



Healthy Connecticut 2025 State Health Improvement Plan

Healthy Food & Housing ACTION Team Meeting AGENDA & NOTES

Date: 07-05-2022

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://hria.zoom.us/j/87206360217?pwd=amk4N000aWNLM0d4UVIxU3JSWFFHZz09>

Attendees (Please list all who participated): Adrianna Ramirez, Erin Windham, Robyn Gulley, Gina Smith, Lynette Coleman, Marilyn Lonczak, Marta Kostecki, Martha Page, Nilda Fernandez, Jeanette Goyzueta, Mario Garcia, Sandy Gill, Rose Swensen, Donna Burke

| Agenda Items | Discussion |
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| Welcome | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name, Organization, and tell us if, and where you watched fireworks to celebrate the 4th of July Holiday! |
| Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief re-cap of where we are in the implementation process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Agendas were shared and approved by the SHIP Advisory Council. All four action teams are moving forward with implementation now. SHIP Data Committee was scheduled for July 19th (<i>The launch of this group was later moved to August</i>) Martha and Gina expressed interest in participating in this new group. |
| Action Plan Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of the updates that have happened over the first half of the year was shared with members. Utilization of food and housing assistance programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>C1.2 - Regarding 1.2c Identify communication gaps, barriers and obstacles to improving coordination and support.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martha Page asked how we were identifying the barriers and gaps. Erin mentioned that the WIC/ Hispanic Health grant was exploring this issue with FMNP and suggested that our partners may be able to offer information from other projects currently underway. Sandy put out the idea of a potential sub-committee to research this. The group should consider successes, barriers, and the work being done. Mentioned that SNAP, WIC, and FMNP were the programs being looked into. Erin suggested DSS as a participant to the group as they administer the SNAP program. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Also noted that on the housing side there were 2 outreach efforts to note. ○ Marilyn shared that DPH is conducting outreach sessions with several groups including Office of Early Childhood and the Lead Program among others and has developed an interest form to collect information. This is a grant funded activity and there will be data reported on the initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thus is a great opportunity to collect data on the outreach effort and share the event, date, audience, and estimated reach as well as a short summary ○ The question was asked as to how to invite people to the group and Sandy shared that the website is coming, and the meeting invite could be shared out to interested individuals. <p><i>C1.5- Promote 211's information on housing and food resources and ensure that the information is comprehensive, up to date and accurate. (See also B3.6, D4.3)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Erin noted the input from Gina Smith and shared that her 211 contact has since left the United Way. ○ United Way does have representation on the SHIP Advisory Council and thought this would be a great resource moving forward. ○ Nilda suggested the Coalition to End Homelessness as a partner as they work with 211, noting that their outreach is very targeted to individuals who call 211 and need assistance. ○ Nilda also made note that those on the brink of homelessness often have few resources and are not frequently addressed. ○ Marilyn mentioned that the WIC Program has resources for this group of individuals and would like to add breastfeeding support to this strategy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increasing points of access for affordable, healthy, and nutritious food <i>(tabled for next meeting)</i> ● Decrease number of people experiencing homelessness <i>(tabled for next meeting)</i> ● CT Property Maintenance Code <i>(tabled for next meeting)</i> ● Additional Partners suggested in the group chat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chris Venable -Greater Hartford CAN for Youth Housing Navigation Services ○ Coalition to End Homelessness Diane Berube ○ Journey Home Nadine Malone ○ CT Children's Healthy Homes program- Chris Corcocan. |
| <p>Next Steps</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evaluate Meeting (+/-) ● Review Next Steps ● Action Items for next month ● Next Meeting Date/Time: August 2, 2022 @10:00am via Zoom |