

Minutes
CT Food Policy Council Meeting
January 10, 2013

Present:

Members: John Frassinelli – DPH, Willard Seedman – DSS-SNAP, Teri Dandeneau – CSDE,
Lucy Nolan – End Hunger CT!, Stan Sorkin – CFA, Linda Piotrowicz --CTDOAG

Guests: Ellen Sloan – CTDCP, Helena Hoover-Litty – CDA, Jean King - consultant,
Mary Parizo, End Hunger CT!, Martha Page – Hartford Food System,
Peggy Zamore – Danbury FMCC, John Bailey—American Heart Association

Minutes of the December 13, 2012 were amended and approved as amended.

Report from Planning Subcommittee Meeting

The Planning Committee met prior to this regular meeting. Teri Dandeneau and Jean King reported. After considerable discussion about the work that we want to do this year together with local food policy groups, the committee suggested that the CFPC set one goal for this calendar year: to undertake a strategic initiative for policy development in partnership with local policy groups. This work will involve reaching out to local groups and developing a training program on undertaking policy change. The committee recommended that we focus on policy as opposed to program in this work. John Frassinelli suggested that we aim for a statewide training session in October 2013.

American Heart Association

Guest John Bailey from the American Heart Association wanted to inform the CFPC about their proposed policy work. They are looking to reform food procurement policies at the state level at large institutions to provide better nutrition and low sodium foods.

Food Security Report Announcement Event

John Frassinelli has been in discussion with Jiff Martin at UCONN about an announcement event. UCONN public relations office will manage such an event, within the next month. CFPC leadership could also meet with new legislative committee leaders with this report.

Federal and State Budget and Legislative Issues

Lucy Nolan reported that the SNAP program was not cut in the fiscal cliff action but SNAP education was cut by \$110 million that was moved to diary supports. Effects of possible sequestration are really not known. The Farm Bill extension is through September 2013 and the extra SNAP benefits from the American Recovery Act will expire in November 2013. In the state budget efforts this year will probably be to protect programs from cuts.

The CT Childhood Obesity Policy Group and End Hunger CT! will have a legislative breakfast on February 14, 2013 .

The CT School Breakfast Expansion Team is planning a school breakfast forum on April 26, 2013.

NEXT MEETING February 14, 2013 at the Department of Agriculture at 1 p.m.

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