

# Task Force on Childhood Hunger

## MEETING NOTES

6/14/16

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 8:03 am.

- I. Welcome
- II. Minutes/Notes of 5/24/16 (Terri)
- III. Discussion of Data Collection to Date, Where do we stand in relation to our mission?
  - a. Review of the data we have collected -
    - Seem to be gaps from children 5 years and older
    - Summers are definitely an issue for childhood hunger
    - There seem to be kids who are getting what they need - but there are many who are not participating in any of the programs available
    - Thinking about the question of whether we have enough programs during the school year
    - Transportation is an issue during the summer programs
    - Boys & Girls Club and YMCA each offer scholarships for summer programs. These programs are more expensive as they are daylong programs.
    - Students are also attending other summer programs - church programs, parks & rec, etc.
    - Immaculate Conception Church has a food pantry, United Church of Penacook is a food pantry
    - 1,811 children in Concord and Penacook are currently receiving food stamps
    - We have a sense that infants and preschoolers may be having their needs met
    - Concord CRFP list includes food pantry, soup kitchens
  - b. Information Missing
    - Is there ready-made food or meals that would be more easily distributed?
    - How do we get kids and families to tell us that they are in need?
    - We only have information from providers. How do we get information from those who are in need of these services?
    - Communication challenge - how do we get information to families, to adults, to support their knowledge in knowing where to go and what resources are available
    - Wondering about 211 as a resource - up to date?
    - How do we create a pathway so that knowledge of resources and access to resources is readily available for all -
- IV. Next Steps
  - a. Options for our work going forward -
    - Create a data base that offers updated information on resources for food
    - Communication - Marketing the services that are available
  - b. Identify what additional information we need

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c. Timeline - tbd

V. Other Business

- a. Next meeting,  
July 8, 8:00am
- b. City Council Interim Report

VI. Adjourned at 8:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Forsten