

## **NFI Board meeting notes**

**Date:** November 26, 2024

**Format:** Online

**Participants:** There were 8 NFI Board members present: Johanna Fajardo, Darci Asche, Matuor Alier, Fowzia Adde, Thea Jorgensen, Aimable Magaju, Iuliia Kravchuk and David Jenkins.

NFI members absent 4

CE unit staff: Agnes Mason and Luisa Hoyos

### **Meeting minutes:**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Members** share events for Thanksgiving in their communities.
- 3. Recap** for the last meeting.
- 4. Agnes** informs that a budget is allocated to translate food resource information into six or seven languages and locations. The guide includes an explanation of food banks and pantries.
- 5. Agnes** discusses a plan to distribute food in mosques, churches, libraries, and health centers. The distribution aims to reach those in need, regardless of documentation status, and delivery locations may also include adult learning centers and thrift stores.
- 6. Agnes** informs that a survey will be sent to community leaders to assess access to culturally appropriate food. The anonymous online survey will gather data on food access in various communities. Results will be shared with stakeholders like food banks, grocery stores, and schools to understand current needs and barriers. Translated materials will be shared with partners.
- 7. Agnes** informs about the statewide Cultural Food project, potential ideas and different committee that will be considered based on participation.
- 8. Project decision-making process:** Seven members attended the meeting, and seven members voted "yes" to approve the NFI Culturally Inclusive Food project and allocate the NFI Advisory Board fund to it.

9. **Agnes** informs that a food project is under consideration and requires a subcommittee.  
The subcommittee will meet bi-weekly to advance the project and needs representation from the eastern, central, and western regions.
10. **Agnes** explains potential ideas for the subcommittee and the project.
11. **Luisa** informs that the next meeting on December 31st will be canceled due to holidays, and the next meeting will be on January 28th.
12. **The meeting has been adjourned.**