

## Steering Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

### Hunger Summit, Hilton Springfield

**Attendance:** Kate Maehr, Janice Glenn, Janine Lewis, Karen Lehman, Steven McCullough (GCFD) and Bob Dolgan (GCFD)

#### I. Minutes from last meeting and introductions

- Reviewed and approved
- New Commission co-chair Janice Glenn, Director of Diversity and Recruitment, Office of Gov. Bruce Rauner, joined her first Steering Committee meeting.

#### II. Work group updates

The Emergency Food System Work Group continues to make progress on an Agricultural Surplus pilot. Feeding Illinois' letter of intent regarding ag surplus was approved by Feeding America. Karen Lehman and Terri Nally of Feeding Illinois are reviewing pilot potential with member food banks. Members of the EFS Work Group had meetings with Illinois Department of Agriculture and Illinois Department of Economic Development while in Springfield.

Steven shared a few updates from the Benefits Access Working Group, which is working toward easing the administration burden on the state's handling of applications while increasing eligibility. Keeping the Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents waiver in place would ensure SNAP for thousands across the state. Additionally, linking Medicaid and SNAP systems is good for everyone—hospitals, insurers and clients. Shriver Center, along with EverThrive and Voices for Illinois Children, have been the leads on working toward streamlining systems and reducing paperwork for customers.

Janine and Bob shared updates from the No Kid Hungry Working Group, including the school breakfast resolution that was introduced into the General Assembly. The resolution would ultimately modify the Illinois School Breakfast and Lunch Act to encourage high-need school districts to provide breakfast via alternative models. Broad policy strategies like the Breakfast Act and Community Eligibility Provision will make the greatest impact statewide.

The Food Depository and Illinois No Kid Hungry are organizing summer kickoffs across the state in coming weeks. Summer kickoffs are proven to increase participation in meals programs. Gov. Rauner will be invited to join the summer kickoffs.

#### III. Next Commission meeting

- Thursday, June 11 is the next date for a full Commission meeting. The location is TBD, but we have discussed having it Downstate, possibly in association with a summer meals program. GCFD will research possible sites and report back to the group.

#### **IV. Appointments**

Kate has spoken with Mike Miller of River Bend Food Bank about filling the vacant food bank appointment on the Commission. GCFD will research the other vacancies and prepare a list by agency and follow up with Janice.

#### **V. Commission Report**

Bob discussed preparation of the Report, which is required by statute and to be provided to the Governor and General Assembly. Bob will have a draft of the Report ready for the June 11 meeting. The group discussed sharing the Report publicly at an event or during Hunger Action Month.

- **Full Commission Meeting: June 11, time and site TBD**