

**CT Food Policy Council
Minutes of Meeting Held on April 14, 2011**

1. Minutes

Lucy Nolan moved to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting. Dennis King seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

2. Additions to the Agenda

3. Old Business

Statewide Meeting of the Regional Food Policy Councils:

The agenda for the meeting scheduled for May 12, 2011 was discussed. A final draft will be emailed to the Group next week.

A conference call was scheduled for April 28 to finalize plans for the day.

Meat Infrastructure:

A draft report has been completed and will be distributed for comments. Much of the information is anecdotal and there is a need to learn more. The group's next task is to identify its next steps.

New England Food Summit:

The Council members who attended stated that the summit was very worthwhile. They learned that other states had similar issues and concerns and there is a need to learn more. The group in New Hampshire could be used as a clearinghouse for sharing ideas and accomplishments.

CT Grown Week:

No update.

Connecticut Food Policy Council Webpage:

The Governor's office has requested that the webpage be taken offline until it has been updated. DOIT has assigned someone to help by training the website administrator. A standalone website will be developed. Currently the CFPC website falls under the Dept of Agriculture.

4. **Announcements**

No Kid Hungry Campaign

EHC! held a kick off meeting for the *No Kid Hungry Campaign* on March 23, 2011. The *No Kid Hungry campaign* is a joint effort of End Hunger Connecticut! And Share Our Strength, a nationwide nonprofit group that aims to eliminate hunger in Connecticut by 2015.

USDA UnderSecretary Kevin Concannon, Governor Dannel Malloy, Sen. Donald Williams, Rep. Christopher Donovan, and Charlene Russell-Tucker, Associate Commissioner of the Division of Family and Student Support at the Connecticut State Department of Education all attended the event, along with several other legislators and dignitaries.

Governor Malloy will head a Collaborating Table of representatives from many different agencies. C&S Wholesale Grocers is underwriting the project.

New Commissioner at the Department of Social Services

Roderick M. Bremby is the new Commissioner at the Connecticut Department of Social Services. He joined DSS on April 4, 2011.

End Hunger CT! Expanding their E-Fax Initiative

EHC! is now e-faxing SNAP applications and required verifications to DSS local offices in the Southern Region of the State. The Southern Region includes the Middletown, New Haven and Norwich DSS offices. EHC! has been e-faxing SNAP applications to the Hartford Office in the DSS Northern for more than two years. It has proven to be a quick and efficient method of submitting applications and the turnaround for processing the case is very fast since the application is submitted with all the information the worker needs to make an eligibility determination. EHC! will start e-faxing to the remaining DSS offices in the Northern region, which are Manchester, New Britain, and the Willimantic offices in the very near future.

Department of Agriculture (DoAg)

The Department of Agriculture had been concerned that they would not receive federal funding for the WIC farmers' markets coupons but it appears that they will be getting that funding.

The next meeting is the statewide meeting of all local food policy councils and will take place on May 12 at the Lyceum in Hartford.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.