

Connecticut Food Policy Council
Draft Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 9th, 2015
A quorum was not present

Attendees

Members: Marcia Maillard, (DPH); Lucy Nolan, (EHC!/Vice Chair); Linda Drake (UCONN); Don Casella (DAS)

Guests: Fran Freer, (CHCACT); Jessica Mahon, (EHC!);

The meeting was called to order at 1:08pm

The minutes from the March 12th, 2015 meeting could not be approved due to lack of a quorum.

Additions to the agenda:

- Donald Casella is the new member representative for DAS.
- Members of the council and a contact person for the council will be posted on the DoAg website to have that information more accessible.

CFPC Webinar Results: Jessica gave a brief report on the outcome of the first webinar in a series offered by the CFPC for the local food policy councils. The focus of the webinar was Community Engagement and it featured speakers Billy Bromage and Kim Hart from the New Haven Food Policy Council and Izzi Greenberg from Middlesex Coalition for Children. On the day of the webinar there were 19 registrants and 13 participated in total. Positive feedback was received and there is excitement for the next webinar. Jessica asked that more council members be present for the next call.

Nutrition and Healthcare Gathering Update: Lucy gave a brief overview of the gathering, there will be 5 speakers including the USDA Undersecretary, Kevin Concannon and funding for the event was made possible by a donation from the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation.

Email invitations to local food policy council members and personal mailed invites have been sent to all non-profit hospitals across the state. She will also remind the council members to register for the event as well.

Legislative Updates:

Lucy Nolan updated the council on a number of bills that EHC! is tracking and taking action on. A list of those bills and their descriptions can be found on EHC!'s website at http://www.endhungerct.org/assets/legislative_update_cabhn.pdf

Agency or Guest Updates:

UCONN: Linda Drake informed the council of an upcoming event sponsored by the Center for Health Intervention & Prevention. They are conducting a lecture series and on April 23rd they will have Brian Wansink PhD from Cornell University lecture on "Slim by Design: Engineering a

Built Environment.” To find out more information go to <http://calendar.uconn.edu/event/36684/2015-04-23>

Local Food Policy Councils Updates:

Jessica gave a brief update on some events she attended last month. The New Haven Food Policy Council held their annual meeting which focused on food justice and the keynote speaker, Eric Holt-Gimenez Executive Director from Food First based California, spoke on the history of food justice and its presence in our current food system. New Haven Food Policy Council also had the opportunity to testify in front of the city’s Board of Alders at a public budget hearing for their Food Systems Director position to remain in the city’s budget. The Food Systems Director “will be responsible for addressing hunger and food access issues as well as building coalitions on a wide range of food issues” across New Haven.

The Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy held their 2015 Community Food Security Awards at the Hartford Public Library. The awards are meant to “raise awareness about community food security and to recognize individuals and organizations in Hartford that are working to improve nutrition, strengthen local food systems, and empower communities to move toward long-term food security.” The keynote speaker for the event was Terry Walters, best-selling local cookbook author, and the winners of the award included nominees from a Youth, Individual, and Business category.

The Food Access Coalition is a coalition of congregations based in Westport who work to increase access to healthy food in the greater Norwalk area. They have been working with Wholesome Wave to provide fresh fruits and vegetables through their farmers market and they are hoping to receive the funding to run 3 farmers markets this summer in the Norwalk area.

From the Bridgeport Food Policy Council there are two upcoming events. On April 30th, the council in partnership with the Bridgeport Health Department will be hosting their 2nd Annual Food Systems Summit focused on school breakfast in Bridgeport. They will be addressing topics such as the current state of school breakfast in Bridgeport and its effect on children’s learning capacity. End Hunger CT!’s Dawn Crayco will be a part of a panel at the event.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 14th, 2015

Location: End Hunger CT! 65 Hungerford Street, Hartford, Conference Room

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm