

Task Force on Childhood Hunger

MEETING NOTES

5/24/16

In attendance: Tom Croteau, Jim Doremus, Chris Emond, Tricia Foisey, Terri Forsten, Ralph Jimenez, Jerry Madden, Maria Manus Painchaud, Elena Preston, Jackie Whatmough.

Excused: Candace Bouchard, Amanda Grady-Sexton,

Meeting Commenced at 8:00 am.

- I. Welcome
 - a. Reminder of our focus -
 - i. Our work is to focus on **childhood hunger** - understanding their needs and understanding available programs.
 - ii. We may expand at some point to consider addressing hunger among our elderly residents and other family members of those with socio-economic needs, too.
- II. Minutes/Notes of 5/4/16

Notes were sent out online to all members of the task force.
- III. Discussion of Data Collection to Date
 - a. Three lists were distributed
 - i. A listing of agencies that offer food with the days of the week and times of the day that they are open.
 - ii. Insights and observations
 1. We noticed that Sundays are somewhat void of options. There are many locations that have somewhat random days/hours. Those with an asterisk (*) are mobile.
 2. Maps were handed out that include -
 - a. Black boxes indicate agencies that offer food, meals
 - b. Purple star - infant
 - c. Green Circle- 1-5 households in need
 - d. Blue Balloon - 6 - 10 households in need
 - e. Orange Balloon – 11-20 households in need
 - f. Red Balloon – 21+ households in need
 - iii. Information Missing
 1. Concord School District - number of students participating in summer programs who are getting meals, whether students are able to simply access meals
 - iv. Perceived GAPS
 1. Manchester Street - seems to lack services
 2. Public Transportation - access, cost
- IV. Next Steps
 - a. Identify people we need to talk to and determine who will talk with whom
 - Survey Recipients - ask them what they access for food services, ask them what the barriers are, and ask them what they need, where they go for food
 - Survey Providers -
 - Would you have capacity to survey your clients?
 - b. Identify what additional information
 - c. Timeline

V. Other Business

a. Next meeting, Tuesday, June 14th 8 am

Between now and Friday, the questions will be drafted and will be sent out to committee members to review. We will work to compile this data by June 10 so that it is ready for our June 14 meeting.

b. City Council Interim Report

VI. Adjourn at 8:48 am

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Forsten