

Wisconsin Food Pantry Conference Call Notes, Friday November 12, 2021

TEFAP

As a follow up from our conversation last month, TEFAP eligibility guidelines and application are updated on DHS's website as of Sept 30th.

- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/nutrition/tefap/eligibility.htm>
- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/library/f-40059.htm>

It is likely that Jennifer Putzer will be able to join our calls again starting next month.

TEFAP Annual Renewal: We will again waive that requirement. However, remember that at each food distribution, you are asking the household if there are any changes to the names and numbers of persons in the household, and where they live. Remember that homeless and undocumented households and those experiencing partner abuse can use the local library or public building as their address.

See TEFAP FFY22 Guidance Memo for more information:

<https://feedingwi.org/content/TEFAP%20Guidance%208.25.2021.pdf>

For those interested in sending Kitty cards or letters please use this mailing address:

- * 1010 Haywood Drive Madison, WI 53715

FoodShare Updates

Please see [October 8 meeting notes](#) for more updates.

One note, we are hearing from many FoodShare participants who are losing their benefits because they were unaware that they had report forms due.

Please find more information here: <https://feedingwi.org/blog/forward-together/foodshare-eligibility-benefit-allotment-and-program-updates-in-october-2021>

Advocacy Opportunities

Please see our [Hunger Action Center](#) if you are interested in current policy actions

Build Back Better Act of 2021: <https://secure.everyaction.com/xF5eOmRE0Em5m-44Nt7dzw2>

Healthy School Meals for All: <https://secure.everyaction.com/6APjMFH7MkW1D9Jikxqybg2>

Gov. Evers, Legislators Introduce Legislative Package to Invest in Agricultural Industries and Farm Families: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/2f4dab7>

- Including AB662, food security and Wisconsin products grant program: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2021/proposals/ab662>

Feeding Wisconsin Hunger and Health Forum

In October, over 180 ending hunger advocates, health promoters, food and farming advocates, and community builders joined us for a virtual Hunger and Health Forum.

The virtual Fall Hunger and Health Forum's theme was "Impact through Courageous Collaboration." [Dr. Monica M. White](#) presented a keynote, *Food Justice and Emergency Food: Building Bridges and Strategies Toward Community Wellness*, on October 14th. In addition, we then held 5 panel discussions based on our Hunger and Health Summit tracks. If you missed any of these conversations or you want to go back to any of them in the future, you can find them linked below and on our [2021 Hunger and Health Forum Page](#).

PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

If you participated, please fill out this [brief evaluation](#) to share your thoughts regarding the virtual Forum and provide input on topics, presenters, and format you would like to see at our upcoming Spring Summit. **Those that complete the evaluation prior to EOD Monday November 15th will be entered into a drawing for a free registration to our Spring Summit.**

SAVE THE DATE!

We are already planning for our Spring Hunger and Health Summit. **Please save the dates of April 24-26th to join us at the Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells.** We are looking forward to offering our full two days of content and opportunities for networking. Please watch for an request for proposals to be released in early December.

https://feedingwi.org/programs/conferences/2021_forum.php

Future Calls

Our next call will be Friday, December 10th at 10am. After the start of the new year we will move this call to another time. I am working with Jennifer to find a time that will work best. We will also be moving to a video conferencing format to allow for video and chatting capabilities. This will likely be a Google Meeting. Please watch for updates to learn more about this transition in the following places:

- On our 12/10 call
- Feeding Wisconsin's website: <https://feedingwi.org/programs/covid-19/>
- Feeding Wisconsin's December Newsletter will include information (sign up for our newsletter in the green bar towards the bottom of our [website homepage](#))
- A message from your EFO

Q&A

One pantry operator asked, will pantries need to re-register households at the start of 2022. Stephanie is following up with Jennifer Putzer on that question. The answer will be updated in notes here and shared at the 12/10 Meeting.

Next Call: Friday, December 10th, 2021 at 10 am

Call 1(267)930-4000; participant code 904-416-028#

Thanks to Pantry Operators for joining the call!

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