**Agenda**:

* Information Sharing and Updates from Last Meeting (30 mins total)
  + FFPSA Caregiver and Young Adult Focus Groups – Angeline Spain, Chapin Hall
    - Analysis of prevention system in Nebraska
      * Gathering data from many different facets
      * 6 discussion groups with caregivers and young adults with lived experience
      * Flyer in email
      * Goal to shift funding out of foster care and into prevention
      * If you work with people who would be interested, please share the flyer with them.
        + Rural area is a focus that needs to be captured as well
      * Email Angeline - aspain@chapinhall.org
      * $40 gift card for participation
  + Translation/Interpretation Follow-Up – Brenda Weyers and Johanna Pesante-Daniel
    - Johanna will be a resource to connect translators and interpreters throughout the state to coordinators and navigators
      * Will be QC for translators that we currently work with
      * She will focus on confidentiality and other things not previously focused on
      * Johanna will be working to set up meetings directly with communities after she settles in.
  + Housing Follow-Up
    - ERA process and clinics
      * John Turner, NIFA
      * 2.7 Million spent, track on https://coronavirus.nebraska.gov/Home
      * NHAP hosts a meeting every Wednesday
      * Balance of state need being promoted by flyers, billboards
      * Kearney area had a landlord summit this week
      * [robin.ambroz@nifa.org](mailto:robin.ambroz@nifa.org)
      * John has provided a landlord help sheet to Mary that helps walk through the application process. Will send out flyers and sheets to the meeting group.
      * Norfolk will be hosting an ERA Registration Event on June 24th.
      * Hall County will be hosting a second registration event June 12th.
      * If you are working with someone who is having rental problems, you can apply for forward rent when you apply. You can ask for us to 3 forward months.
        + Eligible for 12 months back rent, 3 months forward rent
      * There is a flexibility for Community Response to provide support during the time it takes to get the payment from ERA. If you are finding anything that works in your local area, please share successes with the group.
    - Landlord support
      * Alex with CCFL – CDBG-CV application
      * 5-6 million for mortgage assistance
      * 80% AMI and under for eligibility
      * Staff has been built in to provide TA for process
      * One common fund with NC available funds across the state
      * More programs for housing to come
        + YHDP

Omaha and Lincoln will be applying

Balance of state will not be applying – programs are already approved and funded going forward

* + - * + Emergency housing vouchers – additional section 8 vouchers

108 in Omaha

66 in Lincoln

Hall Co working on it

York Co working on it

* + - NC approved for private funding
      * Help us develop capacity for landlord assistance
      * Maintain, develop relationships with landlords in partnership with CR systems
      * Invite going out for a group to discuss needs of the position
      * Goal to be preventative with landlords understanding the programs available and goals of a prevention system.
* Large Group Priority Conversation
  + Introduction and Review of Previous Conversations

* **Food Security** (15 minutes)
  + Zach Nelson and Chris Schroeder (Food security Task Force)
    - SNAP Benefits extended yesterday
    - Farmers to Families Food Box Program
      * May 31 end
      * Will be supplemented with currently existing programs
        + SNAP WIC, Pandemic EBT, others
        + Lack of concrete action for how this will work right now
      * Please share working strategies with Zach and he will pass along to USDA
    - Chris Schroeder – NEMA
      * + Program is ending at an inopportune time with summer months seeing high demand
        + Food banks are hanging on with governmental assistance but not banking on that support being permanent.

Some adjustments will need to be made to serve people

348,000 adults reported an economic shortage in the past month.

60,000 families reported not eating enough food

* + - * + What can we do now to address food insecurity issues?

Department of Ed, DHHS, facilitating summer food program.

Any school and any student is eligible thanks to increased sponsors.

Chris will share links to some programs with the group

Text “food” or “comida” to 877877 to find the closest sponsor in your area.

SNAP benefits no eligible at some farmers markets

Double up food bucks also available at more local farmers markets

Aldi, Amazon, WM helping to pilot SNAP online in Nebraska

Feeding America has assembled info on how to volunteer virtually with Food Bank

2/3 of food banks nationwide in need of volunteers

Selling shirts to raise money

* + - USDA tools for locating summer feeding sites
* **Employment** (15 minutes)
  + Sara Riffel (NCFF)
    - Overview of DOL data and barriers
    - Strategies to connect people to employment and training opportunities via Central Navigation
      * Work transportation services
        + Partnering with local schools who may have unused vans, etc.
        + Vouchers for transportation
        + Incentives for people to complete work intake processes (WIOA)
        + Paid learn and earn opportunity

Working in childcare settings to utilite existing resources to meet needs

* + - * + Can CR intake info be used in WIOA processes
  + Collena Laschanzky, Blue Valley Community Action Partnership, Southeast Nebraska Collaborative
    - Childcare is one piece and a huge obstacle to employment for young people
      * Blue Valley has a program to spread out childcare costs over months to provide young parents a chance to stabilize employment before payment comes due.
      * Limited childcare opportunities in rural areas.
        + Transportation programs play a huge part in rural employment with childcare
      * Partnering with local HR has seen some success as a pipeline for assistance
      * Blue Valley performs check-ins with workers to make sure new employment is going ok and looking for ways to remove barriers.
        + Addressing needs on as-needed basis with local childcare to remove barriers for families
      * Working with taxi services
      * Connectivity has been an issue for people looking for jobs
        + Access to laptops and hotspots has increased due to additional funding
      * CYI young people with Community Connections
        + 3-6 months contract with Blue Valley to plan projects, gain experience, learn work behaviors, working on landlord workshops.

Working with MMI to gain insight on the effect of these programs

* + - All Share in Chat Box:
      * What are the local barriers to obtaining employment in your area?
      * What impact, if any, are you seeing on employment rates locally?
* Small Group Priority Conversations (15 mins)
  + Break Out Session De-Brief
    - What did you take away from this conversation as most important? What was missing from the large group conversation?
    - What needs to be funded and supported – continued efforts, new efforts?
    - What can we support now that will help with the long-haul impact of this pandemic?

Mindfulness – Joanna Murray (15 mins)