



Hunger Council of the Windham Region

***Our Vision: All people in the Windham Region have access to an adequate supply of nutritious food!***

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## Member Survey Executive Summary of Results

The survey was conducted between January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 18<sup>th</sup>. A total of 19 people responded.

**Participation:** Ninety-four percent of respondents attend Council meetings regularly, and many respondents indicated they attend meetings for multiple reasons, typically a combination of professional work and personal interests. Respondents indicated that they find participating in the Hunger Council valuable for multiple reasons, primarily for networking with other members (89%) and for learning up-to-date information from other members (84%), although all of the reasons provided in the survey received positive responses from over 68% of respondents.

**Meeting Scheduling and Format:** Respondents voted to keep the meetings' schedule the same (the morning of the third Wednesday of the month). Opportunities during the meetings to share information and learn about other Council members' organizations were encouraged, and respondents suggested staying focused on food and hunger issues, focusing outside of the Brattleboro area, and focusing on raising awareness of hunger.

*"...I also want to say that I am consistently impressed by Hunger Free VT, and have the utmost respect for all the folks who are part of the Council."*

### Next Steps:

The top seven topics recommended for future meetings were:

- Charitable and emergency food: Improving access and quality
- Increasing access to meals in child care homes and centers and improving food quality; Farm to Preschool
- Overview of current and coming legislative actions related to poverty and food security
- Discussion on the intersection of the local food system and food access
- Increasing engagement with municipal and town governments
- Overview of the effects of hunger on Vermonters, especially on vulnerable populations (i.e. seniors, low-income individuals)
- School meal programs: Increasing participation, improving food quality, and engaging the community; Universal School Meals

Many respondents were interested in bringing in local representatives, especially town government and local select boards, and representatives from the business community.

Hunger Free Vermont will be working to build cross-Council collaborations and action. Look for more information about this in future months!

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