Attendance and Minutes of
SNAP Task Force Meeting of December 19, 2019

1) Ellen Vollinger – FRAC - on call
2) Martha Mychak – NYLAG.ORG
3) Millie Rodriguez – HRA
4) Nick Posada – The Fortune Society
5) Jeannette Abreu – Family Health Services
6) Nara Santhe - DYCD
7) Colleen Donovan – Hunger Solutions
8) Marlene Cedeno – CEO
9) Dawn Secor – Hunger Solutions
10) Janiel Murphy – Dept of Youth Comm Dev – CUCS
11) Miguelina Diaz – United Way
12) Emanuel Negron – Met Council
13) Emilda Goico – Family Support Center
14) Joseph Maldonado – DSS
15) Ariel Salazae – DSS
16) Nide Crews – Bronx Community College
17) Desire Brazch – CUCS
18) Nancy Miranda - FB
19) Jeff Lin - FB

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Introductions
II. National Updates – presented by Ellen Vollinger, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)
III. Research Packet Overview
IV. Mediation Analysis

Ellen Vollinger provided national updates starting with Last minutes updates on ABAWD and the final rule that will be implemented April 01, 2019.
Frac, Foodbank NYC, Hunger Solutions and many other organization have started to make their voice heard, some through media.

Mitigations against this rule ABAWD, possible provision to go in lawsuit, if it goes before court, seek legal decisions. Review to all those comments made.

SNAPS rule Categorical Eligibility, Standard Utility Allowance (SUA Level) comment period ended.

Updated on shut down government, there was a package under federal, on spending. No words on shut down will happen now.

Nancy Miranda reviewed the month’s Research Packet. The full documentation is available at foodbanknyc.org.

Nancy Miranda and Jeff Lin covered the Research Package updates. USDA Rule going in EFFECT April 01, 2019. HRA Policy updates:
- To inform local social services districts (districts) that the January 1, 2020 federal cost-of-living adjustment (COLA)
- SCHEDULES FOR JANUARY 2020 – JUNE 2020: EBT Pick-up Schedule January – June 2020 (EBT-52A). This desk guide informs applicants of the date when their benefits will be available based on their case number to digit
- PROCESSING ONLINE SPECIAL GRANT REQUESTS 5.2: the expansion of ACCESS HRA (AHRA) to allow for the submission of certain additional allowances/special grants.

Reviewed the Mediation Analysis for November 2019