



HUNGER FREE KIDS TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Central Region	
<p>Meeting Minutes: Hunger Free Task Force Meeting April 17, 2019: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. San Diego Hunger Coalition 4305 University Avenue, Suite 545</p>	<p>Next Task Force Meeting May 15, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 1000 Vale Terrace Vista CA, 92084 Women’s Center 2nd Floor Classroom 3</p>
<p>Attendees: Vanessa Barnik (Kitchens for Good), Paloma Perez Bertrand (SDHC), Ana De Castro (South Bay USD), Nidia Crocer (County of SD OH Program), Karen Fontenette (Mama’s Kitchen), Yovanna Gonzalez (San Diego Police Dept.), Deirdre Kleske (County of SD HHSA), Angie Kretschmar (Heaven’s Windows), Carl McCullough (County of SD Parks & Rec.), Mariana Miller (Albert Einstein Charter Schools), Becky Modesto (Price), Harold Oliver (San Diego Police Dept.), Latisha Pinkney (The Urban Collaborative Project), Jon Rios (Armed Services YMCA), JC Robles (County of SD Parks & Rec.), Joseph Shumate (SDHC), Ashley Vaughn (American Red Cross)</p> <p>Recorder: Caitlin Wright (SDHC)</p>	

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Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action
<p>Welcome “How does your organization help serve kids during the summer?”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Carl with SD Nights</u>: 18 sites (breakfast and lunch) → want to partner with us to decrease their costs and to have healthier food options. • <u>WIC</u>: Used to have summer meals, but they now have a farmer’s market nutrition program with farmer’s market checks. They are transitioning from paper checks to a card (similar to EBT) in October. • <u>Heaven’s Windows</u>: year-round meal sponsor. • <u>Kitchens for Good</u>: year-round meal sponsor. • <u>San Diego Police Department</u>: Teen nights with juvenile services team and youth programs from police department. They have events and pantries. They want to become a site. A lot of times 	



	<p>they take the breadwinner from the household with domestic abuse situations...so how are the kids going to eat? They provide non-perishable foods, clothing and necessities for families and any additional resources (food bank, sites). They want to address the fear of law enforcement deporting them. They are here to help the kids. They want to kick-off the pantry. Transportation is always a big issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed Services YMCA: want to be a new site this year. • Price Philanthropies: wants to connect grantees with afterschool programs and learn about new funding opportunities. • Deirdre with the HHSa at County: wants to help with nutrition education resources through country program at food sites that already exist. Get in touch with her if interested! • Urban Collaborative Office: Southeast SD. Community garden where anyone in the neighborhood can access the veggies. They want to start art workshops for kids and their families-- would like meals for these events. They work with health, education, and safety in the community. They also want to become a food distribution site. They can throw events—anyone else can throw events there and use the space. 101 50th st. 	
<p>Cross collaboration opportunities between sites and sponsors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to police department community relations officer of your region and the officer can come to your event and have a booth to play games. The community relations officer also has the information on certain apartment complexes that need some food to start sites. They also can have field trips to the police stations. • Paloma showed SDHC food insecurity pie chart (attach). All meals have been on the decline last year compared to previous years. Is this surprising? How can we address these barriers? • Some challenges are immigrant children not feeling safe going to summer meal sites. It's the same effect with WIC offices. The 	

	<p>paperwork is what is keeping children away. Fear of deportation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of kids aren't into healthy food options. When there is pizza, chipotle, panda express...the food is gone. They don't want to try new food options. Parents aren't educated on healthy meal options. It is a shift in mindset. It all comes to education on the parent's behalf. INCREASE NUTRITION EDUCATION. There is a diverse population here. • There is a promotional issue too- parents still don't know that these programs exist. • Parents need to opt-in to program otherwise the kids won't be sent in. A lot of parents are working at night and tell their kids to stay at home, so they aren't coming to parks and meal sites. INCREASE PROGRAM OUTREACH. 	
<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to volunteers college e-mail • If you have to pay for a camp that is also open enrollment, for the open community, say the event starts 30 minutes later than it actually does. OR you can just separate the two areas. Or let them all eat at the same time to avoid turning families away and not making them feel welcome. 	<p>If you hear of challenges/resources, share them with Paloma and we can help coordinate the right stakeholders and programs.</p>