

Healthy Franklin County Nutrition Task Force  
Food Insecurities Work Group  
April 12, 2017  
Minutes

Discussed the color-coded 2016 Free and Reduced Lunch Program Schools in Franklin County showing addresses of schools where children are the most likely to be affected by food insecurities.

Nickie requested a legend for the color coding. Sheryl explained them and will provide that for next discussion.

**Percentage of Participation**

Red	95 - 100
Orange	50 - 94
Yellow	40 - 49
Light Green	30 - 39
Dark Green	0 - 29 (note lowest participation is 25.6466% - not really "0")

Discussed question that was brought up by Karen Johnston during last NTF meeting as to why numbers were so high. Sheryl presented the information from the 2016 CHNA Full Report Community Profile.

The US Census and other existing data about Franklin County shows specific community needs...improved educational attainment" ...“A second major issue for county residents...is the relatively low earnings of county residents. Blacks and Latinos in particular have lower median earnings and higher poverty rates than White residents...median household income has been falling for Franklin County residents over the past decade and that median family incomes in the county are lower than the state’s median income.

Discussed US Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis and the personal income report on the Chambersburg-Waynesboro, PA Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Personal income in 2015, has a per capita personal income of \$41,768 and ranked 184<sup>th</sup> in the US.

Reviewed the USDA “Official USDA Food Plans: Cost of Food at Home at Four Levels, U.S. Average, May 2016”. The weekly cost of nutritious diet at four different levels for families (male and female of 2) shows a thrifty plan, low-cost plan, moderate-cost plan and a liberal plan. The

age group of 19-50 years was selected for a comparison. A thrifty plan cost \$88.90 per week or \$4,622.80 annually.

We discussed the percentage of income being used for food after paying rent and utilities was probably much lower. Also discussed that with our personal experience, we suggest that single female with children probably contributes significantly to the Free and Reduced Lunch Program numbers. Sheryl will research and bring some other numbers on gender and income.

Discussed how best to view and report the need for food vs resources available. Nickie will contact Franklin County to see if they can map for us.

We reviewed the Emergency Food Providers List and discussed how to identify missing providers.

All helped to review sections of resources listed on CHNA report to locate any that were missed on the Food Insecurities Work Group listing of Emergency Food providers. Sheryl will add to list and provide for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.