

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6-12
THE PHILADELPHIA FOOD ACCESS COLLABORATIVE

WHEREAS, in August 2012, the Mayor's Task Force on Outdoor Serving of Food issued a detailed report ("Moving Philadelphia Forward: A Path Towards Strengthening Food Access in our Community") with recommendations for how to better assist and serve individuals who experience hunger and food insecurity;

WHEREAS, one of the key recommendations from the report was to establish a coordinating body to lead initiatives addressing issues of food access;

WHEREAS, the City of Philadelphia is committed, through a unified effort, to ensure all Philadelphians have access to nutritious foods in healthy settings as well as links to social services;

WHEREAS, as a city, we can and must improve the current state of free food services, both indoor and outdoor, to better address the needs of individuals who experience hunger and food insecurity in Philadelphia and seek support through congregate meals;

WHEREAS, we want to ensure that those seeking meals can be served indoors.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, by the authority vested in me by the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PHILADELPHIA FOOD ACCESS COLLABORATIVE

The Philadelphia Food Access Collaborative is hereby established.

SECTION 2. DUTIES OF THE PHILADELPHIA FOOD ACCESS COLLABORATIVE

The Collaborative will serve as the coordinating body to advance the recommendations laid out in the Mayor's Task Force on Outdoor Serving of Food, and improve access to free meals for those in need.

The initial goals of the Collaborative will be to:

(a) Inventory existing indoor meal service organizations and assess their needs in order to increase the number of indoor meal options;

(b) Support the coordination of meal schedules for both indoor and outdoor servers to ensure there is adequate coverage throughout the week for individuals seeking food and make this information widely known to those who seek free meal services;

(c) Identify new space where outdoor servers can provide meals in a safe and healthy environment with indoor and outdoor space available to those being served food;

(d) Work to ensure that information on resources for meals is disseminated and other key social services are provided during meals being served to the hungry;

(e) Release a report at least once per year on the work of the Collaborative toward these goals and the state of emergency food availability in Philadelphia;

(f) Fundraise in support of these efforts.

The Collaborative will seek to advance all of the recommendations of the Task Force on the Outdoor Serving of Food over the next three years. Over time, the work of the group will expand to include other key focus areas. These include working to support the establishment of innovative emergency food models, leading on-going data collection to identify areas of need among users of the emergency food system, and advocating for state and federal policy changes that reduce restrictions on food access programs.

For the first eighteen months, the Collaborative will be staffed with support from the Mayor's Office, and the ongoing staffing strategy will be determined by the Collaborative.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION OF THE PHILADELPHIA FOOD ACCESS COLLABORATIVE; RELATED MATTERS.

(a) The Collaborative shall be composed of no fewer than 15 members and no more than 30 members. The membership shall represent community stakeholders, advocates, City departments, business, academic, and foundation leadership, and individuals that have used emergency food services in Philadelphia. Initial appointments will be made by the Mayor. All future appointments shall be elected by a majority of the members of the Collaborative, and in compliance with any bylaws as determined by the group. Any member can be removed by the Mayor or by a majority of the members of the Collaborative.

(b) Of the Mayor's initial appointees, half shall be appointed to terms ending January 15, 2013, and half shall be appointed to terms ending January 15, 2014. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed to two year terms in a manner so that, as nearly as practicable, the terms of half the members expire on January 15 of an odd-numbered year and the terms of half the members expire on January 15 of an even-numbered year. No member shall serve for more than six consecutive years.

(c) Each member of the Collaborative shall hold his/her position until the next quarterly meeting after his/her term expires and until his/her successor has been elected.

(d) The members of the Collaborative shall serve without compensation.

(e) The Collaborative shall adopt its own rules of procedure and internal organization. Such rules shall be consistent with the provisions of this Executive Order.

(f) The Collaborative shall convene regularly at such times and places it may designate. Meetings will occur at least on a quarterly basis, and will be open to the public.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

12/18/12
Date


Michael A. Nutter, Mayor