

Minutes
CT Food Policy Council Meeting December 13, 2012
at Legislative Office Building, Hartford

Present:

Members: John Frassinelli – DPH, Willard Seedman – DSS-SNAP, Linda Hubeny- DAS,
Teri Dandeneau – CSDE, Michael Keilty – Maple Spring Farm, Rick Macsuga -- CT DOAG,
Lucy Nolan – End Hunger CT, Stan Sorkin -- CFA

Guests: Helena Hoover-Litty – CDA, Jean King - consultant, Mary Parizo, End Hunger CT,
Martha Page – Hartford Food System, Jiff Martin—UCONN Coop. Ext., Adam Rabinowitz –
UCONN Zwick Center, Peggy Zamore – Danbury FMCC

Minutes of the November 8 meeting were approved.

John Frassinelli noted that there should be a file in the Commissioner of Agriculture's office of all the appointment letters for Council members. Rick Macsuga stated that he thought they were up-to-date and he would check on that.

The schedule of meetings for 2013 was approved. (Attached)

Presentation: Community Food Security Assessment

Jiff Martin and Adam Rabinowitz the completed 2012 Community Food Security Assessment, a joint study of the Zwick Center for Food and Resource Policy and the UCONN Cooperative Extension Service. Printed copies were distributed and the entire report with additional maps and data is available on line at www.zwickcenter.uconn.edu/CFS. The report emphasizes community food security and can be a tool to inform community level conversations. The report was received very positively and there was considerable discussion of the report content. The CFPC contributed to the costs for the research. Questions were raised as to whether a media event about the research could occur, either with state or federal officials or both together.

Collective Impact – Developing Strong Networks to Drive Change

Jiff Martin and John Frassinelli led discussion about CFPC taking the lead in producing a conference/training session for local and state food policy councils on taking collective action for change in the total food system. Topics to consider:

What can be done at the local level?

Helping local groups learn how to develop their own local network and take action on locally identified goals.

Training on collective impact of different local groups and sharing of best practices.

Capacity building.

The Council wants to move forward on this topic. A planning committee was formed: Teri Dandeneau, Jean King, Martha Page, John Frassinelli, Helena Hoover-Litty, Peggy Zamore.

New London Joint Meeting Follow up

Jean King has circulated the complete minutes of the New London meeting. The state wide training on Collective Impact and sharing of best practices can be the next step from that meeting.

Governor's Council on Agriculture Development

John Frassinelli reported on his meeting with Commissioner Revitzky to discuss the work of CFPC. John suggested that one particular area where we might work closely with the Governor's Council is in the area of food security.

Information Sharing

End Hunger CT will have 2 VISTA volunteers joining their staff: one person will work with the CT Food Bank to help them do SNAP outreach; and the second will work on linking Child Nutrition programs and SNAP, seeking to streamline information among USDA programs in the state.

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| NEXT MEETING January 10 th , 2013 at the Department of Agriculture |
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Connecticut Food Policy Council Meeting Schedule 2013

Approved at December 13, 2012 Council Meeting

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| January 10, 2013 | CT Dept. of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford |
| February 14, 2013 | CT Dept. of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford |
| March 14, 2013 | CT Dept. of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford |
| April 11, 2013 | CT Dept. of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford |
| May 9, 2013 | CT Dept. of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford |
| June 13, 2013 | Legislative Office Building Room 2600 |
| July 11, 2013 | Legislative Office Building Room 2600 |
| August 8, 2013 | Legislative Office Building Room 2600 |
| September 12, 2013 | Legislative Office Building Room 2600 |
| October 10, 2013 | Legislative Office Building Room 2600 |
| November 14, 2013 | Legislative Office Building Room 2600 |
| December 12, 2013 | Legislative Office Building Room 2600 |