



Homelessness and Basic Resources Committee (HBRC)
March 4, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Present: Deb, Koji, Patricia, Pauline, Jeze, Shelly, Renu, Julia, Kaitlyn, Irene, Brenda, Yolanda, Barbara

- I. **Call to Order:** Koji welcomed back Irene Martinez.
- II. **February Meeting Minutes:** February 4, 2019
- III. **Updates**
 - CalFresh Outreach: Koji shared on upcoming training he will be attending. Brenda is working on a flyer, asked for feedback.
 - Report on Meeting with Nutrition and Foods Faculty: Pauline shared results of her meeting with NF faculty.
 - NF faculty tested making and tasting an MRE. They support distributing MRE's to students in need and felt that MRE's have a place in our food insecurity efforts. One critique was there is no fresh food in the MRE but NF faculty emphasized that for food insecure people, any calories are better than no calories.
 - NF faculty would like to go to Costco and make kits to keep in faculty offices.
 - They are interested in having more microwaves on campus and hot water dispensers. Deb asked if there is a number to call posted on the microwaves, so people know if they are not working who they can contact.
 - Jeanne Metter is interested in promoting beans at the food pantries.
 - The Foods and Nutrition Department has a place in our efforts to address student food insecurity.
 - Pauline will add her notes from this meeting to the HBRC folder in OneDrive.
 - Koji waiting to hear back on a standing location. If we get a location we will have to move fast, we have the support from Administration just waiting now. Need to make connection, how does all that we are doing impact student success. Can we capture this?
 - #RealCollege survey results briefing on 3/7 in Sacramento: Involved back in fall 2018. Report will be presented in Sacramento, not sure when we will get the report. Julia, met with research 2 weeks ago, looking to get demographics of students we have been serving. Hoping to have an update by the end of spring. Also looking at number of units, what programs they belong to and how many pantries they have attended. This will be useful to compare this data from State data.
 - March food pantry on 3/12 - site visit by LA Food Bank: Koji, all information and flyers have gone out. We will have our audit from LA Food Bank to make sure we are following compliances. Need to make sure all forms are filled out. Need to have a binder that has names of volunteers participating. Koji has informed Sowing Seeds that we have been supplementing food items. Back to our regular pantry schedule. We have Tzu Chi Foundation will be visiting

our pantry, they would like to form a collaboration of some kind. Koji will be meeting with them to see what their expectations are and who would they like to serve. Koji need to look into getting a cell phone so we can text students. Renu shared that their students feel the application is tedious and some feel it is not worth applying, some have only received ten dollars. Donna, shared her experience at the DPSS office in Pomona. Koji suggests that we need to bring some of the experts to these areas and encouraged Renu to let her students know to come over to and sit with DPSS when they are here on campus. There will be no bean demonstration at this pantry but hopefully in the month of April. Shelly shared they received a generous donation of toiletries, would like an extra table to distribute at the food pantry. Volunteer from Sacred Heart Church in Covina reached out to Koji and said they would like to assist with toiletry kits. Bill Lambert can provide a letter for these donations. Do we need a waiver for toiletries? Revise our waiver to include non-food items so we don't have so many different waivers and forms, better to condense.

Brenda shared the CalFresh Facebook page she created. She will be attending DPSS headquarters to become a certified CalFresh Assister. Will check if Brenda's training will allow her to train us. The more people that are trained the better for our students.

- Civil Rights Training (3/15/19): Koji, we are required to take the training. First one is on 3/15/19, you can do it on your own. Should receive a certificate once training is completed.
- AB302 (Berman) Parking: parking lot for homeless students. This has been discussed, this is legislation going through the approval process. Colleges may be required to do, not sure what exactly this means. What additional resources would be needed?

IV. **Discussion**

- **Mountie Fresh Day 2019:**
 - We need everyone's help. Koji discussed the work the project team is doing in planning Mountie Fresh Day. Barbara will send out the task list. Anyone from HBRC is welcome to join. Irene reached out to Smart & Final, spoke to the same manager and they recommend applying for a \$500 donation, same as last year. Want to promote healthy eating and healthy cooking. Koji shared the banner flags.
- **Housing Support:** currently we only have referrals, we cannot endorse housing facilities, but we can refer to agencies that can assist. Renu shared an experience she had and the difficulties she had in getting an emergency food card when Eric and Koji were both not on campus, Renu asked if they get some cards in their area. Renu shared the housing in Pomona is not pleasant. How we can address the housing concerns? Donna shared of a place in Pomona (on Garey Ave before Arrow Hwy) they will pay for a percentage for housing, but you must actively look for work, or income coming in. Really need to be more informed on pending litigation.

V. **Good of the Order (All)**

- Irene shared how she worked with City of Anaheim, the programs they offered and how they learned to help a person who is homeless and the resources they provided. Koji suggested creating a resource guide, after Mountie Fresh Day. Yolanda suggested calling 211 for assistance, they will help.
- **Campus Site Visit on 3/22/19:** we will be visiting OCC and UCI campus to see how they run and operate their food pantries.

VI. **Next Meeting**

- March 18, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. in 9C-5

VII. **Adjourn**

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