

**National Commission on Hunger  
Conference Call**

**Thursday, August 20, 2015**

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## 1. Attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Mariana Chilton</b>	Co-Chair
<b>Robert Doar</b>	Co-Chair
<b>Spencer Coates</b>	Commission Member
<b>Jeremy Everett</b>	Commission Member
<b>Susan Finn</b>	Commission Member
<b>Deborah Frank</b>	Commission Member
<b>Cherie Jamason</b>	Commission Member
<b>Billy Shore</b>	Commission Member
<b>Russell Sykes</b>	Commission Member
<b>Andrea Anater</b>	Project Director (RTI)
<b>Coleen Northeim</b>	Project Facilitator (RTI)
<b>Priya Sreenivasan</b>	Project Support (RTI)

Not in attendance: Ricki Barlow, Commission Member

## 2. Action Items

Action items will be retained for the current meeting, as well as any “older” action items that have not yet been completed. The table below reflects the status of all items as of August 27, 2015.

Timeframe	Request Date	Action Item	Responsible Party	Status	Notes
<b>Immediate</b>	August 20, 2015	Commissioners will revise consensus recommendation themes. Individual commission members will provide draft wording suggestions to the co-chairs and RTI for integration into the main document.	Commissioners	In Process	
<b>Immediate</b>	July 15, 2015	Send copies of July presentations to RTI	Commissioners	In Process	
<b>Immediate</b>	July, 2015	Create an annotated outline of preliminary recommendations discussed by the Commission by August 29	Mary Carpenter	In Process	
<b>Complete</b>	May 14, 2015	Post transcriptions of hearing to website	RTI	Complete	
<b>Complete</b>	August 20, 2015	Post July meeting minutes to website	RTI	Complete	
<b>Immediate</b>	August 20, 2015	Co-chairs will meet with USDA to discuss project extension	Commissioners	Complete	

### 3. Group Decisions

Commissioners will review and suggest revisions to the summary of consensus items identified at the July meeting and will review the recommendations for content and language they want to promote in the final report. Revised consensus themes and recommendations will be discussed at the September meeting.

### 4. Meeting Minutes

#### Consensus Recommendation Discussion

Prior to the meeting, Co-chairs provided Commissioners a revised document summarizing consensus themes. During the meeting, Commissioners discussed each theme in detail and volunteered to revise specific recommendations for clarity and content. Commissioners will provide their revisions to Co-chairs prior to the September meeting.

#### Commission Hearings

The Commission conducted a hearing in Portland, ME July 30. During the hearing, Commissioners heard from invited and public speakers about food insecurity and hunger. Five Commissioners attended the event. The following invited speakers presented from 9:05am to 1:05 pm:

- Mary Mayhew, Commissioner, Maine Department of Health and Human Services
- Michael F. Brennan, Mayor, City of Portland.
- Jason Turner, Executive Director, Secretaries' Innovation Group
- Ian Yaffe, Executive Director, Mano en Mano
- Rich Livingston, State President, AARP Maine
- Justin Alford, State Senator, 8<sup>th</sup> District
- Deborah Sanderson, State Representative, 88<sup>th</sup> District
- dee Clarke, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Recipient
- Kristen Miale, President, Good Shepherd Food Bank
- Christy Daggett, Policy Analyst, Maine Center for Economic Policy
- Donna Yellen, Chief Program Officer, Preble Street
- Faye Conte, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont
- John Hennessy, Interim Canon Missioner for Communication and Advocacy, Episcopal Diocese of Maine
- Robyn Merrill, Executive Director, Maine Equal Justice Partners

There were also about 14 individuals who spoke during the public testimony portion of the hearing from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. The testimony and other hearing documents, including a transcript of the hearing will be posted to the Commission website ([hungercommission.rti.org](http://hungercommission.rti.org)).

During the meeting, Commissioners Chilton, Doar, Shore, Frank and Sykes provided a debrief of the Maine hearing.

- Commissioners in attendance agreed that the Maine hearing had great participation that helped inform their knowledge of hunger in rural areas.

- Commissioner Chilton emphasized that testifiers were extremely well-prepared and represented a great diversity of people and experiences.

### **Administrative Items**

- The full commission approved the July meeting minutes.
- Robert, Mariana and Andrea will meet with USDA to discuss options for extending RTI's contract of service and plans for dissemination of the final report.
- Commissioners will present suggested changes to the consensus recommendation themes to the chairs, who will update the document.
- Co-Chairs are hopeful that the writer will distribute a draft of the annotated outline by August 29<sup>th</sup> for review by the full commission.

## **Annex 1: Meeting Agenda**

**Monthly Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 20, 2015 (2:00-4:00 pm ET)**  
(Mariana to facilitate call)

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2:00 – 2:05pm	Welcome and roll call – (Mariana)
2:05 – 2:10pm	Updates from the co-chairs (Robert and Mariana)
2:10 – 2:25 pm	Update on Maine hearing (Debbie)
2:25 – 3:05 pm	Review of consensus recommendations (Mariana)
3:05 – 3:35 pm	Discussion of pilot program recommendations (Mariana)
3:35 –3:40 pm	Administrative items (Mariana) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Approval of July meeting minutes</li><li>▪ Reminder – prep for September meeting</li><li>▪ Reminder – Review timelines</li></ul>
3:40 – 3:45pm	Summary of action items (Andrea)
3:45 – 4:00pm	Executive session (Commissioners only)