Health and Hunger Task Force

Meeting Notes

Friday, October 9th, 2026|10:00am-12:00pm

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- **Welcome & 10th Anniversary Remarks:** Dawn Koffarnus, Second Harvest Food Bank, Chief Health Systems and Financial Officer
    - Dawn welcomed participants and provided an overview of the meeting. She reflected on the Health & Hunger Task Force's 10-year history, recognizing the partnerships and collective efforts that have supported its work across Central Florida, and highlighted the continued need to address food insecurity, noting that the most recent data shared indicated that one in seven neighbors and one in five children are at risk of food insecurity. Contributing factors neighbors face include rising costs of transportation, childcare, and groceries. Dawn emphasized that in the last 10 years, organizations have shared ideas, supported one another, and solved problems together, creating a network stronger than any individual organization could build alone, which is an opportunity to celebrate the Task Force's history, recognize the strength of its connections, and use what is being learned to shape future work.
- **Common Threads Activity:** Maureen Hawkins, Second Harvest Food Bank, Senior Director of Health & Hunger Strategies
    - Maureen led the group through an interactive activity highlighting the partnerships and connections built over the past 10 years. Participants located their organization's name on a large board and used string to connect it to other organizations they had partnered with to address food insecurity and improve health outcomes. By the end of the activity, the board displayed dozens of interconnected relationships, visually demonstrating the strength of the network, the collective impact achieved through collaboration, and the partners' ongoing commitment to improving community health and reducing food insecurity across Central Florida.
- **Common Metrics & Data Strategy Overview:** Angela Corona, Second Harvest Food Bank, Health Systems Manager
    - Angela provided an overview of the Health & Hunger Task Force's data strategy, which has been in development for approximately one year.
        - The current phase focuses on strengthening collaboration across organizations by using shared data to align efforts, learn together, and strategize community needs.
    - **Beacon Tool Introduction:**
        - Introduced and reviewed Beacon for our newest Task Force members, a mapping and data visualization tool developed in collaboration with DataKind and Task Force members.
            - Beacon lets organizations access more than 50 publicly available datasets, upload organizational data, and visualize information together in a shared team environment.

        - An example showed food insecurity rates and coronary heart disease as a heat map, with Second Harvest food pantry locations overlaid to demonstrate how multiple datasets can identify community needs and opportunities for collaboration.
- **Data Sensitivity Levels & Governance:**
    - Angela reviewed the Task Force's approach to data sharing, explaining that the initiative will begin with less-sensitive data before progressing to more sensitive organizational information.
        - Level 1 data consists of publicly accessible information that Second Harvest maintains and updates.
        - Level 2 data consists of publicly accessible information contributed by Task Force member organizations.
        - As the initiative progresses toward Levels 3 and 4, the Task Force will begin incorporating data that may not be publicly accessible. Angela noted that data governance agreements, data-sharing agreements, and data-use policies are being developed to support responsible data sharing. The team is also exploring funding opportunities to support legal and data consultation.
- **New Beacon Data Indicators:**
    - Angela also highlighted the new indicators available within Beacon HHTF Team for Task Force members to explore.
        - These include public-facing Second Harvest food pantry locations, SHFB mobile market locations, HEBNI mobile market locations, Federally Qualified Health Centers, free and charitable clinics, health departments, and hospitals.
        - A Task Force data dictionary is available on the website to provide information about dataset sources and update frequency.
- **Beacon Access & User Roles**
    - Task Force members are encouraged to create accounts and request access to the HHTF Beacon team. The team is invitation-only and administered by Second Harvest.
    - Participants may be assigned administrator, contributor, or viewer roles.
        - Administrator: Second Harvest, which will manage team access and approve datasets.
            - Greg Mellowe, the Data and Evaluation Specialist, will oversee the review and approval process for contributed datasets to help ensure that information is accurate and reliable.
        - Contributors can upload data and request that it be shared with the Task Force.
        - Viewers can access and review shared datasets but cannot upload information.
- **Beacon Training & Future Access Requirements:**
    - Angela discussed future requirements as the Task Force begins incorporating more sensitive data into Beacon. Members may be required to sign a data-use policy to

maintain access to the team, and Beacon 101 training will eventually be required for participation.

