

**National Commission on Hunger
Conference Call**

Thursday, May 14, 2015

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1. Attendees

Name	Type
Mariana Chilton	Co-chair
Robert Doar	Co-chair
Jeremy Everett	Commission Member
Susan Finn	Commission Member
Deborah Frank	Commission Member
Cherie Jamason	Commission Member
Billy Shore	Commission Member
Russell Sykes	Commission Member
Mary Council	Project Support (RTI)

Not in attendance: Ricki Barlow, Commission Member; Spencer Coates, Commission Member; Richard Lucas, USDA Point of Contact; Julia Druhan, USDA Contracting Officer's Representative; Andrea Anater, Project Director (RTI); and Coleen Norheim, Project Facilitator (RTI)

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 June 4, 2015.

Time Frame	Request Date	Action Item	Responsible Party	Status	Notes
Immediate	May 14, 2015	Post Albany, NY, hearing speaker-submitted testimonies to website	RTI	Complete	
Immediate	May 14, 2015	Develop a thank you letter for hearing speakers and partner organizations and send for Commissioner review	RTI	Complete	
Immediate	May 14, 2015	Create a list of recommendations for hosting a successful hearing and field visit	Co-chairs & Sykes	Complete	
Immediate	May 14, 2015	Provide speaker suggestions to Commissioner Jamason for the Oakland hearing	Chilton	Complete	
Immediate	May 14, 2015	Provide speaker suggestions to Co-chair Chilton for the DC hearing	Sykes	Complete	
Immediate	May 14, 2015	Send any comments or edits on the April meeting minutes	Commissioners	Complete	
Immediate	May 14, 2015	Commissioners to send RTI their notes from field visits for compilation (The field visits will not be audio recorded.)	Commissioners	In process	
Immediate	May 14, 2015	RTI to work with partners and Commissioner to finalize logistics for upcoming hearings and field visits	RTI	In process	
Immediate	May 14, 2015	Obtain transcription of hearings and post to website	RTI	Ongoing	
Immediate	April 7, 2015	Revise 4 research summaries based on Commission feedback presented at meeting	RTI	In process	

Time Frame	Request Date	Action Item	Responsible Party	Status	Notes
Immediate	March 3, 2015	Request a white paper from experts in the Southeast	Everett	In process	
Immediate	March 3, 2015	Connect RTI with Erin Nolen at the Texas Hunger Initiative to collaborate on research regarding public-private partnerships	Everett	In process	
Immediate	March 3, 2015	Compile and organize all recommendations provided to the Commission	RTI	In process	
Immediate	February 12, 2015	Develop short context papers describing the individual Commissioners' understanding of social, political, and economic context of very low food security (VLFS) in the US	Commissioners	In process	Due July 15
Immediate	January 13, 2015	As available, share information on research regarding summer feeding programs	Everett	In process	
Ongoing	April 7, 2015	Work with USDA and partner organizations to coordinate media efforts (e.g., Rockefeller Institute, Share Our Strength, Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, Texas Hunger Initiative, etc.)	RTI	Ongoing	
Ongoing	January 13, 2015	Work with Commissioners and local site-specific contacts on organizing field visits	RTI	Ongoing	
Ongoing	December 8, 2014	Provide bi-weekly summaries of public feedback received from the "Contact Us" portion of the website	RTI	Ongoing (as relevant)	
Ongoing	June 24, 2014	Provide ideas to RTI on research needs or areas where RTI could support the Commissioners	Commission	Ongoing	

3. Group Decisions

- Commissioners will share new research requests with RTI and the Co-chairs to help direct ongoing research efforts.
- Commissioners are encouraged to tweet about the public hearings to promote public engagement.

4. Meeting Minutes

Commission Hearings & Field Visits

The Commission conducted the first public hearing on May 13 in Albany, NY, at The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute for Government. Three Commissioners attended the event and heard from 8 invited speakers from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm:

- Kate Breslin, President & CEO, Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy
- Linda Bopp, Executive Director, Hunger Solutions NY
- Mark Quandt, Executive Director, Regional Food Bank of NENY
- Edmund J. McMahon, President, Empire Center for Public Policy
- Joel Berg, Executive Director, The NYC Coalition Against Hunger
- Lee Bowes, CEO, America Works
- Janet Poppendieck, Policy Director, NYC Food Policy Center
- Angela Rachidi, Research Fellow in Poverty Studies, American Enterprise Institute

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

Upcoming public hearings are planned for Oakland, CA (June 15); Washington, DC (July 14); and Portland, ME (July 30). The 2-day field visits will be in Little Rock, AR (May 18-19) and El Paso, TX (June 25-26). RTI is working with Commission leads and local partners to coordinate these events. During the meeting, RTI and the lead Commissioner assigned to the visit provided an update on the status of each event.

