasco transportation meeting to discuss issues/new initiatives
- Bayside High School Pantry
 - Partnership has led to other initiatives including a grant submitted by HEAT (Homeless Education Assistance Team)
- Senior Wait List
 - Formal proposal being submitted to Community Foundation
 - Nathan Gula is helping complete database of spare transportation

Healthy Eating Work Team

- Healthy Food Drive tool kit
 - Working with RCS Food Bank to measure average percent of healthy foods being donated
 - Going to market healthy food drive tool kit and measure percentage afterwards to see if significant change
- Expanding the Taste-it! Program to 4 other sites
 - Applied for grant to incorporate Cooking Matters into Taste-it!
 - Grant will provide each new Taste-it! site with necessary equipment to host their own Taste-it!

Bridges – personal grow boxes (no longer active work team)

- Working with the company, Earth Box, and a partner agency, United Food Bank of Plant City, TBNEH is conducting an informal study to determine whether clients receiving food from a food pantry would be able to supplement their food intake by growing their own vegetables. Begin date: February 2015.

New work team topics

- Policy/Advocacy – Andrew Chouinard, Carol Smith

- Childhood Hunger – Caitlyn Peacock, Nathan Gula, Jane Walker, Sandra Gadsden, Christina Sudduth

Any additional info to share

- Putting a Face on Hunger (Daystar)
 - Nora S(?), USF Graduate Student
 - Conducted study to see anecdotal evidence of hunger
- Nathan Gula
 - Metro Min Pasco kitchen now open
 - Lightening, Feeding America, Laser Spine Institute partnership
 - taking food truck profits to feed kids in needy neighborhoods
- Ward Cox
 - Family Town Hall
 - Focus groups to address needs of families struggling
 - What affect budget cuts have on community

Adjournment at 11:01am