



**MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE  
FOOD BANK OF ALASKA  
ANCHORAGE  
JULY 16, 2009  
2:30 – 3:00 P.M.**

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

**MINUTES**

1. Welcome from Alaska Food Coalition Manager, Kerri Burrows
  - a. In attendance:
    1. Kerri Burrows, Alaska Food Coalition
    2. Susannah Morgan, Food Bank of Alaska
    3. Linda Swarner, Kenai Peninsula Food Bank
    4. Robin Stilwell, Food Bank of Alaska
    5. Jessyca Elgart, Salvation Army Family Emergency Services
    6. Jennifer Nieves, Catholic Social Services
    7. Anna Bell Stevens, United Way
    8. Aaron Osterback, Southcentral Foundation Elder Program
    9. Heather Harris, AYPF Power Program
    10. Brehan Cole, Alaska DEC
  - b. Hunger Fact: This summer, parents of the nearly 16.8 million children in the US who relied on the National School Lunch Program for free or reduced-price meals every day during the 2007-2008 school year must figure out how to prevent their children from going hungry during the summer. The Summer Food Service Program is one solution. A federally funded program, SFSP takes the place of the National School Lunch Program during summer months. In Alaska, participation has been historically low. The state was ranked 49th for participation in the program in 2007. Slowly, but surely, the tides are changing. After a big push by the anti-hunger network, Alaska now ranks 44th in the country and has made a 40% increase in the number of kids accessing SFSP food. This still is just one in 9 of the children who are receiving school lunch, but it's progress!

2. Member Quick Intro – Cliff Penn, ASYMCA

The Armed Services YMCA of Alaska is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that was designed to meet the challenges facing today's Military members, their families and Veterans most in need. The over 30 free programs and services we offer complement and supplement those provided by the Armed Forces – in essence, we try to fill in the gaps.

Our mission is to provide educational, social and recreational programs and services for military personnel, both single and married, and their families. Our primary focus is on junior enlisted personnel in pay grades E-5 and below.

We serve Military personnel and their families from all branches of the service stationed in Alaska including reserve components and the National Guard.

The Armed Services YMCA has been serving our country's military personnel since 1861. We have been providing continuous programs and services in Alaska since 1941 and are the only military affiliated non-profit organization in the State that serves all branches of the services including their reserve components and National Guard. Unlike the community YMCA's across the country, the 17 branches of the Armed Services YMCAs do not charge membership fees. All military personnel are encouraged to participate in our programs and services which are provided free of charge in Alaska.

Our food and nutritional programs include, the Food Pantry, we have the State contract for the Anchorage Women, Infant & Children (WIC) program on Fort Richardson and Elmendorf AFB, Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and our Guardian Angel program also provides funds to purchase food, gas, transportation in emergency situations.

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3. Food Safety: News and Reminders – Kim Stryker, State of AK DEC

a. Brehan Cole stepped in for Kim as she was out of town. Two important flyers were handed out --- they are attached to this document. They include information on creating your own food recovery system and basic food safety issues. An issue was brought up regarding donation of home-canned meats and jellies. While DEC does NOT allow home-canned salmon to be distributed in pantries, it DOES allow for home-canned jellies.

4. AFC Updates –

a. Mini-Grants

1. The mini-grant committee met just yesterday and has agreed to a 20% match and will continue with the rural preference that was in

the grant last year. Please see mini-grant minutes posted on the website next week.

- b. Membership
  - 1. The membership drive is ongoing. Please remember to get your renewals in by September 1. If you have questions, contact the AFC Manager
- 5. Questions
- 6. Other business, concerns or issues
- 7. Wrap-up
  - a. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.