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HIA Membership Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2022

Started: 8:38am and Adjourned: 9:30am

Location: Howard Park Community Center “Farmer Room”

1. Networking, lite breakfast and introductions sponsored by the Oaklawn Foundation.
2. Marijo Martinec, Executive Director of the Northern IN Foodbank gave a presentation.
Highlights included-

Shared a story from a food pantry client who was so thankful for the food bank as they didn't qualify for SNAP but still struggled with their food budget. Pantry clients are our neighbors and look like you and me.

Powerpoint (see attached)

SJC- 35,660 neighbors (13.2%) are food insecure. 12,350 are children (19.3%)

67 partner agencies serving 47,385 household up 36% from 2021

Food 4 Kids backpack weekly program for 1,025 students

DoorDash Home Deliveries pilot program 4,764 household served so far this year!

Senior Nutrition Program- 261 get monthly boxes

Also involved in other federal programs including Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

Spotlight Mobile Food Pantry Distributions- take the food to where the need is and includes fresh food that is universal culturally appropriate foods. These distributions are sponsored by community partners. Schedule is on their website and Facebook page.

September is Hunger Action Month and Friday, September 23rd is Hunger Action Day

- **Learn, commit, volunteer and speak up!**

\$1 donation can provide up to 5 meals or 8# of food



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3. Jessica Brookshire, board member at Cultivate Food Rescue, gave a brief update on the organization with more information to come at next HIA members meeting from Jim Conklin.
4. Subcommittee updates were given as followed:
 - a. Beckie Lies gave the marketing and communications subcommittee update. There will be an outlook “save the dates” calendar invite going out to all members for the rest of this year’s meetings and next year. Reminder given about sending events to Kari as calendar is being underutilized and that minutes will be posted to the website. Subcommittee will continue to look at the suggestions given at July’s working meeting and plans to have a complete members list on website by next month. This subcommittee meets every other month. <https://healthalliancesjc.org/>
 - b. Operations report given by Robin Vida who invited members to give their ideas on any content or speakers for upcoming meetings to the subcommittee. They are working on content for future members meetings. Their subcommittee meets monthly and working on a new date and time that is more convenient for everyone.
 - c. Cassy White gave the Data, Analytics, & Grants (DAG) subcommittee report. They are hosting a Health Equity Focus Group along with Beacon and Department of Health on September 16th that will focus on how HIA can best support members work in health equity. The subcommittee is also responsible for the data that gets put on website along with helping members with other data needs and meets monthly.
5. The meeting ended with member updates and announcements and any flyers/events mentioned will be posted on the HIA website. Updates included information on mental health resources, United Health Services, SJC Cares, Veteran Housing, Beacon Community Impact, Smoke Free St. Joe and the SJC Department of Health. Healthlinc has 10,000 COVID test and N95 mask available to agencies that need them, please contact Chris Young at cyoung@healthlincchc.org.
6. Kari reminded group that the next meeting will be on 11/17/22@ 8:30 a.m. at the Howard Park Community Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Beckie Lies