- Training sessions are offered monthly, with both in-person and virtual options. These requirements support responsible data use, transparency, and integrity throughout the data-sharing process.

- Beacon Training Opportunities
  - Monthly Beacon 101 training will continue being held on the third Thursday of every month (11/19 (virtual), 12/17 (In-person), 1/21 (virtual).
    - Sign up using this form.

- **County-Specific Beacon Data Exploration Activity:**
  - Participants were asked to log in to or create their Beacon accounts. The group then transitioned into a hands-on activity to explore the datasets available within the Beacon platform. The objective was to begin identifying observations and patterns within the data that could support collaboration, inform community strategies, and help organizations better understand shared needs across their respective counties.
    - **Group 1 (Orange County 1.0)**
      - Primary focus: Pediatric health and food insecurity.
      - Pediatric health data: Indicators should include more child-focused data, including pediatric-specific health indicators and data points.
      - Race and health factors: Identify demographic data by race to better understand disparities and health-related factors affecting children.
      - Food access: Identify food deserts and areas with limited access to food resources.
    - **Group 2 (Orange County 2.0)**
      - Primary focus: Maternal health, diabetes, and service gaps.
      - Maternal health: Identify data relevant to maternal health outcomes and needs.
      - Data sources: Explore which search tools and data sources, such as the U.S. Census Bureau, would be most useful for identifying relevant information.
      - Mobile clinic planning: Use available data to identify service gaps and determine where to deploy mobile clinics to reach populations with unmet needs.
    - **Group 3 (Seminole County)**
      - Primary focus: Food insecurity, high blood pressure, and access to preventive health resources.
      - Geographic focus: Mostly Altamonte Springs and Fern Park areas were focused on. The group was surprised to see that these areas had higher rates of food insecurity and lower healthcare access. These are barriers that may be addressed through improved collaboration.

        - Community partnership: Explore uploading or incorporating information about the Library at Heart initiative in partnership with the American Heart Association (AHA) that highlights local libraries where community members can access or check out blood pressure monitors.
    - **Group 4 (Marion & Lake County)**
        - Primary focus: Identifying potential partnerships in high need areas, using SNAP participation and poverty levels as a way to identify need.
        - Follow-up: Investigate how to display clinic names alongside their locations to make the information more useful.
    - **Group 5 (Osceola & Brevard County)**
        - Primary focus: Food insecurity, diabetes, lack of health insurance, and data accuracy.
        - Some populations may be underrepresented in available datasets.
        - Investigate alternative data sources to capture local needs and underserved populations better.
            - Pointed out the need for more current and accurate data was critical rather than relying on data that is 2+ years old.
    - **Collectively**
        - Since SNAP participation is declining, concerns were raised about data availability, especially given that the USDA will no longer be tracking Food Insecurity data.
        - The group discussed that a tool like Beacon can help garner local data to fill in the gaps of missing federal data or other lagging population datasets.
- **Next HHTF Meeting:**
    - Friday, December 11th, 2026
    - Virtual (Zoom)
    - 10:00am-11:00am
- **Additional Materials:**
    - PowerPoint: HHTF Meeting – October 2026: Pages 5-17

