

Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2021 @ 9am

Attendance: 24

Audio Link: <https://soundcloud.com/user-8563948/april-15-2021-marion-institute-sfpc-regional-resources-meeting/s-ZVZbqc2dP3r>

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

Announcements:

- **Please send Liz your data asap!!**
 - We are looking to have a section at the beginning of the food system assessment report that pays homage to all of the SFPC members and everything we are doing together. We want to be able to say “As a region, this is what we were able to.” We would like to cumulatively show our impact. This section will not be all inclusive or comprehensive, will just be a snapshot but it will be good for funding for all of us!
 - Ideally, we were looking for data to be from March 2020 – March 2021. If you sent from March 2020 – December 31st, that’s fine too. If you want to send additional data up to March 2021, that would be great!
 - Everyone will be credited in the food system assessment for doing surveys and or being a part of these calls and being collaborative in our approach. If there is a specific way you or your organization wants to be listed, please feel free to send me exactly how you want to be credited in the report. We’re hoping to wrap it up by the end of the month.
- **We will not be having a meeting next week. Our next meeting will be April 29th.**

Updates:

- Lisa Rahn
 - We are settling into our new food hub in the Dartmouth Y. We have a great group of volunteers here! We have an awesome distribution manager and driver for our Full Plate Project! He has a background in restaurant management so he’s setting up some great organizational systems and practices - things are running much more smoothly!
 - Next week is our annual campaign kickoff in Dartmouth where we can showcase both our food hub for the full plate project as well as the sharing the harvest community farm. That is on Tuesday from 9am – 10:30am. You need to RSVP – we are trying to keep the numbers under 150 because of COVID.
- Wendy Garf-Lipp
 - There are vaccines available in Fall River for Fall River residents. If you have any families or clients in Fall River who needs a vaccine, schedule the appointment today! It is now the



FEMA roll out in high-risk communities. There are 3. You have to be 18+ Any Fall River resident. Feel free to share the links with anyone, but please do not post on social media.

- Links, Dates and Addresses:
 - Thursday, April 15 12pm – 6pm
 - Niagara/Maplewood Senior Center
 - 550 Tucker Street
 - Link to register: <https://www.cic-health.com/fallriver/niagara>
 - Vaccine available: Pfizer
 - Friday, April 16 10am – 4pm
 - Niagara/Maplewood Senior Center
 - 550 Tucker Street
 - Link to register: <https://www.cic-health.com/fallriver/niagara>
 - Vaccine available: Pfizer
 - Sunday, April 18th 11am-5pm
 - Mary L. Fonseca Elementary School
 - 160 Wall Street
 - Link to register: <https://www.cic-health.com/fallriver/fonseca>
 - Vaccine available: Pfizer
 - Would be good to have a contact person at each church other than the priest
- David Perry
 - We are signing people up for vaccine appointments at the food pantry. We signed up 15 people signed up at food pantry with Rachel Davis and the Southcoast Van. She will be coming to give the vaccines next week.
 - Contact Rachel Davis if you would like the van to stop by your organization to sign people up for vaccines. She can go anywhere on the Southcoast!
 - Thanks to Kim! Yesterday we delivered 124 boxes of food to 4 or 5 elderly housing complexes. Hopefully we will be doing that every Wednesday from now on. We are doing okay, we have plenty of food!
- Greater New Bedford United Way:
 - New Bedford is hosting ongoing vaccination clinics at 40 Hervey Tichon Ave 9-4am. The take walk-ups, you don't need to register. We originally heard it was only for NB residents, but I have heard of non-residents also going. They are giving out Pfizer
 - Trying to get word out about the New Bedford Shaw Foundation distribution sites
 - It's been a bit slow because kids are back in school, a lot of people are back at work, and some of the food is not culturally appropriate. They changed the restaurant now though and more culturally appropriate food is coming to the trucks. They are also looking for a caterer here in New Bedford so it will be more locally organized.
 - Reminder: Community Impact grant is due next week!
- Martha's Vineyard:
 - We are planning a trip to come check out a bunch of New Bedford and other Southcoast organizations! We are working on a few things right now and will be updating with them shortly.

- Coastline:
 - We received 2800 emergency meal packs including 2 shelf stable meals (tends to be tuna fish, crackers, fruit cup, cheese and a V8 juice). We have 1200 more going out in about 2 weeks.
 - We have some grab and go meal sites going at NB Council on aging, starting up Acushnet and Fairhaven next week – all on Wednesdays. Call the council of aging in those towns if you are interested. You don't have to be a resident of that town to go, but you do have to be 60+.
 - Congregate meals starting again in Dartmouth and Marion. You don't have to be a resident, you just have to call the appropriate council of aging to sign up.
 - We have a cooking show program we've been working on with Round the Bend Farm and Coastal Food Shed. They just finished the filming on Saturday. It's going to film on New Bedford Cable Access. We are delivering 100 bags of groceries to Tripp towers and Boas, splitting it, for people to cook the recipe along with the video. All locally raised pork, eggs and veggies from coastal food shed. Very exciting!
- SFPC:
 - I have a video of Buddy asking a doctor what some things people can do to boost their immune system. If anyone wants this video, please shoot me an email. I would be happy to share with you.
 - Post things on the Listserv to send them out.
- SEMAP:
 - We just published our farmers market surveys to evaluate the response in foot traffic in the Fall River markets that SEMAP operated in 2020. These surveys will help us improve our efforts for next years. Anyone who lives in Fall River is welcome to take the survey. Please send out to your networks! Links to less than 5 minute English, Spanish and Portuguese surveys on our website:
 - <https://semaponline.org/fall-river-farmers-markets-surveys/>
- United Way of Greater Fall River:
 - Saturday 4/24/21 there is a community clean-up starting at Government Center and spreading throughout the city. The truck for the food pantry is going to be on Third St to collect nonperishables.
 - May 22nd we are working on the Cleaner Westport clean up and Westport Food Pantry is going to collect nonperishable items as well to help support the food pantries over the summer months
- Wareham:
 - We have been steady. We have boxes and we're giving out a lot of food. We're averaging 60 to 80 on a Wednesday and 100 – 120 on a Saturday and it's been like that every week.
 - I can send some of Shaw Foundation flyers out in my boxes
- NB Salvation Army
 - We have been pretty steady. About 240 families per week, over 1,000 boxes per month. We are also doing a youth support program to try to help kids get back into a new normal.

- 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