

Connecticut Food Policy Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 12, 2013

Members Present: John Frassinelli (SDE-Chair), Marcia Maillard (DPH), Gloria McAdam (Foodshare), Linda Hubeny (DAS), Lucy Nolan (EHC!), Michael Keilty

Guests Present: Helana Hoover-Litty (CT Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics), Jean King (consultant), Mary Parizo (EHC!), Teri Dandeneau (SDE), Angela Colantonio (HFS), Meg Hourigan (EHC!), Ellen Sloan (DCP), Jiff Martin (UCONN Ext.), Ann Simeone (DAS), Rep. Brian Becker (CGA), Matt Ganquinto, (Judith Blei Gov. Relations)

July 13, 2013 meeting minutes approval was tabled to next meeting.

Additions to the agenda:

See Review section

Agenda Items:

October 17 CFPC Forum with Local Councils

Strengthening Connecticut's Food System with Local Food Policy Groups – Jean King reported on the organization for the day (A draft agenda is attached.) Suggestions were made for materials to be included in the info packets for the day, including the latest food security report, the New London report and bios from presenters. There was discussion about inviting legislators. Rather than inviting them to this day we will work with local groups to have them follow up with their own legislators after the meeting. We will offer people the opportunity to bring materials to share. Because space is limited we are encouraging people to commit to participating for the entire day.

Strategic Planning

The notes from the planning meeting on August 22 were the basis for discussion. There was renewed discussion of the vision statement. Michael Keilty suggested that it is important to engage the farming community in our vision and that a statement should include alliances with farmers. For example: “Meaningful alliances among farmers, consumers, and state government will create access to.....enough nutritious food for all CT residents at all times for a healthy active lifestyle.” No decision was made about the vision statement.

Ideas for action steps:

- Focus on possibilities for collaboration and coordination at the state level through the Council
- What ideas come to the top? CFPC because it is legislatively created and filled with state agency people has opportunity to intensify collaborative activities.
- How do we have an impact on healthy food for all people?

The Executive Committee could begin coordination discussions with GCAD and CFSA.

Review

DAS

Linda Hubeny and Ann Simeone described DAS efforts to have a pilot protein contract for several school districts to purchase Ct grown beef. Despite their outreach they could not find local farmers who were interested in being part of such a contract. Council discussion focused on whether there was a lack of supply or whether farmers were already able to sell all the meat they raised. Could we work to develop alliances among meat producers?

DPH

Marcia Maillard presented information on a new grant to DPH from the CDC for a collaborative project with the Dept. of Education to implement strategies and interventions to address diabetes, heart disease, obesity and related risk factors and promote school health. The grant builds on CT's efforts to address chronic disease and to reduce health disparities by leveraging existing capacities and partnerships.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 10, 2013 AT LOB ROOM 2600

DRAFT AGENDA

Strengthening Connecticut's food system with local food policy groups

Presented by the Connecticut Food Policy Council

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013

8:30 a.m. – 9 coffee and.....

9:00 a.m. John Frassinelli – Chair, CT Food Policy Council – introduction to the day and the work of the CT Food Policy Council

9:30 a.m. Mark Winne – Community Food Activist **who introduces? Lucy?**

- **Meeting each other and sharing local ideas**
- **Networking**
- **Models for local food policy councils**
- **State of the art for local and state food policy work**
- **Working together on food policy issues**
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(may have a break at 10:30 or so)

12:00 p.m Lunch and networking

12:45 p.m. Local CT Case studies --a panel of local people who have been successful in CT **Hartford,New Haven, who else?**

2:00 p.m. What Next? Group Discussion – moving forward on ideas from morning discussion