

## **Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>:**

Day 2 of the Statewide Food Funders convening will be devoted to food policy discussions. We will join forces with our advocacy colleagues of the [Hunger-Free PA](#) Coalition for a day of collaborative learning and action planning. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

### **8:30 AM**            Breakfast

Gather at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Car-pooling and transportation options will be organized in advance and will be available.

### **9:00 AM**            Welcome and Introductions

- ~ Sheila Christopher, Executive Director, Hunger-Free Pennsylvania
- ~ Becca Raley, Executive Director, Partnership for Better Health

### **9:30 AM**            Farm Bill Discussion (Farm Bill 101)

The Farm Bill is a law renewed every five years that governs our federal farm, food, and conservation policy. It is very broad legislation, affecting the availability of food stamps for low-income families; the research agenda for public agricultural research; investments in food safety; economic development in rural areas; efforts to conserve our soil, rivers, and forests; and government support to the people who grow and harvest our food. Together we will learn more about the current state of the Farm Bill and this time-sensitive opportunity to affect federal farm and food policy.

### **11:00 AM**            Blueprint for a Hunger Free PA Workgroups

In September of 2015, Governor Wolf issued an [executive order](#) to coordinate Pennsylvania's food and nutrition programs by establishing a Food Security Partnership comprised of the Cabinet Secretaries of the Departments of Aging, Agriculture, Community and Economic Development, Education, Health, and Human Services. In the summer of 2016, this partnership rolled out an updated set of goals and initiatives known as the Blueprint for a Hunger-Free PA.

During this session, funders and advocates will break into working groups associated with some of the key issues addressed by the Blueprint including SNAP food assistance, especially for seniors; school meals and summer food. In the workgroups, current related goals will be reviewed and discussed. Funders and advocates will work together to identify priorities within the existing goals and identify new concerns that may have developed since the 2016 Blueprint. The goal of these workgroups is to develop a shared set of priorities for communication with the Food Security Partnership and state policymakers.

### **Workgroup Facilitators:**

Kathy Fisher, Policy Director, Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger  
Louise Hayes, Supervising Attorney, Community Legal Services of Philadelphia  
Tamela Luce, Senior Program Officer, Healthspark Foundation  
Karen Dreyer, Director, SWPA Food Security Partnership

**1:00 PM** Lunch

**2:00 PM** Blueprint for a Hunger Free PA Workgroup Report

During this session we will reconvene as one group and hear a summary and report of action items from each workgroup.

**3:00 PM** Partnering with the Public Sector

We will be joined by Teresa Miller, recently named the Acting Secretary of the Department of Human Services and responsible for statewide leadership of food assistance programs. Funders and advocates will have the opportunity for a robust exchange with Acting Secretary Miller about how nonprofits, funders and the public sector can collaborate to combat food insecurity more effectively to improve public health.

We will have the opportunity to discuss how we can partner to reduce barriers to enrollment in SNAP assistance, especially for seniors, and how to improve Pennsylvania's dismal participation rate for school breakfast and summer feeding programs. Acting Secretary Miller will update the group on structural changes such as the status of the proposed consolidation of DHS with the Department of Health and changes at County Assistance Offices and funders and advocates will share possible implementation strategies from their workgroup discussions. The goal will be to leave with shared action steps that will help the Commonwealth make progress toward meeting – ideally, even exceeding - its Blueprint goals.

**Moderators:**

Ann Torregrossa, Executive Director, PA Health Funders Collaborative

Sheila Christopher, Executive Director, Hunger-Free Pennsylvania