

**Attendance and Minutes of
SNAP Task Force Meeting of May 16, 2019**

- 1) Ellen Vollinger - FRAC
- 2) Long Ho – *LiveOn NY*
- 3) Derek Singh – *HRA-FIA*
- 4) Brenda Williams – *HRA*
- 5) Emanuel Negrón – *MET Council*
- 6) Nancy Miranda – *FBNYC*
- 7) Leah Starbuck – *Sanctuary*
- 8) Dawn Secor – *Hunger Solutions New York*
- 9) Martha Mychak – *NYLAG.ORG*
- 10) Millie Rodriguez – *HRA*
- 11) Langina Pena – *Met Council*
- 12) Ana Sarabia – *Met Council*
- 13) Nicaoly Andyar- *Bronx Defenders*
- 14) Melissa Brito – *Single Stop*
- 15) Damaris Rodriguez- *Lenox Hill Neighborhood*
- 16) Martino Desir-*Health Solutions*
- 17) Yessenia Mendez- *Brooklyn legal*
- 18) Jane Coyne - *Benefit Data Trust*
- 19) Nancy Miranda -*FB*
- 20) Joyce Williams -*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 October 1st budget appropriate bills will show how much has been put aside for the next fiscal year. Reserved for emergency disaster, example Maria, disaster in Puerto Rico. Congress continues to work on its disaster practices, \$600 Million.

Farm Bill –SNAP has been legislated: no former changes there is a negative proposal on assets or gross income test, how the rise minimum wage, many are ineligible now for SNAP. Other states screen for SNAP under the 200% benefit clips. NY authorized in gross income test will help- nutrition ,state funds when they go over the 200%FPL, if we can have state able to get out FPL ,but each state make their own regulations , ask can NYC do this?

Ellen provided information about upcoming webinar on the latest Plan, to Deny Assistance –Shrinking the Poverty Line. How the Trump Administration is proposing to reduce the number of people who qualify for health care, nutrition and other aid.

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

Today the USDA [memorandum to state agencies](#) (PDF, 156 KB) encouraging them to require Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants to cooperate with child support programs. **At Local level HRA will not participate on this**

USDA - May 5 to May 11, 2019, is National Hurricane Preparedness week

USDA Online SNAP purchasing Pilot – In NYC –Amazon and Shop Rite.

Nancy Miranda reviewed the Mediation Analysis for March and April 2019

- **Emanuel – Met Council:** The 'Call on Demand' wait time has been longer than normal and the 'Call Back' option is not available.
- **Derek - HRA :** The 'Call Back' options are only available based on the staff support for that day.
- **Ellen – FRAC :** What has been the challenges and best practices for the Mediation process?
- **Nancy FB-** NYC have the support working at the local level with HRA making the mediation model and taskforce a place open to discuss issue , glitches , policy in SNAP . Many other states do not have that supporting relationship with their stakeholder.
- **Emanuel Met Council:** The challenge is that there is not a lot of funding for this work or there is not a designated person to handle this process and submit the requests.
- **Met Council:** Is there a Mediation approach designated for the Domestic Violence population?
- **Derek –HRA :** No, there is no direct center liaison in SNAP for Domestic Violence. HRA does private assessment in helping the participants with domestic violence and provide the service needed.