

**Homeless Reduction Task Force of NWF
Faith Based Organizations/Food/Mentoring/Transportation
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 3, 2021
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Hagler Auditorium, City Hall and Zoom**

Welcome, Prayer and Introductions

- Welcome and prayer from your tradition – Dr. Irv Williams
- Pass Roster – please confirm/update your contact information
- Intros – Each person share name and organization/interest you represent – for new attendees, share just a sentence or two about what your org does and give brochures to Blair

In attendance:

Walter Arrington, Tammy Nelson, Jennifer Tompkins, Bob Foster, Blair Castro, Connie Bookman, Allison Patton, Kelsey Powell, Dr. Isaac Williams, Dr. Calvin Avant, Cheryl Hinnen, Michael Kimberl, June Linke, Rabbi Joel Fleekop, Terri Merrick, Melissa Johnson

Updates from Connie and Wider HRTF

Connie updated work of wider task force – shared story of how passionately discussed issues in their neighborhoods at the last Sunshine meeting

Food Resources Doc and Interactive Map Update

- Continue to document food resources in our area: Escambia/Santa Rosa counties, paying attention to *gaps in & duplication of services*
- We've added columns for "permission to share," "County Served," and "Last Updated"; remember this not for public distribution.
- Updates from Subcommittee members
 - Tammy Nelson is heading up the smaller food subcommittee.

Additional Discussion on Mentorship & Transportation

- Tammy let the group know about how a neighbor requested that they stop feeding outside the library, so they had moved to a

parking lot. Clients did not feel safe to come there, and they are reaching out for help.

- 90Works has resources to help people apply for insurance.
- Walter is going to head-up the mentorship committee, he wants to use some of the infrastructure Terri already has in place. He also wants to help make sure we are training those mentors with HMIS and that we are collecting data.
- Mal sent an email and would like for those who are having a special holiday meal to let her know the info about that.
- Transportation continues to be a huge issue for those who do not live on bus routes that are located at the end of the county. ECAT has free bus passes that Melissa and others have been helping them apply for. The 6 PM cutoff is not adequate to help our community's riders. They also do not run on Sundays.
- Melissa would like to see a dealership here partner with us in order to provide better transportation. Walter mentioned Bright Bridge's past program to give people a bike after 50 volunteer hours.
- Terri says they've had 4 calls this week to help people get into recovery and off the streets.
- We've created another Google sheet to try to capture some information – fill in what we know and if you have suggestions for additional columns, let us know; remember this would not be for public distribution yet.
- Not sure if the ECAT rep will be present at the meeting – if so, then of course we can hear from them, but if not, perhaps we can create a list of questions and hear back from them next time. Group will reach out to them.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO UPDATE THE FOOD RESOURCES GOOGLE SHEET ANY TIME YOU LEARN OF A NEW FOOD RESOURCE.

PLEASE UPDATE THE MENTORING RESOURCES GOOGLE SHEET ANY TIME YOU LEARN OF A NEW MENTORING RESOURCE.