

Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021 @ 9am

Attendance: 23

Audio Link: <https://soundcloud.com/user-8563948/april-8-2021-marion-institute-sfpc-regional-resources-meeting>

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

Announcements

- We are still looking for some data to show the power of the collaboration we have done as the Southcoast Food Policy Council over this past year! We've done some amazing work together and we want to showcase it and give credit where credit is due. Please email Liz with the top 3 – 5 metrics your organization that are most impactful for you, whatever tells your story! Please include funding sources as well. Please email Liz if you have any questions
 - Question: Is this for 2020 as of December 31st? Or is it by fiscal year? Calendar year? Or by time we have been meeting as a council?
 - Most likely over the 2020 calendar year. Liz will give more detailed information.

Updates

- United Way Fall River Update:
 - On Tuesday, the Urban Agenda met at Government Center with folks from chamber, TDI, mass development, several senators and representatives. We reviewed the year and the positive impact TDI had on Fall River and we did a tour of the downtown area. A lot of the restaurants we collaborated with for United We Help Feed Fall River was still alive and well and serving families and open for business. The Southcoast often gets overlooked, but this was a great day for the Southcoast to be in the limelight! We were super happy to be involved and highlighted for our efforts in the pandemic.
- Westport Food Pantry Update:
 - We will be including Lasagna Love flyers in each of our recipients' bags. On a chosen Monday, Lasagna Love will also be coming to the pantry and deliver portions of lasagna to each of our recipients.
- United Way of Greater New Bedford Update:
 - You have until April 23rd to submit your Community Impact Grant. You have to be in greater New Bedford. We are looking for projects in the area of health education, financial stability, and basic need. You can apply at the link on our website. If you have questions, please let me know.



- We were working on a Hunger Heroes project for the Spring. It will happen this Saturday – we will be packaging meals for students to have on April Spring break. Packages will include things like PB&J, mac and cheese, rice, mashed potatoes, fruit cups and granola bars. We're excited this is happening! 1,000 packages will be going to New Bedford, Wareham, Freetown, and Fairhaven public schools.
- My Brother's Keeper Update:
 - May 1st 10am – 12pm collection drive on Reed Rd! Contactless - people drive through and pop their trunk. This year it is for cleaning supplies, detergent, diapers, toiletries, wipes - we will include all these things in our deliveries.
- Coastline Update:
 - NB Council of Aging will start a grab and go lunch on Friday, May 14th at the Buttonwood warming house. This will run for 8 weeks, please call the NB Council of Aging to register. We need a head count the day before to provide those lunches.
 - We have a cooking program we are filming with Round the Bend Farm and Coastal Food Shed as well. This will be providing 100 bags of groceries to elderly residents of Trip Towers and BOA to help them make the recipe we are making, which is a crust-less quiche is made with all local ingredients.
 - Some of the congregate meal sites are starting to reopen within the next few weeks.
 - GNB Community health center produce pickup is this Monday 10am – 12pm. People are supposed to be preregistered, but if they're not pre-registered have them come towards the end and they can register on site. That's usually 1 really heavy, generous bag of free produce brought down by the Greater Boston Food Bank
- Greater Fall River Partners for a Healthy Community Update:
 - We have purchased just under \$1,000 of books about eating well rather than looking at weight that will be distributed to teachers at head start and WIC so they can do reading programs for the kids and students.
 - Titles:
 - "We like to eat well"
 - "Spriggles Health and Nutrition" (Spanish and English)
 - "Your Body is Awesome"
 - "Brontorina"
- SEMAP Update:
 - SEMAP is planning a new Farmers Market with accepting HIP at St. Anne's hospital starting in June. I sent flyers with HIP information in English, Spanish and Portuguese in Food Alert email list
 - Once we have finished posters about our 3 markets this year, I will send those to the Food Alert email list as well.

- We are putting together this year's Local Food Guide. If you would like a case of them, please let us know and we will get you them. The Local Food Guide is:
 - Catalog of what farms there are in Bristol, Plymouth and Norfolk counties.
 - A way to promote the farms in the region. An essential guide of where we can find local food, Agrotourism, restaurants, pick your own stuff.
 - 60 copies in a box or if you prefer less we can pop a few in the mail for you

00:26:59 Olivia Hart: semaponline.org/buylocal

00:29:09 Olivia Hart: Order copies: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2Rhppq-DQ116TYnaXkbupQceHHpGY344uYFpP8xes53ZaxA/viewform>

- Southcoast Health Update:

- We are not doing on plate farmers market this year. Instead we will be circulating a list of potential local CSA opportunities for staff to participate in. Looking for a centralized list to share.
- We have rolled out a social influencers of health screening tool a year ago. We use this at our practices. It screens for food insecurity as well as other social influencers including housing needs, educational desires, etc.
- When some is positive, we reach out to the Southcoast Resource Connect Platform. We print out information and share them with the people.
- We've partnered with the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation to host a farmers to family food box distribution for local families on 4/14th from 3pm – 5pm at 100 Rosebrook way. We are still waiting on flyers. Anyone wishing to receive food will need to register. Open to all Wareham residents. Will send the flyer to Liz to circulate it.

00:34:52 Ali Bettencourt: www.mmsfi.org. Pre-registration link for the Farmers to Families Food Box Distribution for Local Families at Southcoast Health's Rosebrook facility, 100 Rosebrook Way, Wareham on Wednesday April 14 from 3 -5 pm!

- United Neighbors of Fall River Update:

- United Neighbors home project is a free store for kitchen, bathroom and bedroom (not furniture (Dishes, pots, pans, linen, rugs, lamps, blankets).
- Dress for Success corner
- We have stopped collecting donations, we got so many donations over the pandemic.
- You or your client can call Jeanie and make an appointment. It is by appointment only. We collect first name, number of people, zip code, but we do not collect ID or residency information.
 - The Home Project: Call Jeannie for an appointment at 774-328-2043
- Does not have to be in Fall River, we are happy share with everyone!

00:32:35 Wendy Garf-Lipp she/hers: The Home Project Call Jeannie for an appointment at 774-328-2043