

Food Security Task Force

Minutes: April 19, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM

The following were in attendance at the meeting:

Matt Slater, Katharine Frase (C) , Cindy Secor-Smith(C), Nicole Fervan , Lisa Rodriguez,
Jane Chung, Faith Ann Butcher, Monique McCoy

Faith Ann Butcher joined us from United Way to speak to us about *Alice -Folks who are living paycheck to paycheck. Many people have less than \$500.00 in their saving's account and many of the folks in that group were out of work due to COVID. In Yorktown, 650 households are living in poverty and 2800 are Alice families* This was in 2018 so the situation has gotten even worse during pandemic. The slide show will be available with greater depth of information.

There is a 211 helpline. United Way partners with towns to offer help to members of our communities offering many different services. Partnering with Lyft to offer vaccine appointments was launched today. Grant proposal are being accepted. Scholarships available for Westchester citizens for studies in Social Week. There are speakers beginning in early May.

WEBSITES

<https://www.uwwp.org/covid-19-response-grant/>

<https://www.uwwp.org/ruthtaylorscholarships/>

Discussion ensued on the Stigma of Food Pantries and some people are embarrassed by needing the help.

Does United Way offer Employment program? Workforce development programs are available for people to connect to. How do we encourage people to call 211? Need to get that word out.

Do they offer a financial seminar? They will be doing them monthly. Have to have access to money to save money. Financial empowerment.

Job Fairs? Westchester/Putnam Workforce development.

Agenda For next meeting:

Penny Jones will come to discuss what is going on in School District

National Food Need

May be able to partner with other health centers and give some information on various health issues, including COVID.

Next Meeting 5/24 at 7PM