

Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021 @ 9am

Attendance: 28
Chat Log in Italics

Liz Wiley (Marion Institute):

- We have some new people on today, let's start with introductions
- I will schedule a 1.5 hour session for us to do a deeper dive of the Your Market software with Debbie Amaral

Scott Stubbs (Dartmouth United Outreach):

- We are part of Smith Mills Church, along with a bunch of other churches that came together to help people in need
- Today I'm introducing Lynn Dillie who has been working with us to distribute food

Lynn Dillie (Dartmouth United Outreach):

- We're serving 400-600 people week, ranging from seniors to families
- We're working with the Claremont company
- We deliver to anyone in need
- We have a grab n'go on Tuesdays from 3 – 6 p.m. at the church
- We get some of our food from PACE as well as bread from Partners of Christ
- We have a team of volunteers that assemble boxes

Robyn Branco (YMCA Southcoast)

- We started Full Plate formally in November; we service 800 – 1000 households
- I'd like to introduce Lisa Rahn, she will be supporting our work with food security

Lisa Rahn (YMCA Southcoast)

- I'm looking forward to partnering with everyone in the community
- This is my first week in this role

Josh Smith (My Brother's Keeper): m

- We're at capacity, the need is remaining and steady
- We're always looking for more sources for perishables and fresh produce
- We're starting to do more purchasing

Karen Schwalbe (SEMAP):

- We work with service organizations like the food pantries, the YMCA, etc. so that they know about fresh, local food
 - o This is primarily done using the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP)
- We also do farmer training and work on land access and climate change issues

Susan (Coastal Foodshed):

- We have a winter market and a farm stand
- We also have a virtual market where you can shop with SNAP/HIP – pick ups for those orders are on Wednesdays in New Bedford
 - o You can also use your P-EBT
- We're working on some educational campaigns to get the word out for
- We've added other cities such as Taunton, Dighton and Somerset, to our home delivery service
- We have a fundraiser called Pie Day going on this weekend
 - o We'll be selling locally made pies "
- We also have a promotion for first time virtual market shoppers
 - o Use FRIEND coupon code for 50% of up to \$50

Sarah Labossiere (Mass in Motion):

- We have funding through the end of the fiscal year
 - o We were granted another \$5million by Governor Baker
 - o Other years we've run out of money
- We want to ensure there is equity with the farmers and they're able to sell their product
- There is a newly renovated HIP vendor website: You can find the map on www.mass.gov/hip
- P-EBT is not eligible for HIP benefits but you can still use your card at farmer's markets as SNAP
- We've finally completed our food survey, and we'll have it ready next week

00:32:26 LRahn: *Will the flyers be sent as attachments to the meeting notes?*

00:34:19 Olivia Hart: *Find a HIP location: <https://dtafinder.dtadash.ehs.mass.gov/>*

Karen Schwalbe (SEMAP):

- We can print HIP flyers out for pantries or organizations that are unable to do so

00:38:49 Olivia Hart: *Olivia Hart, Communications and Outreach Coordinator, SEMAP:*

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00:40:16 Olivia Hart: *I'm happy to also answer any questions about HIP and send you our outreach materials (flyers, postcards, social media posts, etc)*

00:39:22 Sarah Labossiere: *Sarah Labossiere, Mass in Motion-Fall River, slabossiere@fallriverma.org, I can get these flyers printed and delivered to any Fall River locations/orgs*

00:42:43 Sarah Labossiere: *Hi Thom and Everyone - we have just contracted with CyraCom to do some translation for us. I will mention that mass.gov has an option for immediate translation of any text on their website - the language translation box is at the top of the page!*



Liz Wiley (Marion Institute):

- Re: the Housing issue – we’ve spoken to some attorneys at South Coastal Counties Legal Services
- We’d like to have them on one of our calls to provide more information on their services

Patrece Petersen (Martha’s Vineyard Vegan Society):

- We have a farmer’s market on Martha’s Vineyard which accepts HIP
- Morning Glory Farm also accepts HIP
- We also deliver to elderly

00:42:54 Martha’s Vineyard Vegan Society Patrece Petersen:

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00:44:42 Sarah Labossiere: Thom or anyone, if you would like the contact for CyraCom, I can add to the chat. Also, mass.gov has their own resources, such as the Portuguese flyer I included above, that can be downloaded in other languages. Also, Olivia translated our HIP flyer into Spanish.