



Dallas Coalition for Hunger Solutions 2018/2019

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Mission: *Empowering all Dallas County residents to gain equal access to healthy food.*

Guiding Values

Empowerment
Collaboration
Inclusiveness
Compassion
Results-Oriented

Leadership Team Operating Strategies:

- Maintain a Leadership Team that includes constituent-based representatives and experts dedicated to addressing barriers to healthy food access among all residents.
- Conduct Leadership Team meetings focused on strategy, issues, and problem solving.
- Leadership Team members will share responsibility for chairing monthly meetings on a rotating basis.
- Leadership Team members are expected to regularly attend monthly Leadership Team meetings. Leadership Team members absent from 50% or more meetings will be contacted regarding ongoing commitment and participation.
- Commission Action Teams to develop and implement strategies that address hunger, food insecurity, and healthy food access.
- Ensure all Leadership Team members serve on a minimum of one Action Team; or the annual Hunger Summit Planning Team; or other ad hoc committee endorsed by the Coalition and attend 50% or more of appropriate meetings
- Continually build and develop a constituent base and encourage community partner involvement.
- Educate key audiences and the public about the realities of food insecurity and lack of access to healthy food and best practice solutions through events and the annual Dallas Hunger Summit.
- Seek stronger federal, state and local public policies to address short-term and long-term needs of those facing hunger and to promote access to healthy, affordable food for all residents.
- Implement a process for exploring and approving new partnerships, action teams or committees:
 - Draft a formal proposal to present to Leadership Team for discussion and final approval to include:
 - Purpose of proposal and how it relates to accomplishing the Coalition's mission
 - Proposed structure (partnerships, action team, committee, members and/or organizations involved)
 - Timeline for proposal development

- Ensure Leadership Team decisions are based on a consensus model.
- Identify and develop new talent through the Action Teams to create a pipeline for the Leadership Team.
- The Leadership Team shall review operating strategies bi-annually and make adjustments as needed.

Meetings

The Leadership Team meets monthly, 12 times a year, on the 2nd Monday from 1:30-3:00PM.

Leadership Transition and Coalition Leadership Alumni

Transitioning Leadership Team members wishing to stay involved may at the discretion of the current Leadership Team be invited to remain on the Leadership Team and commit to all the responsibilities outlined in the Leadership Team Operating Strategies.

A member of the Leadership Team wishing to transition off of the Leadership Team has the option of joining “Coalition Leadership Alumni” with minimal responsibilities:

- Attend Leadership Team meetings 2x per year.
- Represent the Coalition and support Coalition strategies in the community.
- Be listed as Coalition Alumni on the website and other DCHS communications as deemed appropriate by the Coalition Leadership Team.

Gift Acceptance Policy

The Dallas Coalition for Hunger Solutions (DCHS) may seek and accept gifts of funds or in-kind donations to further the work and the mission of DCHS. DCHS reserves the right to refuse a gift if it is determined to be outside the best interest of DCHS or if it does not align with the mission or the health and wellness goals of DCHS.