

NUTRITION & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TASKFORCE

Meeting Summary

Date	11.6.25		
Type of Meeting	General Coalition Meeting		
Attendees	Marissa Flanders, Jenna McCarthy, Amanda Philips (Community Service Solutions); Cassidy Moyer (Mammoth Disposal/Bishop Waste); Colleen Moxley (Mono County Schools); Margee Neer (Mono County Public Health); Dustin Blakey (UCCE); Lara Walker (First 5); Larry Pace (Eastern Sierra Farm Fresh); Kelly Barceloux, Jessica Tex (IMACA); Kim Blackwell (Cerro Coso)		
Recorder	Marissa Flanders		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION or F/U	WHO
UPDATES:	NPAT Timeline, Priorities - Still planning on ending after the March meeting, which means we'll have two meetings after today. Priorities will be Member Organization Presentations and working toward Strategic Plan goals. The Food Waste Prevention, Recovery, and Redistribution Taskforce (FWPRRT) will continue to meet monthly (3rd Wed of month), and the Mammoth Unified School District will continue school wellness committee meetings. Healthy Food Access - Per the CDSS website: CalFresh benefits are delayed due to the federal government shutdown. Recipients can continue using their existing CalFresh benefits on their EBT cards as usual. Due to recent court rulings, funding will be available to provide at least some CalFresh benefits for November. At this time, the amount of benefits or when they will be added to EBT cards is unknown, as the state is still waiting for instructions from the federal government. Jenna sent flyers detailing food distributions in Mono County for the month of November. These are available in English and Spanish. Please distribute to your networks. The Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County donated \$200,000 to provide grocery gift cards for prequalified EBT participants. ESFF gleaned fruit, most of which was donated to IMACA and other local organizations, and some is sold at weekly markets at a reduced rate. There is less to glean now, but they'll continue to glean what's available. They're looking into a potential winter produce program with Community Alliance for Family Farmers (CAFF) to secure additional produce deliveries. Larry to follow up with Dustin	If you want FWPRRT meeting info, reach out to Cassidy and/or Jenna.	Any interested
		Distribute Food Resource Guide to networks.	All

	regarding citrus and other produce availability at Lindcove Research and Extension Station for potential food distribution. MUSD is holding a food drive, with tomorrow as the final drop-off day. Collection sites include MES, MMS, and Grocery Outlet in Mammoth. Donations should be non-perishable items, with preferred items including peanut butter, canned goods, canned beans, whole grain pasta, and rice. IMACA is also conducting a holiday food drive, which will continue into January. Anyone can stop by the Bishop IMACA location between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday to pick up food. Emergency boxes have ~100 lbs of food, including canned foods, meat, produce, and bread. Sal at the Sawyer has volunteered in the past to pick up emergency food from the Bishop IMACA for Mammoth individuals if resources are needed. Cerro Coso may also be able to transport food to Mammoth. The number of participants at IMACA food distributions has recently declined, particularly in Mammoth. Any leftover produce is being given to the Sawyer. Fifty Thanksgiving boxes will be donated in Mammoth, with deliveries scheduled for 1 p.m. on November 24 at St. Joseph's Church. Lara mentioned that First 5 gives \$25 gift cards and diapers to parents with children under 5 when they stop by their office and sign up for home visit services. Sarah and Dennis at Bishop Grocery Outlet may be able to donate to those in need. Cerro Coso's Basic Needs program offers gas cards and food for students. An enrollment event will be held on November 12 in Bishop. The college can also hold a food donation bin there if requested. The Mammoth Salvation Army is open M-F from 4-5:30. The group is unsure of current Bishop Salvation Army hours, but regular hours had been M-F 9-11 prior to Casey's surgery. Kelly is hosting a meeting Nov 20th at 11am to discuss the food distribution network. Reach out to her if you'd like to join.	To join meeting on Nov 20th, email kbarceloux@imaca.net	Any interested
NEW BUSINESS: Member Organization Presentations, Strategic Plan Goals	Community Service Solutions (CSS) - Emergency Food Supplemental Program Amanda shared updates on CSS's Emergency Food Distribution. - Funding is through CBCAP/ARPA grant via Mono County. - This is a short-term program to supplement existing resources and help residents affected by delayed CalFresh benefits and the government shutdown. - Distribution is open to anyone; no registration or prior sign-up necessary. - October distributions in June Lake and Lee Vining served 48 families.	For additional info, or to send	Any interested

