

**Connecticut Food Policy Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2013**

**Members Present:** John Frassinelli (SDE-Chair), Bill Seedman (DSS), Lucy Nolan (EHC!), Marcia Maillard (DPH), Linda Drake (UConn), Rick Masuga (DoAg), Stan Sorkin (CFA)

**Guests Present:** Angela Colantonio (Hartford Food System), Helana Hoover-Litty (CT Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics), Dan Arsenalt (Capital Strategies), Jean King, Mary Parizo (EHC!), Timothy Bowles (State Rep. 42<sup>nd</sup> District), Susan Dang (DPH)

May 9, 2013 meeting minutes approved with one change made by John Frassinelli to the location of the June 13, 2013 meeting to LOB, room number 2600. Approval moved by Bill Seedman, seconded by Stan Sorkin and approved unanimously with the change.

Additions to the agenda:

1. "CT SNAPshots" from EHC! (Lucy Nolan) – The Farm Bill is up for re-authorization and the Senate passed a bill to cut about \$4 billion dollars over the next 10 years and will impact the "Heat n' Eat" program. This cut will mostly impact NE states including CT and could affect up to 85,000 people. The House proposed a bill to cut \$20.5 billion over the next 5 years from the nutrition title out of the \$40 billion in proposed cuts to the Farm Bill. CT will be hit hard by these cuts. In an effort to protect SNAP funding, EHC! has created "CT SNAPshots" – stories from SNAP beneficiaries that illustrate how SNAP has changed their life for the better. The stories will be collected and sent to legislators before the final vote. DSS has forwarded the information to all regional offices to promote "CT SNAPshots."
2. Summer Food Service Outreach (Mary Parizo) – the USDA Summer Foods Program offers summer meals to kids that normally receive free or reduced-cost meals through the National School Lunch Program during the school year. Programs are available throughout the State and more information is available on the website, by phone, or via text. Programs start at the end of June or beginning of July depending upon the site. Outreach materials are available through EHC! and council members are asked post materials where appropriate to get the word out.
3. Food Safety Resource Manual (Angela Colantonio) – Extra copies of the Food Safety Resource Manual created by the FPC in 2001 are available if anyone wants one.

Agenda Items:

1. Legislative Session Wrap-up (Lucy Nolan)
  - a. Obesity Task Force was passed and the names have to in by July. The task force members are appointment-based and include a Registered Dietitian that is attached to a school. Issues include physical activity and nutrition.

- b. Bills for farms – the Southbury Training School has been changed back to working lands and will be managed by the Southbury Land Trust.
  - c. Preference for CT grown protein – passed and includes meat and farm-raised fish. Includes a stipulation that DoAg has to list all CT Farmers’ markets on its website regardless of certification status.
2. Local Food Policy Council Capacity Building Training (John Frassinelli/Jean King)
- a. The Kitchen agreed to the proposed menu changes from the last meeting.
  - b. To do for the training:
    - i. Follow-up with DoAg (Rick) regarding the processing of payments, including a deposit for the Lyceum and Mark Winne’s travel and fees.
    - ii. Agenda – need to map out the day.
      - 1. Mark Winne is definite – will be on the agenda.
      - 2. Possible agenda item: One or two CT local food policy councils do a case study on what they are doing in their area.
      - 3. Possible agenda item: one case study from another state. Talk to Mark Winne for suggestions on who might be good to ask.
    - iii. Identify local food policy councils to invite to the training. Assignments to follow-up on whether or not the following councils still exist and identify a key contact(s):
      - 1. Lucy – Healthquest New England, Gifts of Love/Farmington Valley Food Collaborative, Norwalk, Enfield, NEAT/Middletown.
      - 2. Jean – talk to Gloria McAdams about hunger action teams that became food policy councils and find out about councils in the Plainville/Vernon/Rockville area; find out about Litchfield area.
      - 3. Linda – New Britain Food Security Collaborative, New Haven – ask about doing a case study.
      - 4. Peggy – Danbury.
      - 5. Marcia – Stratford, Bridgeport, south of Norwalk (Stamford, etc).
      - 6. Rick – Windham/Willimantic.
      - 7. Helana – email findings/information to Helana so she can create a list.
3. Strategic Planning Discussion (John Frassinelli) – recommendation made to do some strategic planning around the work the group does. The group discussed potential updates to the legislation and a suggestion was made to identify what other state councils are doing. Jean King will research other states and send out a suggested reading list. John Frassinelli will meet with the DoAg Commissioner first and the group can discuss further at the next meeting.

Assignments and next steps reviewed. The next meeting will be held July 11, 2013 location TBD. Motion made by Stan Sorkin to adjourn, seconded by Lucy Nolan. Meeting was adjourned.