



Health and Hunger Task Force

Common Metrics Initiative

Purpose:

The Health and Hunger Task Force (HHTF) Common Metrics Initiative represents the next phase in advancing the Task Force's strategic and collaborative efforts to improve health outcomes for neighbors experiencing food insecurity across the Central Florida community. This initiative aims to align HHTF members around the identification of meaningful metrics that reflect both member priorities and community needs. These metrics will span population, system, and program levels, offering actionable data to inform strategy and drive impact. The initiative is guided by four key objectives:

- **Impact:** Operationalize the HHTF vision by identifying specific indicators that measure the impact of collective initiatives and strategies, keeping the Task Force Membership, the Steering Committee and Second Harvest collectively accountable to the stated mission and vision.
- **Alignment on What Matters:** Align efforts across organizations to measure what the Task Force considers most important to their work and the broader vision of improving food and nutrition related health outcomes in the community.
- **Learn and Respond:** Collectively review data to identify patterns, spot gaps, find successes, and ultimately respond quickly to learnings from the data.
- **Strategize:** Provide members of the Task Force the ability to strategize alongside other community stakeholders, understanding how we can collectively meet the needs of community members in our region.

Key Considerations:

- **Membership Driven Decision Making:** The Common Metrics Initiative with the HHTF will be membership driven – meaning that HHTF members will be part of the process of developing Common Metrics to track, and any community tracking systems.
- **Voluntary Participation in Data Sharing:** There will be opportunities for HHTF member organizations to participate in the Common Metrics initiative at all levels,

with the ability to share organizational data or not. Member organizations will not be required to share data

- **Collaboration not Mandates:** The Task Force will not mandate any membership organizations to change their service provision in any specific way. The focus will be on shared learning from the data and voluntary collaboration across sectors.

Proposed Strategy:

The HHTF Common Metric proposed strategy involves four types of data indicators to be identified and tracked over time.

- Population Level Indicators
- System Level Indicators
- Program/Intervention Indicators
- Community Need Indicators

The HHTF will work through each phase together, with feedback and input from members along the way. In particular, “Methods of Reporting and Review” are provided below as a suggestions, though this will be a key piece of HHTF feedback throughout the process.

- **Population Level Indicators**

- Examples:
 - Diabetes incidence rates (disease management example)
 - Consumption of fruits and vegetables (disease prevention example)
 - Food Insecurity rates (health related social need example)
- Purpose: Population level indicators will allow the HHTF to specify data points to monitor changes and trends in health outcomes and health related needs at a community level. These indicators by nature support the HHTF in understanding long term impact and trends within the community.
 - Population level metrics will primarily be determined to gauge community trends. However, further analysis may also lead to sub indicators of more specific population groups, such as breakouts by age, race/ethnicity, gender, etc.
 - Population level indicators will also be analyzed to identify geographic areas of priority for HHTF related initiatives.
- Method of Reporting and Review: Population level metrics will be made available in Ladder and updated as new data becomes available. HHTF membership will review population level indicators on an annual basis.

- System Level Indicators

- Examples:
 - Policy changes, including government Policy or organizational policies, such as mandates for food insecurity screening
 - Major funding shifts related to the work, including the ability to bill for addressing food as medicine needs
 - New partnerships/collaborations that lead to new programs
- Purpose: System level indicators support identification of changes and shifts in policies, systems, funding, relationships, and other factors that indicate system changes are taking place in the community to better support needs of community members.
- Method of Reporting and Review: Information related to system level indicators will be requested from HHTF membership once per year via survey. These results will be published in an annual HHTF report and shared during a HHTF meeting. The presentation at a HHTF meeting will include opportunities for members to reflect on the years' shifts and strategize for additional opportunity areas related to systems change. Depending on the indicators reported, some indicators may be visually mapped on Ladder to show impact.

- Program/Intervention Indicators

- Examples:
 - Locations of programs/interventions
 - Reach/people impacted at specific sites/interventions
- Purpose: Program/Intervention level indicators are key to understanding the programmatic work being implemented in the community that supports the food and health related needs of community members. These indicators, in particular as they are overlaid with population level indicators and community need indicators, will support HHTF membership organizations in strategizing about where to engage in the community. These indicators might identify gaps in service regions or alternatively oversaturation of certain service areas.
- Methods of Reporting and Review: Program/Intervention indicators will be supplied by HHTF member organizations voluntarily. Any organization volunteering to contribute data will agree to expectations around data sharing, including data quality standards and a commitment to updated data on a regular cadence. Most data will be shared and visualized via Ladder,

with the goal of sharing with the broader HHTF membership via a HHTF Ladder Team. HHTF membership will review Program/Intervention level indicators at least twice a year in meetings, and receive additional updates via email more regularly. Any data points not able to be visualized in Ladder will be included in the HHTF annual report.

- **Community Need Indicators**

- Examples:
 - Community resource searches via 211, FindHelp, UniteUs, etc.
 - Positive food insecurity screening results as indicated by healthcare organizations
- Purpose: Community need indicators will allow the HHTF membership to identify community member health and health related social needs. This data will come from local organizations, with the goal of having more real-time data around need than will exist within the Population Level indicators.
- Methods of Reporting and Review: Community Need Indicators will be supplied by HHTF member organizations voluntarily. Any organization volunteering to contribute data will agree to expectations around data sharing, including data quality standards and a commitment to updated data on a regular cadence. Most data will be shared and visualized via Ladder, with the goal of sharing via to the HHTF general membership a HHTF Ladder Team. HHTF membership will review Program/Intervention level indicators at least twice a year in meetings and receive additional updates via email more regularly. Any data points not able to be visualized in Ladder will be included in the HHTF annual report.

More Information and Feedback

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