Food System Thinking Model: Sorting Through The Organic Complexity

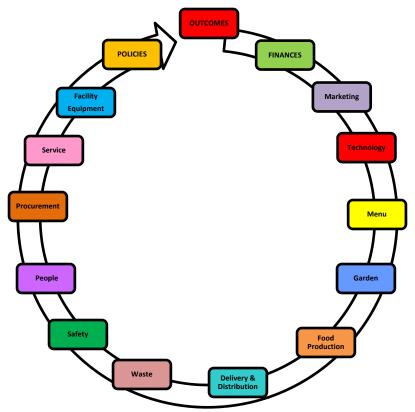
Food systems are complex. Meals for Health and Healing is an organic food system.

This food system is different from a hospital food system.

Interview your preceptor.
Use this tool to ask questions.
See how each food system is different.
See how each food system is alike.
Fill in the blanks.

Submit to Dianne K for grading. Grading is based on:

- Attention to detail (50 points)
- Investigative skills in asking questions (50 points)



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Organic Food System

Areas	Understand How A Food System Works	Findings: Ask Additional Questions!
Outcomes	What drives the food system? Money, satisfaction, health, client motivation to create lifestyle changes, etc.	
Finances	What's the weekly food budget? What is the yearly budget? From what sources do you receive money? Does the organization pay for all food or receive donations? Do clients pay for food?	
Marketing	How do you let people know what you do? Do you advertise jobs? How do you get clients?	
Technology	How do you track clients? What technology do you use in the kitchen? For distribution and organization?	
Menu	What do the meals consist of? How are menus created? What are the criteria for menu items? Is nutrition info available? What does a week of meals look like?	
Garden	What's planted? Is there a fence to protect from animals? What makes the garden organic? How does the garden drive the menu?	

Areas	Understand How A Food System Works	Findings: Ask Additional Questions!
Food Production	How is work organized, describe flow of food, skill levels of staff, types of cooking methods used	
Delivery & Distribution	Who delivers meals? What days are meals delivered? Where are the meals stored before delivery?	
Waste	How does the facility discard waste? Are any waste recovery methods used? Composting? Recycling? Is this a priority for the system?	
Safety	What is the specific food safety challenges for the clients and what measures are taken to ensure food safety? Frequency of training? Sample topics? Garden safety? Cleaning chemicals used	
People	Staff: List paid staff positions? Number of volunteers? How are staff organized? Rate of turnover? What keeps staff/volunteers satisfied? Clients: How do clients get enrolled? What are the requirements for participation? How many meals can clients receive free and for a fee?	

Areas	Understand How A Food System Works	Findings Ask Additional Questions!
Procurement	Who buys/procures the food, who are primary vendors, what are order/delivery/pick up days, weekly cost of groceries? What dictates purchases?	
Service	How is food assembled, describe the style of service, how do clients express satisfaction/dissatisfaction	
Facility Equipment	What equipment gets the most use, what's the flow of work, bottlenecks in work flow, does the organization own the space and equipment?	
Policies	What policies guide your work with staff, food safety, food buying, patient service?	