



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Council

Prince George's County Council Food Security Task Force Minutes July 16, 2021

Attendees:

Council Member Todd M. Turner, Chair
Dr. Deborah Archer, University of MD Extension
Daphne Benbow, County Executive's Office
Dr. William Campbell, Senior Pastor, Union Bethel AME Church
John Erzen, County Executive's Office
Dennis Lewis, Department of Social Services
Stacey Little, UM Capital Region Health
Kimberly Rush Lynch, Soil Conservation District
Maria Martin, Parks & Recreation
Aimee Olivo, County Council Representative
Dr. Darlene Saunders, Department of Health
Joan Shorter, Prince George's County Schools
Daryl Sims, County Executive's Office
Lindsay Smith, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
Sonia Welbourne, County Executive's Office

Consultants

Julia Groenfeldt, Prince George's County Food Equity Council
Evelyn Kelly, Institute for Public Health Innovation

Council Staff

Sandra Eubanks, Education & Work Force Development Committee Director
Leroy Maddox, Legislative Officer
Charlotte Aheart, Administrative Aide
Shirley Anglin, Administrative Aide
Lochelle Ferguson, Administrative Aide
Sharon Williams, Administrative Aide

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks

Chair Turner called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm welcoming the members. He indicated that there was one change to the agenda: the CAFB – The Hunger Report rescheduled to a future meeting.

2. Review & Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2021

The June 4, 2021 minutes were approved as presented

3. Updates:

- CR-70-2021- Extension Resolution (Todd Turner)
 - The Task Force report submittal date has been extended through the end of November.
- Food Assistance Provider Call (Julia Groenfeldt)
 - Last call on July 1st was an overview of the Emergency Food Assistance Program.
 - The next call on August 5th will focus on utility assistance resources.
 - The FEC is hosting an event on July 20th to celebrate the launch of three (3) new cold storage trailers in Prince George's County – Council Member Turner will be presenting on that.
- Recap of last meeting priorities (Evelyn Kelly)
 - Discussed the structure of our recommendations.
 - Reviewed our guiding principles that you all selected via a survey for how the recommendations should be implemented.

4. Capital Area Food Bank - The Hunger Report

- This item was deferred.

5. County Stand and Deliver Program/ARPA Updates

- John Erzen, Deputy Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office • County Stand Up & Deliver/ARPA Update
 - CEX submitted a resolution to County Council to allocate \$176 million to non-departmental where most funding is channeled through. Wanted to bring the administration into this to talk about those details.
 - Just marked the one-year anniversary of that.
 - Stand Up & Deliver (SUD) got more funding to bring the program into January 2022.
 - Phase 1 – May 2020 – April 2021 (provided 4.5 million pounds of food)

- Now in phase 4 – May 2021 – January 2022 (to provide 1.3 million pounds of perishable and non-perishable food) and prepared food for 90,400 citizens that involved 10 non-profit organizations.
- Received CDBG funding to implement the program.
- United Way is the fiscal agent for the program. They don't receive any administrative funding. Everything that is put into the program stays in the program.
- Three organizations non-profit PG, community support system, and the Ivy Community Charities.
- Grocery, restaurants, and other food purveyors are included into the program.
In summary
 - 400,125 boxes of groceries
 - 244,300 prepared meals
 - Questions:
 - Is there a chance that they would turn folks away or are they helping connect folks to resources?
 - There is a survey that must be completed for data purposes – this will show the need that will help increase services.
 - Also helping to get these questions out via a QR code.
 - At least 70% of the recipients of the food will need to be low income.
 - All sites will have bilingual staff.
 - Starting to distribute the survey by the week of August 15th.
 - As things wind down – what type of outreach are you doing to get folks signed up for other benefits?
 - They are encouraging all their sites to provide other resources to help folks receive other information and support services.

6. Report Updates & Revised Submittal Schedule

The revised submittal schedule will be later this fall.

7. Draft Report Overview & Member Discussion

- **Guiding Values**
 - Equity
 - Collaboration
 - Accountability
 - Sustainability
 - Stewardship
 - Evidence-Informed Decision-Making
 - The guiding principles can be found at:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wPOiQ7w89nQs8ytQROVBOhi_egPCT9dk7WubgReZ3ns/edit?usp=sharing

- **Recommendations**
 - Here's the audit of the food systems reports:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lXwHqxgM0dQwYbNVZxyQfOkGzomMyzUUqb3le9eWvPQ/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Full list of recommendations:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pMsi_iF1VdN5dVT9gr_vB-Pz_VcjOwa_PaXPA7rZJc/edit?usp=sharing
 - See example recommendation:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rPXpNPcIM03aBnX9uU87ZExqAagn2jZ-ubZEq51SZc/edit>
- **Community Engagement:**
 - Latin American Youth Center – CM Turner
 - CASA de Maryland – CM Turner
 - PGC Community College – Aimee
 - Stand Up & Deliver sites – Dennis
 - PGCPS Judy Center Steering Committee – Deborah Archer
 - Bowie State – CM Turner can connect us
 - Library System – Michael Gannon – Maria Martin
 - Juanita Grant Foundation – Older Adults – Aimee recommended
 - Dennis Lewis to Everyone - Our effort to End Youth Homelessness has a Youth Advisory Board that is operational that could provide some useful input.

8. Updates

- Overview of recent MWCOG meetings (Lindsay Smith)
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 - MCGOC's leadership retreat is coming up – they're being presented with a proposal to make the FARM committee permanent.
 - Reconvening the regional calls on food assistance work.
 - Will have the food and nutrition services directors on to talk about school meals.
 - Also looking at a session on how school meals are changing.
 - Talking about child tax credit.

9. Announcements from Taskforce Members

- The MD Buy Local Challenge starts tomorrow! <https://www.buylocalchallenge.com/>
- Feed the fridge in Riverdale – hopefully they'll be more of those coming to PGC!
- Legislation for mobile grocery stores is moving forward

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10. Next Meeting – September 10, 2021 or the following week (no meeting in August).

Because of the Labor Day weekend starting on September 3rd, the regular Task Force meeting date, the Task Force meeting will be moved to September 10, 2021.

11. Adjourn