

FOOD BANK OF THE SOUTHERN TIER
Agency Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2019

Committee Member	Agency	In Attendance	Unable to Attend
Jodylynn Mosher	C.C. Chemung/Samaritan Center	X	
Mary Beth Prechtl	Blessed Sacrament	X	
Jack Seman	CHOW/Broome Co Council of Churches	X	
Mary Cermak	CHOW-St. Paul's Endicott	X	
Kathy Greene	Addison Community Food Pantry	X	
Bonnie Hand	TOI- Park Terrace Food Pantry	X	
Alycia Anthony	Tioga County Rural Ministry		X
Anne Haus	Trumansburg Food Pantry	X	
Art Berkey	Caroline Food Pantry	X	
VACANT	Steuben Rep		
VACANT	Schuyler Rep		
Staff			
Amanda Palme		X	
Randi Quackenbush		X	
David Russell		X	
Matt Griffin			X
Shanté Tranchant		X	
Sarah Keenan		X	
Maria Strinni		X	

Agenda Item

1. Welcome

- Introductions
- Reflection

Amanda shared a reflection about all of the changes that have been happening at the Food Bank and how this is a year of inquiry. So we will be asking a lot of questions of ourselves and our partners.

- Working Agreements Review

- Review & approval of December meeting minutes

JodyLynn made a motion and Jack seconded to approve the December minutes without changes. Vote was unanimous.

2. Review & Updates

- Agency Feedback (recent coalition meetings, etc)

Tioga Coalition has a PantryTrak training in January, partners are looking forward to implementation.

Art shared that the Tompkins County Farm Bureau is working on the 10 gallon milk challenge for pantries.

AAB members shared that some pantries have seen increases in February and some actually saw decreases in spite of the early issuance of SNAP benefits.

There was also discussion about how to get a hold of FBST staff on weekends to cancel or change orders. Randi will see if Dave Patterson's cell phone number can be shared with agency partners.

Dave Patterson's cell phone number is 607-426-2069 . Please use only for emergencies.

- Warehouse Operations/Food Acquisition

Government cheese is back! Available in 5 pound bricks. There continues to be an abundance of TEFAP, including produce and pork loin.

- PantryTrak

Sarah Keenan, our former PantryTrak specialist, shared that Candor and Spencer-Van Etten are currently on PantryTrak. Goals for 2019 include getting all of Tioga County on board as well as interested and ready partners in the other 5 counties, including CHOW. PantryTrak kiosks will be available during the Agency Celebration to play with.

- Health & Nutrition

David Russell shared information about the new nutrition ranking system for our food inventory. In the coming weeks, all products will be coded either "choose often" (green), "choose sometimes" (yellow), and "choose rarely" (red). Agencies are encouraged to order "green" items and FBST plans to roll out an incentive program for these choices such as a line of credit or reduced shared maintenance fee. Dave also shared that H&N is working with Care Compass Network and is also hoping to work with Partners for a Healthier America.

JSY has also developed recipe cards that will soon be on the menu to order for free. They come in packs of 25.

- **Community Impact**

Sarah Keenan and Shanté Tranchant are two of the new Programs & Partnerships Coordinators. Shanté is working in Chemung and Tompkins Counties and is our former Youth Programs Coordinator. She has great expertise in Backpack, Kids' Farmers Markets, and School Food Pantries. Sarah is working in Schuyler and Steuben Counties and was our PantryTrak Specialists so she has relationships with almost all of our MFP partners.

Randi shared some photos on the recent trip to DC for the Anti-Hunger Policy Conference. Five Food Bank Staff attended along with Jack Seman from the AAB. The group reflected on their experience at both the conference and on the Lobby Day. Advocacy issues included SNAP, TEFAP, and the impact of the government shutdown. Other partners are able to attend the conference in the coming years.

3. Discussion & Decisions

- **HPNAP Allocation advancement**

Dave led a discussion about the possibility of releasing the May 1st HPNAP grants one month early to agencies, given that many agencies have spent their first allotment. He has taken several calls from agencies that are out of this grant. However there continues to be donated product as well as the pooled grant.

After a straw vote, the group decided that it was not worth the effort to release the funds one month early.

- **2019 Annual Agency Celebration planning**

Randi shared an overview of the draft agenda for the 2019 Celebration which is scheduled for **Friday, April 26th** at Tioga Downs. MFP coordinators have also been invited to the event. The theme will be around the impact of trauma and the role of resiliency. Laura Rossman from ProAction has agreed to be the keynote, show the film "Resilience," and lead an activity after lunch. The AAB watching the film trailer and many agreed this would be an important topic. PantryTrak demos will also take place, as well as time for networking, a BINGO activity, awards, and partners tabling. Registration is now open on the website.

- **Website review**

Maria Strinni, FBST Communications Coordinator, joined the meeting to provide a demo of the new FBST website, which features a "Food Finder" as well as a new Partner Zone. All partners are encouraged to check out the website and verify the information for their agency. Many in the group admired the new look and features of the website.

4. Other Business/Adjourn

<i>Follow Up Items</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Find out if we can share Dave Patterson's cell phone with partners 607-426-2069	Randi	With minutes
Share recipe cards with minutes	Randi	
Share F2FB information	Randi	

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Randi Quackenbush.