HEALTH & HUNGER TASK FORCE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

REFLECTING ON 10 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

COMMON METRICS

PURPOSE OF COMMON METRICS

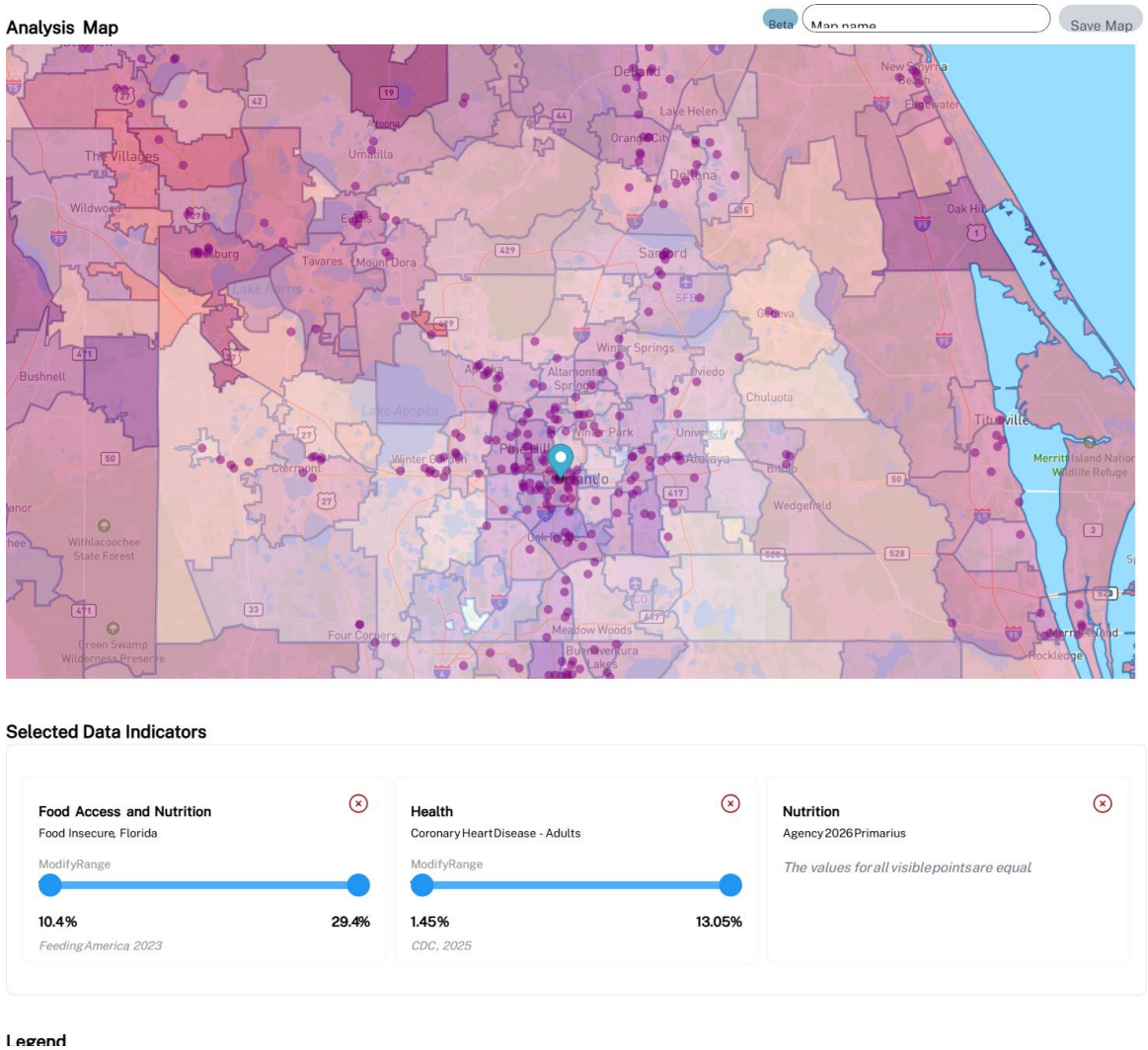
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BEACON MAP


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Map name
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Wildwood
Bushnell
Tavares
Mount Dora
Umatilla
Eustis
Deland
Lake Helen
Orange City
Deltona
New Smyrna Beach
Oak Hill
Sanford
Geneva
Winter Springs
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Winter Park
Winter Garden
Clermont
Wedgefield
Titusville
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge
Withlacoochee State Forest
Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve
Four Corners
Meadow Woods
Rockledge
Selected Data Indicators
Food Access and Nutrition
Food Insecure, Florida
ModifyRange
10.4%
29.4%
Feeding America 2023
Health
Coronary Heart Disease - Adults
ModifyRange
1.45%
13.05%
CDC, 2025
Nutrition
Agency 2026 Primarius
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DATA LEVELS

Level 1: Public Data Gathered by SHFB

- Publicly available data obtained and maintained by SHFB on behalf of the HHTF.
- Example: Service locations from easily obtainable sources (i.e. FQHC list, Hospital List)

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- Publicly available information that is contributed or curated by member organizations because it requires significant effort to collect, maintain, or validate.
- Example: Primary Care locations, Food Pantry locations*

