

Connecticut Food Policy Council
Community Food Security Report Working Group
Draft Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 9th, 2014

Attendees

Lucy Nolan, (EHC!/Vice Chair); John Frassinelli (DOE/Chair); Adam Rabinowitz (UCONN); Jiff Martin (UCONN); Martha Page (HFS); Marcia Maillard (DPH); Jessica Mahon (EHC!); Peggy Zamore, (DFMCC); Bill Seedman (DSS)

The meeting was called to order at 2:45

Discussion on Report #1: Risk of Food Insecurity and Utilization of Public Assistance Programs

The meeting started with discussing the term “population at-risk.” The measurement used for this ranking is based upon the likelihood that an individual in a community is experiencing food insecurity. There was some concern of the clarity of the term “population at-risk” and whether it was true representation of the ranking. Martha Page suggested replacing the term “population” with “community” instead. The group agreed that this would be a better alternative.

The group then discussed capturing the purchasing power provided by food assistance programs, in dollar amounts, as to show its contribution in building economic development. That measurement will most likely be placed in the 2nd report.

While defining each public food assistance program is important the group agreed that including imbedded links into an electronic version of the report will allow individuals to access further information about each program. It was also mentioned to maybe include food programs that are not public food assistance programs, for instance food pantries or soup kitchens.

Presentation of Reports

It was decided to have “Dialogue Leaders” from the working group conduct the community presentations for each of the reports.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, February, 26th, 2014 at 1:00pm
Location: End Hunger CT! 65 Hungerford Street, Hartford, Conference Room