

Connecticut Food Policy Council (CFPC)
Minutes – January 12, 2017

Members in attendance: Lucy Nolan, Marcia Maillard, Don Casella

Guests in attendance: Dawn Crayco, Gina Shulick, Esteban Kim, Jiff Martin, Mary Grace Peak, Martha Page, TJ Casey, Sr., Evan Dantos, Helana Hoover-Litty

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Vice Chair Lucy Nolan.

Welcome and Introductions: Lucy Nolan acting as Chair welcomed the members and guests. Introductions were made.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Postponed until the next meeting when a quorum is available.

Additions to the agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

Presentation: Strengthening the Food System through Service Learning & State-Level Collaboration

There were two programs highlighted during the presentation - Food Corps and the Food Justice Vista Program. Both programs work with the CT State Department of Education (CSDE). See the below summary for highlights and the presentation for more details.

Food corps

- There is a national evaluation on Food Corps and CT is represented in this evaluation.
- Food Corps has created a healthy school toolkit to assess existing nutrition environment.
- There is a focus on capacity building. The Food Corps members are not meant to stay in one school for long-term but to help facilitate lasting change.
- Funding for Food Corps comes from the state Americorps office. Food Corps competes with other Americorps programs for the funding.

Food Justice Vista Program

- Sister program from the federal program, began in the 1960s to combat poverty.
- The program's aim is for food justice and also seeks to build capacity, not provide direct services like the Food Corps program.

State level initiatives

- Ongoing partnership with CSDE.
- CT Farm to School collaborative launched in 2016 hosted by CSDE and the Department of Agriculture is involved.
- One big initiative is the "Put Local on your Tray" posters. The impact of this initiative is being explored this year.
- Summer food and the three-ingredient initiatives also stem from this collaborative.

Administration

- UConn report on hold pending funding, still awaiting funding release. Contract is in place.
- Question: What year will the report reflect? 2015

Council on Environmental Quality

- Report out on the impact of solar panels on farmlands – recommends that farmers/other residents consider alternatives to using farmland.
- CFPC to consider providing guidance.
- The Farm Bureau will also put out guidance.
- comments due next Wednesday 1/18
- Helena and Lucy will come up with feedback from the CFPC.

Agency/Member/Guest Updates

- Hartford Food System/Martha Page - Hartford Commission on Food Policy is holding their annual Food Security Awards on March 15.
 - There were 18 individuals and businesses nominated this year.
 - All are welcome to attend.
- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/Helana Hoover-Litty – Helana is working on creating a healthy foods donation list that can be adopted across the state. She is in the process of negotiating what's on the list with a variety of stakeholders and will present this information at one of the next meetings.
- End Hunger CT!/Lucy Nolan - working with the American Heart Association, the YMCA Alliance and other members of the Healthy Kids CT coalition on obesity prevention efforts. Obesity legislation is being proposed that seeks to extend CACFP standards to all licensed programs as well as establish minimum standards for physical activity.
- Food Corps/Dawn Crayco – The Connecticut Breakfast Expansion Team is holding a Breakfast Summit on March 3rd and registration is open.

Next meeting will be on February 9 at 1:00 pm in the Old Judiciary at the Capitol.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm Motion made to adjourn by Don Casella and seconded by Lucy Nolan.