

Connecticut Food Policy Council
Draft Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 11th, 2014

A quorum was not present so no action was taken during this meeting

Attendees

Members: John Frassinelli, (SDE/Chair); Lucy Nolan, (EHC!/Vice Chair); Linda Piotrowicz, (CT DoAG); Linda Hubeny, (DAS); Stan Sorkin, (CFA); Gloria McAdam, (Foodshare)

Guests: Pauline Zaldonis, (HFS); Nikki Seymar, (HHC); Jasmin Haynes, (HHC); Renee Hamel, (HHC); Ellen Sloan, (DCP); Jessica Mahon, (EHC!); Ellen Pendergast, (NHFPC); Helana Hover-Litty, (CAND); Peggy Zamore, (DFMCC); Jim Haslam (NLFPC/Middlesex FPC); Adam Rabinowitz, (UCONN); Jiff Martin, (UCONN)

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm

The minutes from the July 10th, 2014 meeting could not be approved due to lack of a quorum.

Gloria McAdam wanted to note a revision to the June 12th, 2014 meeting:

- The bill that would approve funding for CT from the Commodities Supplemental Food Program is still in the Senate and has not been voted on as yet.
- Foodshare raised \$632,000 from their annual Walk Against Hunger

Additions to the agenda:

Attendance: Stan Sorkin suggested meeting at locations with conference call capabilities which may improve the attendance of council members and result in having a quorum. Stan and Gloria McAdam offered their conference rooms at their offices for future meetings. Other options like emailing meeting reminders through Outlook and surveying for best meeting times were also suggested.

Appointments: Gloria McAdam suggested revisiting appointments; she also added including Consumer Protection into the legislation as a member. John clarified that new legislative leaders do not need to make new appointments but are able to do so. John also stated that he would be putting language together as to what is an allowable proxy if a member is unable to attend a meeting

Hartford Regional Market: Linda Piotrowicz presented on the background as well as the future renovation plans for the Hartford Regional Market. Future plans include a mixed use space that will have meeting spaces and offices as well as a commercial shared kitchen space and a food processing area. Linda stated that the next step is to secure funds for the architectural design. The completed project will most likely take 4-5 years due to the necessity of the market remaining open during renovations.

Community Food Security Report:

Jiff and Adam presented background information on the Community Food Security Report. The report is to become an ongoing project in partnership with CFPC. How to build off

the two prior reports was discussed; ideas mentioned included an introductory brochure, periodic mini reports, exploring other topics like affordability and availability, including a measure of healthy food availability, and restructuring how the information is presented so that it can be better utilized within CT communities.

Jiff suggested having a group of advisors from different organizations/councils take a look at the data and discuss in what ways it can help improve the community. Lucy, John, Stan, and Peggy volunteered to be a part of the group. The group will meet after the next CFPC meeting

Agency/Guest Updates:

CT Food Association:

- Stan reported that the vendor that processes SNAP purchases in CT will be changing from JP Morgan to Xerox. The change will happen in mid-November and bodegas have already received notices of the change; they will have to be responsible in purchasing new machines.

EHC!:

- Lucy reported on the Witness To Hunger exhibit that was in partnership with the NHFPC and Congresswomen Rosa DeLauro. The exhibit will be up at the New Haven City Hall until Wednesday 17th, 2014. The three CT residents who contributed to the exhibit received advocacy training from NHFPC and gave their testimony through their photographs.

Local Food Policy Councils:

- Ellen Pendergast from the New Haven Food Policy Council (NHFPC) reported that they received a grant to do research and put together a plan for a Food System Director position in New Haven. The grant covers half of the salary for the position and they are currently looking for matching funds.
- Peggy Zamore from the Danbury Farmers Market Community Collaborative (DFMCC) mentioned that National Food Day is coming up and asked if CFPC can jump on board. It was decided that the CFPC will take a picture with every member holding an apple. It was suggested that the local food policy councils can also join in and take a similar picture and make it a united effort submitted by state. An email will go out to the local councils to inform them of the proposed united effort.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 9th, 2014

Location: Legislative Office Building, Room 2600

Motion to adjourn was by Gloria McAdam and was seconded by Stan Sorkin

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm