



MEETING SUMMARY & NOTES:

RI Hunger Elimination Task Force Q1 Meeting

May 7, 2023 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Theme: Listening Session for Food Disruption Plan

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MEETING SUMMARY

The last Hunger Elimination Task Force (HETF) meeting was on May 7. Discussion focused on collecting participants' insights to inform the State's food disruption plan. RI Food Policy Council's consultants, Spartina Consulting, facilitated the feedback session. Rachel Newman Greene of the RI Food Policy Council also introduced the second HETF Action Groups, focused on providing recommendations to State Agencies to improve coordination of emergency food distribution. This second HETF Action Group is meeting 3 times between now and the next HETF meeting.. More information on their work is to come.

AGENDA

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| 2:00 pm | Welcome & Preparing for Action Group #2: Recommendations to Improve State, Municipal, and Nonprofit Coordination of Emergency Food Distribution |
| 2:05 pm | RI Food System Preparedness & Recovery Plan (PRP) Strategic Planning Process & Approach |
| 2:15 pm | "SOAR" Activity: 3 Conversation Rounds in Breakout Rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Led by Spartina Consulting</i> |
| 3:20 pm | Mapping the Food System |

3:25 pm Announcements

3:30 pm Close

NOTES

**2:00 pm Welcome & Preparing for Action Group #2
(Facilitated by Rachel Newman Greene, RI Food Policy Council)**

- The Hunger Elimination Task Force is a statewide network of food access, nutrition, and public health champions that work to reduce hunger and increase access to healthy, culturally-appropriate food for all RI residents. This task force is owned by the RI State Agencies involved in food system work and is facilitated by the RI Food Policy Council.
- The goal of the Hunger Elimination Task Force is to reduce hunger and increase access to healthy, culturally-appropriate food for all Rhode Island residents.
- Today's agenda begins with a review of the process for informing the state's food disruption planning process. Then the group will transition into breakout sessions to provide insights on the plan.

**2:05 pm RI Food System Preparedness & Recovery Plan (PRP)
Strategic Planning Process & Approach
(Overview by Spartina Consulting)**

- The process began in January 2024 with a core planning team to guide the overall strategic planning process. We are deep in our discovery phase and stakeholder engagement. As seen on our process timeline, we have engaged with the HEZ, IFNPAC, and today with HETF.
- The approach we use is slightly different. Typically people use a traditional SWOT analysis - strengths, opportunities, weaknesses, and threats. This is a limiting process to us. Instead, we are using a SOAR analysis - strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and results.

2:15 pm "SOAR" Activity: 3 Conservation Rounds in Breakout Rooms

**3:20 pm Mapping the Food System
(Overview by Spartina Consulting)**

- In addition to the focus groups, there are interviews and asset mapping

taking place. Priority areas for mapping include resource coordination and strategy, leadership, communications, logistics and supplies, safety and protection, labor and knowledge-worker training, infrastructure, and sector networking. We invite you to inform these maps.

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- Thank you all for joining our first quarterly meeting of the Hunger Elimination Task Force. We will be resharing the Action Group registration link immediately after this meeting. Please share the form with others in your network who can provide valuable insights in developing recommendations for State agencies to support food delivery.
- We also want to remind you all that our Quarter 3 meeting will be on July 8th at 2:00pm. We will be seeking this group's feedback on the creation of the state's Food Strategy brief on health and nutrition security.