Food Access and Security Coalition 07.17.23



Agenda

Meeting Type:	Standard
Facilitator:	Honor Crawford
Recorder:	Rotating* Please volunteer when you can!
Pre-meeting materials:	June Meeting Recording

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Introduction of the chairperson/facilitator
- Rotating notetaker
- Introduction of coalition members in attendance and icebreaker

Ice breaker: Pick one you didn't choose last time!

- 1. Why do you think food insecurity persists?
- 2. How do you think cultural or social factors impact food security and people's access to nutritious foods?
- 3. Share a memorable food-related experience from your travels.
- 4. Share a childhood food memory that brings back nostalgia.
- 5. How do you think food insecurity affects communities and individuals on a broader scale?

II. Old Business

- Member Spotlight: Sign Up Genius
- Community Spotlights: Whom do you want to hear from?

III. New Business

- Cooling Centers
- Recordings now available: Dropbox link in minutes on BFHD-FASC webpage
- First in-person meeting: August 21, 2023- Food?
- Distribution list: any issues with sending it out?
- Food Resource List? 2-1-1 but printed and distributed?

IV. Member Spotlight OR Review and Discussion of the Current State of Food Access and Security Locally/Regionally

- Karen Diaz: Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and the Self-Sufficiency Program at Housing Authority of the City of Pasco and Franklin County
- Tony Cook: Don't Dump, Donate, reducing food waste in logistics

V. Updates on Current Activities

- Food as Medicine: Produce Rx Program: Diana Henning, Kadlec
- Food Access and Equity: No updates currently.
- Reducing Food Waste:
- Food access, equity, system policy review, and advocacy: TBD
- Food/nutrition security comprehensive assessment: TBD

VI. Action Planning/Future Collaborative Efforts

- TBD
- Using data to inform action: WAFOODs, SNAP, school meals, WIC

VII. Partnership Building

• Identification of potential partners and stakeholders not present: Send Honor referrals to add to the distribution list

VIII. Open Floor

- Organization round-table updates
- Opportunity for attendees to bring up any other topics or issues they would like to discuss that were not previously covered on the agenda.

IX. Action Items and Next Steps

- Summary of the outcomes of the meeting
- Determination of next steps and action items
- Assignment of responsibilities and deadlines

IX. Adjournment

Next meeting is August 21, 2023-Hybrid

Other Information

Guests:

N/A

Resources:

Temporary Cooling Centers

Media Release Cooling Centers

Washington 2-1-1 | Search (wa211.org)

Spokane Food Policy Council -

Upcoming Dates:

Next meeting is August 21, 2023

Additional Notes:

"USDA is interested in learning from stakeholders how we can better meet the needs of customers seeking kosher or halal foods through The Emergency Assistance Food Program (TEFAP). So far, USDA has held discussions with several advocacy organizations, 9 State Agencies, and food banks in those states that serve communities with kosher and/or halal food needs. USDA is reviewing the information gathered through these conversations to determine some actions and next steps we can take to better meet the needs of customers seeking kosher and halal foods. USDA is interested in feedback from States and food banks in all States and territories about how to best meet their customers' needs. Feedback can always be shared with your State Agency or sent to USDAFoods@usda.gov."

Senior Hunger

New Study Shows a Link Between Food Insecurity and Cognitive Decline in Older Adults,

"According to a study published in *JAMA*, there may be a correlation between hunger and mental decline in older adults in the U.S. The 18-year research project concluded that food-insecure participants experienced a slightly faster cognitive decline, as measured on a variety of validated word recall tests."