

Minutes
CT Food Policy Council Meeting October 11, 2012
At Foodshare Offices

Present:

Members: Linda Drake – UCONN, Willard Seedman – DSS-SNAP, John Frassinelli – DPH, Stan Sorkin – CFA, Lucy Nolan – End Hunger CT, Linda Hubeny- DAS, Teri Dandeneau – CSDE, Michael Keilty – Maple Spring Farm

Guests: Helena Hoover-Litty – CDA, Jean King - consultant, Ellen Sloan – DCP, Mary Parizo, End Hunger CT, Martha Page – Hartford Food System

John Frassinelli welcomed everyone to his first meeting as Chair of the Council.

Minutes of the September 13 were approved as presented.

There were no additions to the Agenda.

Old Business:

Governor's Council on Agricultural Development

Jean King described the current processes of the Governor's Council with the plans for a one day intensive research day on November 7 addressing the three areas that received most attention in the surveys and interviews that have been conducted. There will be a summit meeting at the Capitol on December 17 to present a draft plan. Michael Keilty added his perspectives as a member of the Governor's Council. There was considerable discussion about potential links from CFPC to this work. John F. plans to try to meet with DOAG Commissioner to discuss all CFPC work including this. One suggestion was to try to have one CFPC member working with each relevant Working Group. The current plans are to have Working Groups active in 2013.

Strategic Planning and October 25 meeting with New London County Food Policy Council.

Linda, Jean, Mary and John reported on plans for this first regional meeting. We will focus on three areas: Food Access, Health Outcomes, and Outreach to the Community. It will be a joint meeting of our two Councils. The goal is to find common areas for work together and areas where CFPC can also provide technical assistance and links throughout the state.

New Business:

Meeting Locations

John F suggested that we try to meet at the Legislative Office Building to increase our connections to legislative activities. He is working with the LOB staff on this.

Future Legislative Strategies.

Lucy Nolan announced that the End Hunger Coalition will hold a CT Childhood Obesity Policy Forum at the State Capitol on November 19 in Room 2C at the LOB. Kelly Brownell and others will speak..

Agency Sharing Announcements

Martha Page announced that there was a press release about the UCONN study done in Hartford about the effect of store participation in the WIC program. The study concluded that WIC certification does improve the foods offered for sale in stores. Bill Seedman stated that SNAP now has 216,000 families with 398,000 participants enrolled, with increases every month. There are now 9 new Farmers Markets authorized for EBT participation. FNS provided funding for the devices needed to participate.

NEXT MEETING November 8, 2012 – Location to be announced.
