

HMS Hub Food Insecurity work group action plan

September 2024

Goal	Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Quarter 3			Quarter 4			Quarter 5		
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1. Generate lists of food resources that already exist	Identify current lists & resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Google form for current resources including eligibility and hours/days of operation 			Identify gaps once the list is created			Determine where to hold/keep information			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine the best way to market to the community • Begin marketing 			Do annual list updating		
Coordinators needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer 				Resources required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hub members • Current resource lists 						Victory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible food resource list which the community knows how to access 					
2. Offer training to the community/agencies on food security topics	Q 1 – arrange educators and curriculum for the training, then recruit a coordinator for each county (to help set up training logistics), write the grant Q2 – hold training in each county														
Coordinators needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant: Judy Dittmar + Tiffani • Community: decide where flyers go, recruit child care; funding 				Resources required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flyers: gas stations, stores, libraries, schools, public health, ISU Extension & Outreach, West Central, Hub Members • Trainings: food, childcare • FSC grant • Donations from Fareway • Free items: food, cooking supplies 						Victory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 trainings were hosted! One in each county. • Grant monies were awarded! • Classes are on the calendar. 					
3. Increase pantry access (hours, transportation, delivery options)	Assess current pantries' access to the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of current pantries for access and barriers 			Seek grants or funding opportunities to support volunteers			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase food drives and other avenues to build supply • Build a volunteer network 			24/7 access sites					
Coordinators needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point of contact 				Resources required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community contacts • Volunteers 						Victory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased access and usage of pantries 					

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<p>4. Improve positive health outcomes and reduce malnutrition</p>	<p>Invite Harlan IJAg student to a future meeting (are there other IJAG chapters in our area?) Generate a list of nutrition specialists in each community – include them in Hub AG</p>	<p>Presentations to school board and local grocery stores on ways to partner. • This includes utilizing food/ag class students to teach elementary students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create taste experiences (like Sam’s or Costco) • Create nutritional incentives (bonus for nutritious options) 		
<p>Coordinators needed: Brenda Renter and Jenny Barnett as contact for Harlan School District</p>		<p>Resources required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food pantries • Community gardens • School hydroponics, food/ag classes 		<p>Victory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More healthy choices are available for children 	