



**MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE  
FOOD BANK OF ALASKA  
ANCHORAGE  
AUGUST 20, 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. Ken Farrow, Alpha Omega Life Care, Inc.
    2. Susannah Morgan, Food Bank of Alaska
    3. Robin Stilwell, Food Bank of Alaska
    4. Rebecca Stedman, Food Bank of Valdez
    5. Brian Epler, AWAIC
    6. Jennifer Nieves, Catholic Social Services
    7. Jo Dawson, State of Alaska Child Nutrition Services
    8. Dana Paperman, Seward Senior Center
    9. Heather Harris, Alaska Youth and Parent Foundation
    10. Kim Stryker, Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Food Safety
    11. Michael Curran, Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives
    12. Terry Baker, The Glory Hole
    13. Gary Forrester, Lutheran Social Services
    14. Kerri Burrows, Alaska Food Coalition
    15. Andrea Thistle, Valley Open Bible Fellowship
2. Member Quick Intro – Heather Harris, Alaska Youth and Parent Foundation
  - a. Location in the Downtown Bus Station, AYPF serves teens 13-19 three days a week. They provide a small snack, nursing services, referral information and a safe place to congregate with their peers. On average, they serve 150-200 teens each month and provide most of the kids that walk through the door a referral to another pantry in their area. They are currently funding the

snack program themselves, but hope to serve them next year through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

### 3. Hunger Action Month

#### a. Coloring Contest

1. Help us reach legislators on an emotional level this session! Do you have kids or know kids? Have them participate in the Hunger Action Month Coloring Contest. Winners could possibly have their artwork published by the Alaska Food Coalition. Information is attached.

#### b. How to get your organization involved

##### 1. Food Stamp Challenge

1. Anchorage-area agencies can connect with Food Bank of Alaska to participate in Food Stamp Challenge. Participants will attempt to live on the average food stamp budget for one week. They will also be required to blog about their experience. The challenge will take place September 12-18. If you are interested, please contact the AFC Manager.

### 4. Advocacy Update

#### a. Child Nutrition Reauthorization

1. The reauthorization is still on hold due to health insurance reform. Once congress gets back to session (September), they will be tackling a house bill to add supper to the current school-year snack program (CACFP). We will be requesting members contact the federal delegations (Sen. Begich is co-sponsoring the bill) to help push it through.

#### b. School Meal Request

1. Sen Wielechowski has offered to sponsor a school meal bill. The details of the bill aren't worked out yet, but it looks like we will have a bill to push when we visit Juneau this year. Stay tuned for more details.

### 5. Annual Meeting Dates

#### a. February 7 – 9, 2010

1. Meetings will be at the Baranof this year to avoid the hassle of driving back and forth to the Captiol on winter roads! Stay tuned for more information regarding scholarships.

### 6. Questions

### 7. Other business, concerns or issues

- a. Mini-Grant applications will be available September 1.
- b. Membership renewals are due September 1. As of today, we have just over 30 renewals and nearly 10 new members. Several of you haven't renewed---if you need an application, contact the AFC Manager.
- c. As many of you know, Kerri's husband is in the military and they will soon be moving out of Alaska. The position for AFC Manager is now open and accepting applications. If you have questions regarding the position or know someone who might be a good fit, please let us know. We hope to have the

position filled in October. Kerri will continue to work with the AFC to train the new Manager and help out as needed until she departs for warmer climes.

8. Wrap-up
  - a. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.