

**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 1, 2021 @ 9am**

**Attendance: 29**

**Audio Link:** <https://soundcloud.com/user-8563948/april-1-2021-marion-institute-sfpc-regional-resources-meeting/s-rNteEAQRzUb>

*Note: This document is largely paraphrased. Please see audio for direct quotes. Chat box comments identified as such below.*

**Liz Wiley (Marion Institute):**

- As we're finishing up the Food System Assessment report, I would love to pay homage to the group's efforts.
- I will put out an email asking for information and data that we can pool together to show our collaborative work
- i.e. number of meals served, number of people hired, number of organizations worked with

**Kim (UW Fall River):**

- How will you manage duplication of this data?
- We can give you a full summary of all of our food grants, but the grantees may also give you that data that you will have to work through

**Liz Wiley:**

- I'm not sure yet

**Wendy Garf-Lipp (United Neighbors of Fall River):**

- Data could be submitted as a cluster
- Maybe we don't want individual data, but group data

**Nick (NorthStar):**

- NorthStar has taken on The Basics initiative
- Wrapped around the ideas of a Brain Trust
- 90% of brain growth happens by the age of 5, and 80% by 3
- If we want to close the gap in racial injustice we need to address this time
- We can't get to children outside of institutions prior to preschool
- The Basics are 5 principles on parenting practices
- We are trying to saturate the Southcoast with The Basics
- If you can help us, you can distribute flyers through food distributions

00:19:27 Meg- UWGFR- she/her: <https://www.instagram.com/thebasicssouthcoast/>

00:19:38 Meg- UWGFR- she/her: Follow on Instagram if you're a social person!

00:19:45 Nick @ NorthStar: [www.thebasicssouthcoast.org](http://www.thebasicssouthcoast.org) too!

00:20:36 Nick @ NorthStar:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8MqWel87iV63R4ZrqEk8MuqBREWbq4kKOP76ZD9RVxL6E3Q/viewform>

00:20:45 Nick @ NorthStar: [www.thebasicssouthcoast.org](http://www.thebasicssouthcoast.org)

00:21:53 Meg- UWGFR- she/her: *It's all very simple...if you know what to do!*

00:23:28 Stephanie Taylor: *please add us to the list Nick and tell Maria I said Hi!!!  
mvvegansociety.com this is awesome!!!*

**Nick (NorthStar):**

- The Basics Southcoast
- Subscription would be \$6 for 3 years

**Ali Bettencourt (Southcoast):**

- We are interested in implementing the basics within our own facility
- Trying to work on a different phased approach working in childhood development and youth trauma into career development

**Liz Wiley (Marion Institute):**

- We were awarded a grant to work with NorthStar to combine The Basics with the BioMed program at the Marion Institute
- This last year has shown us the need to improve health equity

**Nick (NorthStar):**

- The stress and trauma has huge consequences on both mental and physical health

**Kim (UW Fall River):**

- Is this connected with the Southcoast Chamber?

**Nick (NorthStar):**

- It was formed by Zoe with a lot of local stakeholders such as the Southcoast Chamber
- Next year we are looking into New Bedford, Fall River and Wareham

00:33:04 Nick @ NorthStar: *One last reminder! Fill out this form please!*

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8MqWel87iV63R4ZrqEk8MuqBREWbq4kKOP76ZD9RVxL6E3Q/viewform>

**Steven Clayton (Westport Pantry):**

- I am the site manager of the Westport Food Pantry
  - o Dana, the recreational director started the food pantry during Covid
- We have been open for about 1 year
- We were able to keep the pantry going at the Westport Grange
- Mondays are our distribution days
- Other agencies have supported us, many on this meeting



- The people of Westport have spoken out about wanting to keep the food pantry for those who need it
- Our Director will be leaving us to go back to the recreational position
  - o Currently we are working with the Council on Aging, using their 501c3
  - o We are struggling a bit with this but slowly making progress
- We have not had movement from the Boston Food Bank
  - o We have been running off of donations

**Dave Perry:**

- Unfortunately the Boston Food Pantry will not allow us to redistribute food
- But we can give you food that's from other places

00:39:12 *Drea Moore: Hello Everyone! My name is Drea Moore! I am the president of C4C NB (Collectives 4 Change) and I am the Youth Council Advisor for the NAACP New Bedford Branch*

00:40:01 *Liz Wiley: Happy you made it Drea - welcome!!*

00:40:07 *Pam Kuechler, PACE, Inc., New Bedford: Hi Steve...welcome!!*

**Meg Rogers:**

- Home Depot offers grants for building projects that serve vulnerable and populations in need
  - o Veterans service projects
  - o Up to \$5,000 for materials, etc.

**Wendy:**

- Home Depot will also send crews out to a building project to help with volunteer construction
- Lasagna Love is a new volunteer program coming out of Mattapoisett
  - o Chefs are making lasagnas for deliveries to families
  - o You decide if you have to make meat, veggie, vegan
  - o I became a volunteer chef
  - o Volunteers then deliver it to the families

**Whitney Tully:**

- Lasagna Love is a nonprofit organization started in Somerville MA
- Lasagna love is nation-wide, and have delivered about 40,000 nationwide
- Currently helping fire victims in New Bedford
- We will be delivering 95 loaf size pans to a Fall River school for teachers
- If anybody has questions, please reach out to me.

00:41:52 *Meg- UWGFR- she/her:*

<https://corporate.homedepot.com/foundation/communityimpactgrants>

00:42:57 *Kimberly Hoy: Thanks Meg.*

00:44:38 *Meg- UWGFR- she/her:*

<https://www.lasagnalove.org/>

00:45:05 *Meg- UWGFR- she/her:*

*I'm doing it next week for the Kuss Middle School teachers!*

**Liz (Marion Institute):**

- Please use the Southcoast food alerts email to get information out to the group whether it's information or needs for your organization!
- Go to the Marion Institute Website to sign up for the list serve

**Pam Kuechler (PACE):**

- We have started doing pop ups at 477 Park Street happening every week
- Information on our website
- We received a transportation grant that will allow us to do deliveries through Yes We Van to those who can't get out to the pantries in the Greater New Bedford Area
- To sign up people can call us here and ask for Genesis who is signing up people
- First deliveries begin on Monday

00:50:02 Liz Wiley: <https://www.marioninstitute.org/programs/sfpc/>

00:52:39 Liz Wiley: 508.999.9920 Genesis for signing up for PACE food deliveries

**Olivia (SEMAP):**

- We just hired a program coordinator to expand famer education programs
- SEMAP has been working with Mass in Motion Fall River to bring a market to St. Anne's location
- June 15 is starting at St. Anne's, then Health First, to Cardinal Medeiros after that
- HIP flyers that I've sent out to the Food Alert, we know have translations in Spanish and Portuguese, please reach out to me if you'd like them
- I'll post to the Food Alert

**Kim (UW - Fall River):**

- The COVID tracing team is dissolving and had been a help in coordinating deliveries
- I wanted to put it out there that folks are willing to participate in some way for people who had to quarantine and are looking for food
- Maggie who's in our office can get an update and we'll put it out on the