



**MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE
FOOD BANK OF ALASKA
ANCHORAGE
MARCH 19, 2009
2:30 – 3:00 P.M.**

Toll Free Number: 1-866-316-1519 Participant Code: 723725

MINUTES

1. Welcome from Alaska Food Coalition President, Andrea Thistle
 - a. In attendance:
 1. Robin Stilwell, Food Bank of Alaska
 2. Susannah Morgan, Food Bank of Alaska
 3. Jennifer Nieves, Catholic Social Services
 4. Mike Rochin, New Hope on the Last Frontier
 5. Gregory Nothstine, ANTHC
 6. Ken Farrow, Alpha Omega Life Care, Inc.
 7. Heather, Harris, AYPF
 8. Shodie Akin, State of AK, Child Nutrition Services
 9. Kim Stryker, State of AK, DEC
 10. Kerri Burrows, Alaska Food Coalition
 11. Andrea Thistle, Valley Open Bible Fellowship
2. Member Quick Intro – New Hope on the Last Frontier, Mike Rochin
 - a. New Hope serves 270 families per week in their client choice pantry and nearly 150 families at a weekly mobile food pantry. In addition to food, the organization also offers clothing and life skills classes. In partnership with Food Bank of Alaska, New Hope was the first client choice pantry in AK and the first to sponsor a mobile food pantry. Currently, the organization has just one paid staff member, Mike Rochin.
3. AFC News – Kerri Burrows, Alaska Food Coalition

- a. New Executive Committee – Congratulations to Mike Rochin, our new AFC Secretary. All other positions have remained the same:
 1. Andrea Thistle, President
 2. Jennifer Nieves, Vice President
 3. Mike Rochin, Secretary
 4. Susannah Morgan, Treasurer

 - b. Legislative Progress – We had a great meeting in Juneau and we have interest on both the House and Senate side of the legislature. All information regarding a future bill has been sent to legislators and we are waiting to hear back from them.

 - c. Hunger Study – The Hunger Study is in full swing. We are right in the middle of client surveys and everyone should have received an agency survey in the past few weeks. Please take the time to fill out the survey---it takes about 15 minutes and is vitally important to future funding for the anti-hunger network.
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4. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, Gregory Nothstine (ANTHC)
 - a. FDPIR, a 30 year old program through USDA is fairly new to Alaska. In partnership with Food Bank of Alaska, ANTHC is helping to manage 12 different locations for food distribution. These locations, all rural villages with less than 10,000 people are currently serving an average of 80 people per month and the program is continuing to grow. Interested villages must pass a resolution for the program and must have the capacity to store and administrative support for the program paperwork. If you know of a village that might be interested in participating, please contact Gregory at glnothstine@anthc.org.
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5. Questions

 6. Other business, concerns or issues

 7. Wrap-up

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.