

Multnomah County Child Hunger Coalition
Thursday, September 27, 2018
Meeting Notes

Mission: To lessen the impact of hunger and food insecurity on children and families in Multnomah County through strategic community-based partnerships and advocacy that increase access to fresh healthy food for families living in poverty with a focus on communities of color, immigrants and refugees, and culturally specific populations.

Task	Notes
Welcome & Intros	Attendees: Fatima Jawaid (Partners for a Hunger-Free OR), Nicholas Price (Meals on Wheels People), Caroline Pope (211info), Anna Markley (Met. Family Service), Anna Garwood (Growing Gardens), Helen Vank (Met. Family Service), Courtney Wright (OR Food Bank), Juan Leon (Mult. Co. DCHS), Joanne Lyford (OSU Ext. SNAP-Ed), Ally Meyer (OR Food Bank), Mariya Klimenko (IRCO), Steve Wytcherley (Partners for a Hunger-Free OR), Chariti Montez (Portland Parks & Rec), Maureen Quinn Lores (OSU Ext. SNAP-Ed), Frances Hall (Mult. Co. DCHS)
Coalition Mission Statement	<p>The mission statement for the Coalition hasn't been updated in a number of years. Small groups looked over the current mission and pointed out areas they liked, things that might be removed, and provided alternative language where changes are necessary.</p> <p>Here are some suggestions for concepts to add to the mission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy, policy education • Inform & empower; elevate voices of families • Add families as partners, not just community-based partners (orgs) • Civic engagement • Collaborative group; combine efforts & share knowledge/expertise • Networking • Eliminate hunger (something positive and aspirational to describe what the group wants to accomplish) • Address root causes of hunger <p>Other notes from the discussion: group should define what success is and possible ways to track progress. Harness the power of the coalition as a whole. Increase the representation of communities of color and culturally specific communities on Coalition.</p> <p>Frances will review the work of small groups and propose a few revised mission statements at or before the November meeting.</p>
Considering the Coalition's name...	<p>The group doesn't have a sense of huge urgency to change the current title of the Coalition; some are interested in changing name, others are okay with current name. We discussed that a title with what we hope for or are working towards- "Family Food Security Coalition," for example- would be better. Move away from "child hunger."</p> <p>The group decided to revise the mission statement first, and then consider alternative names for the Coalition.</p>

<p>Coalition Project Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Culturally responsive resource for food access: Mariya and Frances are very close to finishing the tool. Hope to add Somali and Arabic-speaking communities to the document eventually. We'd like to host an event in the fall or winter where community members review and give feedback about the culturally specific sections to be sure they are accurate. ○ Policy education subgroup: meeting Fri, 10/5, 9:30-10:30am at MFS' Belmont office to discuss plans for talking with families (inform & empower!) about Oregon's legislative session ○ Get Food brochure: have translated the text into Spanish, Nepali, Russian, Somali, Vietnamese, and Traditional Chinese. Mult Co DCHS' designer is working on creating the brochures in different languages, then we'll print!
<p>Policy Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Farm Bill: (Summary from the Ctr of Budget & Policy Priorities) Congress will not be able to reach an agreement to reauthorize/renew the farm bill before current legislation expires on September 30th. SNAP benefits will not be affected by the expiration of the farm bill, but other smaller programs in the bill are likely to be in limbo. Negotiations between the House and Senate continue; they are hoping the bill will be done by late December. ✓ Public Charge rule change: the Dept. of Homeland Security posted a new draft of the "public charge" rule on Saturday. The rule has not been formally proposed. Resources and information in the accompanying email to these notes. ✓ OR. Hunger-Free Schools: universal school meals bill in the works, and possibly a bill to increase the number of school serving breakfast after the bell. Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon will keep us posted on developments related to these bills in the next few months.

Next Coalition Meeting: November 29, 2018, 9:30-11am, **OSU Extension Portland Metro office**