Weekly Statewide Food Security Work Group
Food Bank and Food Shelf Partner Check In
April 23, 2020
Agenda

- Housekeeping
- Welcome, Introductions, and Background
- Food Security Work Group Description
- Survey Process and results
- Communications and Funding Updates
- Transportation
- Complete Survey
- Contact Information
- Wrap up and next steps
- Regional Discussions

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- Zoom etiquette
- Mute
- Video feed off to maximize bandwidth
- Chat boxes

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Benton  Lac Qui Parle  Redwood
Big Stone  Le Sueur  Renville
Blue Earth  Lincoln  Rock
Brown  Lyon  Sherburne
Chippewa  Martin  Sibley
Chisago  McLeod  Stearns
Cottonwood  Meeker  Swift
Isanti  Morrison  Todd
Jackson  Murray  Watonwan
Kandiyohi  Nicollet  Wright
Yellow
Pipestone

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Group 2 - North Country & Great Plains (including Clay County)

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Beltrami
Clearwater
Clay
Douglas
Grant
Hubbard
Kittson
Lake of the Woods
Mahnomen
Marshall
Norman
Otter Tail
Pennington
Polk
Pope
Red Lake
Roseau
Stevens
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Wilkin

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Group 5 – Channel One

Dodge
Faribault
Fillmore
Freeborn
Goodhue
Houston
Mower

Olmstead
Rice
Steele
Wabasha
Waseca
Winona

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Welcome, Introductions, Background

- Welcome
- Meeting Participants
- Background

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Mission

Ensure that all Minnesotans have access to stable food supplies during the duration of and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and that Minnesotans do not need to put themselves in harm’s way to access that food.
Strategies

1. Support food banks and food shelves so they can meet statewide household demand
2. Expand availability, access, and support for all Public Benefit Food Support programs
3. Provide access to meals for all children for duration of and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
4. Engage with Tribal Nations and ensure they experience food security
5. Serve as a source of needs coordination and resource distribution via the SEOC
6. Partner with nonprofit and corporate leaders to provide meals across MN
7. Ensure stability and continuity in the overall food supply chain
Survey Process and results

• 101 responses

• General trends we are hearing:

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Food shelf operational status (as of 4/17)

Operational Status of Organizations
(Total responses = 101)

- Fully functional: 19
- Functional, but under...: 77
- Minimally functional: 4
- Below minimum...: 1

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### Current challenges

#### Food and Availability Challenges, by Food Type

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#### Challenges with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- **Availability**: 23%
- **Funding**: 10%
- **Both**: 9%

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Unemployment Insurance Applications through 04/20 as a percentage of total employed workers, March 2020, by county

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Federal TEFAP Updates

- Find product listings, available options, and estimated timelines on Hunger Solutions’ TEFAP website (under “Resources,” click on “Product Calendar”)
  
  http://www.hungersolutions.org/programs/food-shelf-capacity/tefap/

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State Funding Updates

Food Shelf & Transportation Fund Applications due April 30!

- Applications posted online AND sent via postal mail.

Food Shelf Funds (up to $2.5 million)

- For purchase of food, diapers, toilet paper and other necessary supplies and equipment for eligible food shelves (those currently receiving MFSP funds).
- Eligible food shelves will receive $2,000 each in base funding.
  - Remaining funds (approximately one full year of MN Food Shelf Program State grant funds) will be allocated among eligible food shelves using MFSP formula, based on number of individuals served.

Transportation Support Funds (at least $2.64 million)

- Support transportation efforts such as mobile food shelves, transportation networks, meal programs, and other support services that transport free food assistance to people in need.

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DHS Communications Resources

- DHS website centralizing resources on food support
  https://mn.gov/dhs/food-emergency/

- Emergency SNAP announcement

- SNAP Screening Flyer
  https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserv/Public/DHS-3529A-ENG

- Public Charge Reminders During Pandemic
  English: https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserv/Public/DHS-8044C-ENG
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Governor Walz’s Food Security Work Group is rolling out this weekly survey of food banks and shelves. Weekly survey results will be shared directly with the Governor’s Office to help inform needs and align resources in support of your work.

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- Meeting is being recorded
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Regional Breakout Sessions

• Agenda Framework:
  • Food Bank Updates
  • Challenges and Successes (peer sharing and learning among partners – tips, tricks, best practices, questions, emerging needs, etc.)
  • Weekly Theme: Transportation: new models, needs, successes, challenges, partners

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