

COVID-19 Check-In Meeting Notes
Tuesday June 16, 2020

Participants: ~85 participants

Agenda

Emergency Management Update: SEOC

Governor's Office Update: Katie Rains

WFC Update: Trish Twomey

General Updates (Recap); SFY20 Closeout June 30, 2020; SFY21 EFAP Data Collection July 1, 2020 New Clients; Identify any New Concerns for Future Topics?

Questions and Clarifications – YOUR Time

Friday, June 19th 9:00 am – Contractor Focus

Updates

- **SEOC** – No updates
- **Katie** – Making supply purchases: sanitizer, masks, etc. Preparing for reduction in national guard. More to come next week regarding emergency food boxes.
- **Trish** – Send her email with changes to distribution hours for their site. Making a statewide list of sources for PPEs.

Food Assistance

- **Food Assistance – Kim Eads:**
 - TEFAP income guidelines to 400% effective 7/1
 - Closeout for state fiscal year- get reporting in.
 - Plan ahead for the new state fiscal year
 - EFAP – collecting new client data
 - More funding mid-late July
 - DHD extension requested last week for targets counties. So far, no word from USDA on approval. Expires 6/17. Kim will reach out for a final response today and let you know ASAP
 - Help identify needs for the next 6 months, please speak or chat box topics

Q&A, Comments

- Claire Harris: I am in King County and I am wanting to open our food pantry so clients can choose their own food. Am I able to do that at this time? I recall that food pantries could open up to 30% of occupancy. Is that correct?
 - This should be verified with your local county health department
- Jen Muzia: Just calling out again that asking for data puts our volunteers and staff at risk. It requires too close contact. I would not be able to or want to comply with this.
 - Volunteers can help collect the data, so people aren't passing paperwork around

- Sue Potter: Volunteers can help but there are numerous language barriers. Also lines are very long and data collection is going to make things move much more slowly. Capacity is an issue since we are losing Guard and having difficulties getting volunteers
- BFB: is it possible to seek an exemption from USDA for doing social distancing and not getting data for TEFAP food?
 - o Does not require address unless they're new or there's been a change. Only need the name and household #. Self-declared – no proof required
- BFB: At 400% of poverty we probably have a lot of data that would show it's VERY likely all clients are within income limits. I'd love it if WA Food Coalition and WSDA could put together a proposal to USDA
- SVDP: They've been accepting people from everywhere – starting in July, should they be sending people to their own county or still provide them food?
 - o Need to notify the client that they are outside their service area, but still give them food. Gather their information still as well.
- Sue Potter: You mentioned Scanning to sign in. What, How? Equipment needed...
 - o Peny Archer: We use a client card that gets scanned
 - Where did the equipment come from?
 - They got it from amazon, but the program was created by a programmer Ken Craig.
 - o TEFAP has multiple forms you can use, one annual form that notes repeat clients as they come in.
- BFB: FYI, client card isn't really a supported software anymore
 - o Trish: Ken got overwhelmed by the amount of software programs to support on his own. Has a list and contact info for software companies. Will put it in their newsletter
- Lisa White: in addition to English and Spanish, we are working to get TEFAP Income Guidelines and TEFAP Intake forms translated into Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian, Korean, Somali, Vietnamese and Chinese (Simplified)