



NFPN January 2020 Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 23rd, 2020, 9:30AM – 11AM

3rd Floor Conference Room, La Casa Norte, 3533 W. North Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647

Strategic Plan Discussion

- Went over the Strategic Planning Key Takeaways document compiled out of our January Strategic Planning Meetings
 - Download link included in January 2020 email newsletter
- Membership Agreement
 - Decided to add a Membership Fee to the Membership Agreement
 - Must be paid every year
 - Members can pay \$50, \$75, \$100, or another amount that they can afford
 - La Casa Norte will revise Membership Agreement following the meeting:
 - Specify the Membership Fee amount
 - Specify what the fee will be spent on
 - Specify who will be in charge of the money collected
 - Specify who to make payments out to

Future Meetings and Actions

- Tasted of Northwest Side event idea
 - NFPN could host food vendors at a location and invite the community to a food event
 - This would raise money by charging vendors (and potentially guests) a participation fee
 - Community members/clients could pay on a sliding scale to attend
- We will begin organizing Community Advisory Board between this meeting and our February meeting
- Administered survey to collect ideas on future meeting topics and see if any other organizations are interested in hosting future meetings
- Potential Meeting Topics
 - Self-care
 - Policy updates
 - Local business opportunities
 - Cooking demonstrations with pantry items
 - How to Start a Food Pantry

- Bring pantry referral employees to different sites to share processes/best practices
- Resource Fair
- Fundraising 101
 - Potential to create partnerships or events with local businesses
- De-escalation training
- Naloxone/Narcan (opioid overdose reversal) training

Census 2020

- Every individual is worth \$1,800 in Census-allocated federal money
- Could have a training or Q&A in February
- Resources
 - Can order materials from GCFD
 - GCFD has media kit

Assignments for February 2020 Meeting

- Review Strategic Plan: nfpnchicago.org/strategic-plan
- Decide which committee(s) you want to join
- Bring contact info for people in your organization who could participate in such committees

Announcements/Sharing

- Request **Census Outreach Materials** and download a Census Media Kit from the Greater Chicago Food Depository website:
<https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/advocacy/census-outreach/>
- The USDA's Midwest regional office will be hosting a **Centers of Community Prosperity Summit** in Chicago later this year (date TBD).
 - The summit's objective will be to connect underserved communities with tailored technical assistance, capacity building support, partnership opportunities, and funding!
 - Ryan, our AmeriCorps VISTA is working with Julio Puentes, Regional Director for the USDA's Hispanic-Serving Institutions National Program, to connect NFPN member organizations with this opportunity.
 - **Would you be interested in attending the summit or learning more about the USDA's resources?** Email Ryan Maia (rmaia@lacasanorte.org) ASAP and he'll connect you with Julio.
- Legal Aid Chicago has a paralegal that can help NFPN member organizations' clients with various issues, including benefits enrolment and appeals
- Chicago Public Schools has a public benefits help number: 773-535-KIDS (773-535-5437)

Upcoming Events

- Chicago Food Policy Summit
 - When: Friday, February 21st, 9AM – 5PM
 - What: Save the date for the 15th Annual Chicago Food Policy Summit at the South Shore Cultural Center! The event is free for all attendees and simultaneous Spanish translation services will be provided. Connect with food workers, farmers, vendors, and local leaders to discuss food policy and other critical issues involving climate change, labor, food access, urban farming and the economics of food production in Chicago, Cook County and Illinois. This year, the summit will be celebrating 15 years of policy advocacy and local food initiatives.
 - Where: South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 South South Shore Drive
 - Register for Free: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/15th-annual-chicago-food-policy-summit-registration-89317576275>

Our Resources

- **One Pager:** <https://nfpnchicago.org/our-mission/>
- **Food Resources Guide:** <https://nfpnchicago.org/need-food/>
- **2020 Strategic Plan:** <https://nfpnchicago.org/strategic-plan/>
- **Meeting Materials** (i.e. agendas, presentations, minutes): <https://nfpnchicago.org/meeting-materials/>

Our next meeting will be Friday, February 28th 2020.