



**Kane County Hunger Relief Network
January 14, 2026, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order and attendees were welcomed.

2. KCHRN Updates

a. Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) Update – Matt Carlson

Matt introduced himself as the **Agency Relations Area Manager** for Kane and DuPage Counties and provided the following updates:

- ARPA-funded food is available on NIFB Shopping List (search using the keyword “Free”).
- Governor’s Grant Food (SNAP) is currently available
- Agency Monitoring has transitioned to digital format.
- Winter delivery safety reminders were shared.
- Upcoming Food Safety Training Dates
 - Tuesday, January 20th from 3pm to 5:30pm
 - Thursday, January 22nd from 10am to 12:30pm
 - Wednesday, January 28th from 5pm to 7:30pm

For questions, members were encouraged to contact Matt Carlson at:
mcarlson@northernilfoodbank.org

3. IRIS Data Update/Information & Referral Service – Michelle Meyer

Michelle Meyer presented on IRS (Integrated Referral and Intake System), a shared countywide system that supports closed-loop referrals, shared intake, and coordination among agencies.

Michelle also provided an overview of the Kane County Health Department’s Information and Referral Service, which helps community members connect to needed services and support.

- For more information on **IRIS**, please contact: Michelle Meyer -
MeyerMichelle@KaneCountyIL.gov
- For information on the **Health Department’s Information and Referral Service**, please contact Toni Garcia - garciatoni@kanecountyil.gov

4. Member Introductions and Reports

- Lynn Queen asked about the availability of My Pantry Express. Matt Carlson noted there had been previous technical issues but stated the issue should be resolved and that he would follow up.
- Matt Tansley Inquired about the status of Farm to Bank food program and whether it is open to growers. Matt Carlson will follow up.
- Lynn Queen asked if anyone was aware of healthy eating education programs currently available. Michelle Esquivel shared that the Well Child WIC program offered cooking classes last summer and hopes to offer them again this summer. Matt Carlson shared the Backpack Program.
- Matt Carlson noted that members should reach out to him if there are after-school programs in need of snacks.



5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned and future meeting dates reviewed.

Next meeting date: **April 8, 1:00PM – 2:00PM.**

Attendees (as noted): Christine Birns, Liz Alleman, Dianna Strong, Matt Carlson, Olivia Melgoza, Carrie Schroeder, Lynn Queen, Michelle Esquivel, Carrie Schneider, Lynn Queen, Shelly Booth, Matt Tansley, Orlando Vazquez, Joe Rodriguez, Juan Rivera, Tina Koral, Sherri Frieders