



Senior Nutrition Task Force: Status Check

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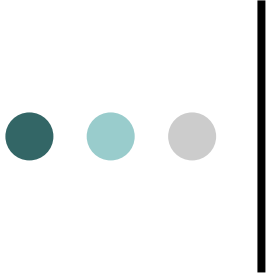
2008 Task Force

- In May 2008, the Minnesota Board on Aging established the Senior Nutrition Task Force.
- Original charge: “The forces shaping the nutrition needs and preferences of current and future older adults, as well as the impact on the Senior Nutrition Program, must be reviewed. The current focus on at-risk, frail individuals needs to be analyzed in conjunction with the need to either deliver food to frail persons or to transport the people to the food.”



2008 Task Force Report

- In March 2009, the Task Force provided a report to the Board.
- Included in the report were updated Senior Nutrition Priorities and Directions, as well as targeting criteria for the program.
- MBA staff added the targeting criteria as a place to start.



2009-2014

Priorities and Directions

- Maximize Resources
- Build Relationships
- Improve Sustainability



Targeting Criteria

- Congregate Meals
 - 60+ and moderate-high nutrition risk
 - Moderate nutrition risk: score 3-5 on Nutrition Risk checklist
 - High nutrition risk: score 6 or higher



Current Efforts – 2009 Targeting Criteria

- Home-Delivered Meals
 - 60+, high nutrition risk, 2+ Activities of Daily Living limitations
 - Activities of Daily Living:
 - Working towards consistent interpretation



Current Efforts – 2009 Targeting Criteria

- Greater priority for low income individuals who are also: member of diverse pop., LEP or live in rural area
 - Diverse populations
 - Limited English Proficiency
 - Rural



2008 Task Force Report: Board Response

- In accepting the Report, the MBA understands that the Priorities and Directions will continue to be refined and made more specific. In addition the MBA understands that more specific proposals particularly regarding new models of service delivery, modernizing the program through increased use of technology, and targeting will be presented to the MBA. The MBA understands that the Task Force's work on these issues will continue with a report to the Board at the December 2009 meeting.



2009 Task Force

- Progress to date:
 - Consensus and beginning implementation plan on targeting
 - Completion of one technology pilot, assessing current technology for participant data collection
 - Beginning set of ideas on service delivery models