Minutes - Connecticut Food Policy Council Thursday, May 9, 2013

In attendance: Members: Bill Seedman, DSS; Gloria McAdam, Foodshare; Linda Hubeny, DAS; Lucy Nolan, EHC!; Michael Keilty, MSF; John Frassinelli, DPH

Guests: Helena Hoover-Litty, CAND; Jean King, Mary Parizo, EHC!; Susan Dang, DPH; Tyshaunda Wiley, DPH; Marcia Mallard, DPH

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Chair Frassinelli. Welcome and Farm Tour:

Meeting was recessed at 12:05 for a tour of Maple Spring Farm and a delicious lunch served by Michael Keilty.

Meeting called back to order at 1:00 pm

Approval of the April 2013 Meeting Minutes were accepted with one change by Bill Seedman. The document imaging center is in East Hartford, not in Waterbury as reported in the previous minutes. Waterbury DSS will be the first office to implement the document imaging. (Linda Hubeny moved and Lucy Nolan seconded the acceptance of minutes with this change – approved unanimously.)

Additions to the agenda:

There were three additions to the agenda:

- 1. The State Nutrition Action Plan
- 2. New England Meat to Institution update
- 3. Ct Food System Alliance Meeting update
- 1. Mary Parizo and Lucy Nolan reported on EHC!'s project to improve access to the federal and state nutrition programs. This will require state agency participation as well as advocates working on the nutrition programs. EHC! is hiring a VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America) to work on the project and hope to work under the auspices of the Connecticut Food Policy Council as a subcommittee of the Council
 - a. Gloria McAdam moved, and Michael Keilty seconded, to have the Council support the project as a working subcommittee of the CT Food Policy Council. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Jean King reported on the New England Meat to Institution meeting in Vermont.

The meeting brought together New England states to discuss the promotion and selling of local meat to institutions, colleges and schools.

- 3. CT Food System Alliance
 - a. Linda Hubeny and Jean King reported on the CFSA meeting held earlier in the week. There was a large attendance and some good discussion.

Strategic Planning Discussion

Tabled for the next meeting

Nominations and Voting on Vice-Chair position

Nominations were opened for the Vice-Chair. There were no new nominations and the vote, held open from a motion from the April meeting, was to have Lucy Nolan, previously nominated at the April meeting to serve as Vice-Chair. The vote was unanimous.

Local Food Policy Council Capacity Building Training:

Will be held on October 17^{th} , at the Lyceum in Hartford from 8:30 until 4:30 (not completely set). Mark Winne will speak.

Next meeting will be on June 13th at the State Office Building, Agriculture Conference Room at 1:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm after many a thank you and praise for the venue and delicious food and hospitality to Michael Keilty. Motion made by Michael Keilty and seconded by Gloria McAdam and Bill Seedman.