- Little Rock, AR (May 18-19)
 - Five Commissioners plan to attend the 2-day visit. During the field visit, the Commissioners will visit food distribution sites, a homeless day center, school breakfast in the classroom, a Cooking Matters class, as well as other venues. The Co-chairs will also appear on the local morning news to discuss food insecurity and the Commission's goals.
- Meeting with Elanco (June 10)
 - Four Commissioners plan to attend a meeting with Elanco and other organizations, such as Dow AgroSciences and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This is not an official hearing, but a meeting to learn more about private-sector efforts to reduce food insecurity.
- Oakland, CA (June 15)
 - Commissioner Jamason is finalizing a list of invited speakers and will reach out to additional experts/witnesses based on recommendations from fellow Commissioners.

- El Paso, TX (June 25-26)
 - An optional visit will be hosted June 23-24 in Albuquerque, NM. Visits are planned to the Acoma Pueblo and a summer feeding program, in addition to meeting with several community leaders to discuss food insecurity.
 - During the main field visit (June 25-26), Commissioners will visit Las Colonias, inner El Paso, as well as other locations. Formal hearing invitations to invited speakers were sent and we are awaiting responses. The public testimony will be held between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.
- Washington, DC (July 14-15)
 - The hearing will be held on July 14 and will be a hybrid field visit and hearing. The hearing will have limited invited speakers and will focus more time on public testimony. July 15 will be a half-day Commission meeting.
- Portland, ME (July 30)
 - The hearing will be hosted at the University of Southern Maine Lee Hall. We may have remote testimony from those living in rural Maine and on islands.

Administrative Items

The Commission has selected a non-partisan report writer, Mary Carpenter, to assist with developing the final report for Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture. Ms. Carpenter was a former magazine writer and is adept at translating complicated topics for the layperson. Several of her writing samples were shared with the Commission.

Other

During the July 15, 2015, face-to-face Commission meeting, Commissioners will spend time sharing with each other their thoughts on the final recommendations. Commissioners should come prepared to speak for up to 10 minutes each. The content of the presentations may vary; however, the Commissioners are encouraged to touch on each of the following points in preparing their remarks:

- Views on underlying causes of very low food security (VLFS)
- Solutions based on those causes
- How the Commission's experiences/expertise relate to the proposed solutions
- Based on the Commission's experiences/expertise, what solutions are currently missing and should be considered
- Vision for the best outcome of the report and the Commission's work together

The purpose of this exercise is to ensure that each Commissioner has an opportunity to express his/her expertise and wisdom, reflect on where the Commission is now, and raise any lingering concerns. This will give Commissioners a chance to listen and to learn from each other and find common ground.

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda

Monthly Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2015 (12:00-2:00 pm ET)
(Mariana Chilton to facilitate call)

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Participant Code: 836-655-373

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| 12:00–12:05 pm | Welcome and roll call (Mariana) |
| 12:05–12:15 pm | Updates from the Co-chairs (Robert and Mariana) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Update on report writer |
| 12:15–12:35 pm | Update on Albany hearing (Rus) |
| 12:35–1:25 pm | Update on upcoming field hearings/visits <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ May 18-19: Little Rock, AR (Billy)▪ June 10: Elanco (Indianapolis, IN) (Susan)▪ June 15: Oakland, CA (Cherie)▪ June 25-26: El Paso, TX (Jeremy)▪ July 14-15: Washington, DC (Mariana and Robert)▪ July 30: Portland, ME (Debbie) |
| 1:25–1:40 pm | Administrative items (Mariana) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prep for July meeting▪ Approval of April meeting minutes▪ June 8th Hunger Commission conference call 2-4 pm ET |
| 1:40–1:45 pm | Summary of action items (Mary) |
| 1:45–2:00 pm | Executive session (Commissioners only) |