	- Have received additional funding for November and possibly December. - Have reached out to tribes, schools, and other partners trying to fill in the gaps and assist those in need at this time. -November distributions include: • November 18th - Benton, Chalfant, and Mammoth Lakes • November 19th - Bridgeport and Lee Vining • November 21th - Antelope Elementary School - Can include flyers from other organizations in food donation bags. Reach out if you have info you'd like included. - If you would like any additional information please contact Amanda. Mammoth Disposal/Bishop Waste - See attached slides. Q/A: Cassidy will be teaching composting education this spring and can teach in Mono or Inyo counties. Dustin may have a vermiculture opportunity with 4H. There is an effort to increase grocery stores' fruit and vegetable donations for SB 1383 compliance. Hotels that serve food and have more than 500 rooms are also required to donate food. Mammoth Lakes Community Garden near Cerro Coso planned for Summer 2026. Strategic Plan Goals Jenna edited the Strategic Plan draft according to comments from the September meeting. The draft was emailed with the Minutes and is now available on the NPAT website. The next step is to identify action items that we can do or build capacity for as a coalition through March.	flyers to be included with food distributions, email Amanda: aphilips@csssolutions.org Send survey regarding Strategic Plan goals and future NPAT agenda items	Jenna
ROUNDTABLE (Other program updates/asks)	Marissa – helping with emergency food distribution and data entry for CalFresh Healthy Living's new fiscal year. Dustin – accepting applications for Master Gardeners and Food Preservers programs. Interested in Master Gardener projects throughout Mono County. Larry- shared progress in acquiring GIS software to better manage community gleaned sites. He also shared plans to establish Eastern Sierra Farm Fresh's base at the Tri-County Fairgrounds, with ambitions to develop a food hub and commercial kitchens, and to support local ag/food production.	https://ucanr.edu/county/inyo-and-mono-counties	Any interested

	Kelly/Jessica- LIHEAP program is available. Waiting to hear about FY26 funding. Asking for food distribution volunteers or donations- sign up via email to Kelly and donations can be made on their website. Produce being served this month includes iceberg lettuce, apples, bell peppers, oranges, zucchini, meat, sour cream, butter, bread. Margee – WIC program is not on hold. Flu clinic finished up (served 700+), starting work on Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), Great American Smokeout event on the 20th, outreach calendar for Behavioral Health has socials, walking group, senior breakfast, and yoga events that are great for gathering community members. Colleen – held first MUSD wellness meeting - discussing goals for this new year. Hoping for a school meal services presentation at future meeting. Cassidy- Wrapping up yearly audit. Providing recycling education and outreach, including a new tagging system in Bishop. Collecting Bike Build donations for Mammoth and Bishop, Amanda- In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) will be conducting provider appreciation events in Bishop, Mammoth, and Walker. If anyone has resources for seniors, please reach out to Amanda. Mono County HDAP program began October 1st providing outreach in Bishop and Mono on housing. Any additional flyers please reach out to CSS. Started Housing and Disability Advocacy Program Housing Support Program in Mono County, providing outreach at food distributions and jail. Jenna – Garden programs up and running (MUSD hydroponic supplies, AES and LVES subcontracts); plan to purchase stencils or sensory paths for schools in December; hosting a CATCH training in March - all will be welcome to attend, details TBD; have shared Food Hero newsletters (English and Spanish) with many of you. If you want these and do not have access, let me know.	kbarceloux@imaca.net to volunteer https://www.imaca.net/donate/ to donate https://www.wcncares.org/donate - District 4014 to donate Email Amanda if you have resources you want distributed to seniors: aphilips@csssolutions.org Email Jenna with Food Hero Newsletter requests: jmccarthy@csssolutions.org	Any interested Any interested Any interested Any interested
Adjourn	Next meeting: January 8, 2026, 10:00-11:30.		