



**MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE  
FOOD BANK OF ALASKA  
ANCHORAGE  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008  
2:30 – 3:00 P.M.**

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

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome from Alaska Food Coalition President, Andrea Thistle
  - a. Members in attendance:
    1. Andrea Thistle, Valley Open Bible Fellowship
    2. Dana Paperman, Seward Senior Center
    3. AlexAnna Salmon, Igiugig Tribal Council
    4. Sherry Worthy, AWAIC
    5. Mike Rochin, New Hope on the Last Frontier
    6. Lisa Scarborough, Love, Inc. (Ketchikan)
    7. Jo Dawson, State of Alaska Child Nutrition Services
    8. Alice Holinger, Food Pantry of Wasilla
    9. Ken Farrow, Alpha Omega Life Care, Inc.
    10. Jennifer Nieves, Catholic Social Services
    11. Heather Harris, Alaska Youth and Parent Foundation
    12. Kerri Burrows, Alaska Food Coalition
  - b. Hunger Fact: This new addition to the meetings will give coalition members more information about hunger and poverty at their fingertips and will be posted on the website.
    1. From FRAC (Food Research and Action Center): Hunger is a condition of poverty. Living below poverty puts tremendous strains on a household, giving families barely enough money to purchase healthy and nutritious foods, as well as other essentials of life. Nutrition research shows that as income goes down, the nutritional adequacy of the household's diet goes down as well. According to data released by the US Census Bureau this month, 50.9 million people, or 17 percent of all Americans, lived on less than 125

percent of the federal poverty level in 2007. This means they are income-eligible for most federal nutrition programs, like food stamps and other child nutrition programs. These programs can help families can children stretch their food dollars and get access to healthy foods.

In Alaska, 8.9% of our population is living at or below the poverty line. For a family of four, this equates to just \$26,500 per year.

## 2. Member Quick Intro – Seward Senior Center

- a. Executive Director Dana Paperman spoke a few minutes about the services provided by Seward Senior Center. In terms of food services, the organization manages the Meals on Wheels program and also serves a meal at the center. Both of these programs run five days a week and provide food to an average of 60 seniors each day. They also work in conjunction with He Will Provide, Inc. food pantry in Seward to combine resources and share food and the food pantry borrows the senior center van to transport seniors to the pantry each Thursday.

Dana also spoke briefly about the importance of AFC membership. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the coalition and has participated in the Annual Meeting in Juneau for several years. On a program level, the coalition has given SSC access to many best practices and opened up a dialogue with others in the network. On a professional level, Dana says the coalition has given her much training about how to educate policymakers and the opportunity to get in front of legislators and speak for a cause. She sees this as the most beneficial service that the coalition can provide to its members as she believes change (more services/more funding) won't happen for the anti-hunger network until we tell our story, and tell it well, to legislators.

## 3. Welcome to the Alaska Food Coalition – Kerri Burrows, Alaska Food Coalition

### a. New Member Introduction

1. Thirty-five percent of the new membership in the AFC is new this year. To date, our new members are:

1. Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
2. Alaska Youth and Parent Foundation
3. Armed Services YMCA
4. AWAIC
5. Chugiak Senior Citizens, Inc.
6. Copper River Native Association
7. Family Promise of Mat-Su
8. Helping Hands Food Bank
9. Ionia, Inc.
10. Joel's Place
11. Love, Inc. (Ketchikan)
12. Mid-Valley Seniors
13. Native Village of Koyuk
14. Ouzinkie Tribal Council
15. Igiugig Tribal Council
16. Port Heiden Native Council
17. South Peninsula Haven House

18. Spenard Lions Club
19. The Salvation Army – Cordova
20. The Salvation Army – Juneau
21. Unity Outreach, Inc.

- b. The Five Answers
    1. Find out the who, what, when, where and why in this [document](#).
  - c. What's in it For Me?
    1. The two biggest things you and pull from this coalition are:
      1. Organizational Development through networking, access to best practices, inside track on development opportunities and mini-grants.
      2. Professional Development through advocacy training and opportunities, networking with other organizations and sharing your successes and failures with others
  - d. What Can I Give Back?
    1. Time, Talent and Numbers!
      1. In order to make changes, we need members who are active in the coalition and are willing to participate in data research and advocacy education. Sign up to be on a committee, attend teleconferences, come to the Annual Meeting. The AFC is what you make it!
4. Alaska Food Coalition Activities – Kerri Burrows
    - a. Mini-Grants – The grants became available on September 15 and are due October 30. Please contact the [AFC Manager](#) if you have any questions.
    - b. Legislative Advocacy Day – September 30
      1. Several agencies already have their legislative meetings set up. Great job! We'll be looking for a report at next month's teleconference.
  5. Questions
  6. Other business, concerns or issues
  7. Wrap-up
    - a. With no other business, Andrea adjourned the meeting at 3 p.m.