

**Attendance and Minutes of
SNAP Task Force Meeting of September 19, 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 – FB NYC
- 7) Zac Hall – FB NYC
- 8) Dawn Secor – Hunger Solutions New York (on call)
- 9) Martha Mychak – NYLAG.ORG
- 10) Millie Rodriguez – HRA
- 11) Nicauly Andyar- Bronx Defenders
- 12) Yessenia Mendez- Brooklyn legal
- 13) Jane Coyne - Benefit Data Trust
- 14) Ruben Argueta – Goddard Riverside Community Center
- 15) Marlene Cedeno-CEO
- 16) Tomas Mendoza-Catholic Charities
- 17) Nick Posada- The Fortune Society
- 18) Josef Aguilar – Part OF The Solution (POTS)
- 19) Miguelina Diaz-United Way of NY
- 20) April Torres – HRA
- 21) Vanessa Mendez- Single Stop
- 22) M Cedeno—Single Stop
- 23) Christine Tu – Hunger Free NYC
- 24) Colleen Danovan – Hunger Solutions NY
- 25) Beatrice Mavger – Single Stop
- 26) Ailin Liu-Public Health Solution
- 27) Evalevi Lopez-Fifth Avenue Committee
- 28) Ariel Salazar – DSS AHRA
- 29) Nadia Shepard-DSS AHRA
- 30) Rosana Martinez-Single Stop

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. National Updates – presented by Ellen Vollinger, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)
- III. SNAP Categorical Eligibility Rule- Presented by Dawn Secor, Hunger Solutions NY
- IV. Research Packet Overview
- V. Mediation Analysis
- VI. Presentation : DSS Access HRA – Special Grants

Ellen Vollinger provided national updates starting with October is the month Congress needs action to avert another shut down. New Bill to broaden SNAP access for college students. Hunter and CUNY are doing a study about College Hunger.

The status on Public Charge rule change, on October 02 there will be a hearing – about Public Charge, before the rules take in effect October 15, 2019.

Ellen mention and inform about referring client to legal services with question they may have related to immigration and Public Charge.

Information in referring clients for Immigration service, clients can call in Action NY, other and nonprofit immigration specialist for assistance.

Presentation on proposal for SNAP Categorical Eligibility presented by Dawn Secor.

Hunger Solutions web page on Cat-El that was covered at SNAP Taskforce meeting

Presentation link: <https://hungersolutionsny.org/snap-policy/snap-cat-el-rule/>

Information where you can make comments on the Proposal on Categorically Eligibility.

Links to national organizational comment portals.

Feeding America • <http://bit.ly/FASNAPcatelcomments>

FRAC • <https://www.frac.org/catelcomments>

• Offers comment templates for different sectors

✓ Comment platform for individuals: HandsOFFSNAP.org

✓ Go to Regulations.gov to post comment directly

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/07/24/201915670/revision-of-categorical-eligibility-in-the-supplementalnutrition-assistance-program-snap>

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

Nancy Miranda, Foodbank NYC reviewed the Mediation Analysis for August 2019

Nadia Shepard, from -DSS AHRA presented a demo of the new Access HRA release 5.2 the release is schedule to go live on 09/28/19

And it will include the ability for activate CA clients to submit additional special grant requests, including storage, moving expenses, restaurant allowance, pregnancy allowance and disaster for Special Grants.