

**COVID-19 Check-In Meeting Notes  
Tuesday August 4, 2020**

**Participants: ~83 participants**

*Agenda*

**Schedule:** Tuesday – General Focus; Once per Week

**Updates:** Governor’s Office: Katie Rains

WFC: Trish Twomey

HAH: David Bobanick (Rebate status?)

Hopelink: Intake Process – Lindsey Robinson

**FA Updates:** General Updates; Capacity Grants; AMI Airline Food Pilot Aug. 17 - 21;  
Legislative FA Proposal; Social Media highlighting successes – please share; Food Status

**Q&A** – Questions, Group Discussions – Updates? Topics? Mobilize Comms.?

**Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am** – General Focus; BHB Farm to Freezer Pilot

**Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am** – Legislative Proposal Stakeholder Input

*Updates*

**Katie Rains:** Preliminary word that federal funding has been extended for National Guard deployment. Some missions will become involuntary, and up through now have all been voluntary.

**Trish Twomey:** Walgreens is still looking for partners to offer flu shots. Down the I-5 corridor, Olympic peninsula, and Grays Harbor. Just let Trish know if you’d like to participate.

**David Bobanick:** Have received 38 applications for the rebates ~\$70k identified so far. Waiting for receipts to issue checks. 25 legislative districts that are represented by those receiving these grants. Dairy farmers of WA has come on as an official sponsor adding \$10k to the program.

**Lindsey Robinson:** Intake process at Hopelink: started when the DHD ended. Went for a strong launch knowing the speed of service needed to be quick and efficient. TEFAP and EFAP form is private; collecting household size, first or duplicate visit, name & address (TEFAP). A letter is given to the participant to explain the new process; what they do with the information, explanation of what TEFAP foods are, what if they don’t want to give their information, etc. Also giving their non-discrimination statement in 4 languages. The

letters are shredded after the information is transferred to the official TEFAP form. Due to safety considerations and transitioning to remote appointments, these are the only intake processes being used and is the most minimal they can provide.

In response to questions, Lindsey clarified that there was a brief period of time after the DHD ended and the formal intake processes resumed where clients who did not want to provide information were getting slightly less food since they couldn't receive TEFAP without providing information. Hopelink now feels like they have worked that out and are able to have pre-packed boxes available that are similar in size/quantity but do not contain TEFAP foods for clients.

They also use a sheet to cover client information as it is filled in on the client log to still protect clients' personal information. Additionally, volunteers collecting the information have the option to use a face shield in addition to their mask for extra PPE. Most volunteers utilize that option.

**Kim Eads:**

Capacity Grants: next week, we'll have a summary chart to show. Still working on details, but in general, through the federal infusion of capacity funds, we'll be issuing roughly \$1.75M to contractors. Ranging from capacity improvements down to different types of refrigerators, freezers, trucks, vans, etc. More to come! If interested in legislative information, we'll be adding that information to the summary as well.

AMI Airline Food Pilot: 2<sup>nd</sup> round, deliveries 8/17-8/21. AMI will be reaching out to set up those schedules.

Legislative FA Proposal: Director Sandison has given that the green light to prepare it for OFM. Special leg. Stakeholder input meeting on 8/18 from 9-10. Director Sandison, Steve Fuller, our policy advisor Evan Sheffels, will utilize the full hour. Give a big picture of what's going on federally and at the state level as well as details on the request. Hoping to have a broad group at this meeting.

- \$11.5M increase for SFY22 and SFY23
  - o Seek ongoing support for the F2FP initiative
  - o Increase EFAP funding and flexibility of the funding to increase the farmer support
  - o Reserve flexible funding for targeted capacity, pilot grants, or if we need to fill additional gaps. How to bring processing into the field of work we do; apples & potatoes, etc. Trying some small pilots on that front.

Social Media highlighting successes: We want to take the things you're doing and highlighting those great stories. Some groups have increased their volunteers and we want to learn from that and share those stories. Also interested in stories of how the funding is being utilized and impacts of that. Please send those ideas and stories to Kim.