Level 3: Private Organizational Data – Non-Sensitive

- Non-public organizational data that has been aggregated, summarized, or otherwise prepared such that individuals cannot reasonably be identified.
- Example: FindHelp search data, food finder search trends, service utilization counts

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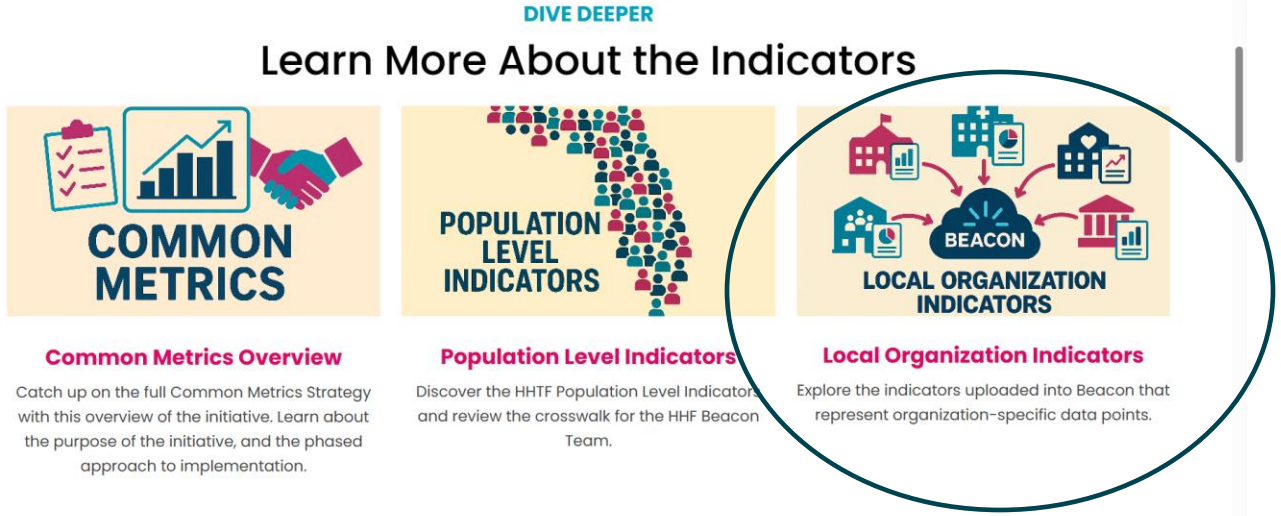
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NEW BEACON INDICATORS

Topic Area	Indicator
Food Assistance	Food Pantries – Second Harvest Food Bank – Public
	Mobile Market - Hebni Nutrition Fresh Stops
	Mobile Market - Second Harvest Food Bank – Public
Health Care Facilities	Federally Qualified Health Centers
	Free and Charitable Clinics
	Health Departments
	Hospitals

Full Data Dictionary for Local Organization Indicators on HHTF Website



BEACON ACCOUNT: QUICK INFO

- Create Free Beacon Account
- Join the Health and Hunger Task Force Team
  - Owner: SHFB Staff
  - Contributor: Individuals uploading data
  - Viewer: Individuals viewing data
- Team Access will change at a future date
  - Once Level 3 and 4 data are uploaded
  - Will require Beacon 101 Training – Sign Up Today!

REMINDER: BEACON 101 TRAININGS

- Third Thursday of each month
- In Person and Virtual Options Available
- *Will be required to join HHTF Beacon Team*



TODAY'S ACTIVITY: EXPLORING MAPS

- Move to a County Specific Table
- Select HHTF Priority area to look at
- Explore and Make Observations
  - What stands out to you?
  - Where do you see needs and resources out of alignment?
  - What partnership opportunities do you see?
  - What additional information would help complete the picture?

BEACON OVERVIEW

LET'S CELEBRATE!



BE PART OF THE GROUP PHOTO

ENJOY CAKE



PHOTO/VIDEO BOOTH – SHARE ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE THE HHTF



SIGN THE ANNIVERSARY BANNER



WRITE A PARTNERSHIP THANK YOU NOTE

NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

10AM-11AM

ZOOM