

**Attendance and Minutes of
SNAP Task Force Meeting of April 18th, 2019**

ATTENDANCE SHEET

- 1) Ellen Vollinger - FRAC
- 2) Long Ho – *LiveOn NY*
- 3) Brady Koch – *FBNYC*
- 4) Nicholas Posada - *Fortune Society*
- 5) Colleen Donovan – *Hunger Solutions NY*
- 6) Derek Singh – *HRA-FIA*
- 7) Martino Desir – *Public Health Solutions*
- 8) Kelsey Ferrari – *CUCS Rikers Single Stop*
- 9) Brenda Williams – *HRA*
- 10) Paola Joaquin – *Make the Road NY*
- 11) Emanuel Negron – *MET Council*
- 12) Nancy Miranda – *FBNYC*
- 13) Leah Starbuck – *Sanctuary*
- 14) Ruben Argueta - *Single Stop, Goddard*
- 15) Marlene Cedeno – *CEO*
- 16) Justin Long – *Encore*
- 17) Dawn Secor – *Hunger Solutions New York*
- 18) Josef Aguilar – *POTS*
- 19) Maria Perez – *NY Presbyterian*
- 20) Kholia H – *Urban Justice Center*
- 21) Evalevi Lopez – *Fifth Avenue Committee*
- 22) Rebecca Haase – *CSS*
- 23) Leslie Holm – *CSS*
- 24) Yesseme Mader – *Brooklyn Legal Services*
- 25) Jerome Valencia – *Fortune Society*
- 26) Miguelina Diaz – *Hunger Free NYC*
- 27) Christina Tu – *Hunger Free NYC*

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. National Updates – presented by Ellen Vollinger, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)
- III. Research Packet Overview
- IV. Task Force Profiles
 1. Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)
- V. Future of Task Force Activity

The meeting began at 1:00 PM

Ellen Vollinger provided national updates starting with the online SNAP purchasing pilot that launched on the 18th. As this was the same day of the meeting, there was not a lot of information on process flow for Amazon purchases or SNAP user feedback. SNAP does not pay for any delivery fees. The Task force wanted to know if cash assistance is able to pay for delivery fees.

Additionally Congress is in recess, so active updates are limited. Childhood Hunger Reauthorization is on the horizon and FRAC will be tracking the further implementation of the Summer EBT program, based on SNAP.

Puerto Rico's SNAP program, NAP, is block granted and out of funding so benefit cuts are being made. Congress will be revisiting this when session opens.

Brady Koch reviewed the month's Research Packet. The full documentation is available at foodbanknyc.org. Issues cited in the discussion throughout the review:

- The final rule on SNAP E&T including job search as a qualifying activity to receive benefits mentions "supervised job search." The task force seeks further clarity on how this is defined.

One members of the SNAP Task Force profiled their work at their organization:

- Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)
 - Marlene Cedeno, NYS Grants Reporting Manager
 - mcedeno@ceoworks.org

Brady Koch and Nancy Miranda conducted a small group exercise with the Task Force to develop future agendas for future meetings.

The Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 PM