

Minutes
CT Food Policy Council June 14, 2012
CT Dept. of Agriculture

Present:

Members: Linda Drake – UCONN, Willard Seedman – DSS-SNAP, Linda Hubeny – DAS, Teri Dandeneau – CSDE, Gloria McAdam – Foodshare, John Frassinelli – DPH, Stan Sorkin – CFA, Mary Parizo, End Hunger CT(for Lucy Nolan)

Guests: Helena Hoover-Litty – CDA, Jean King - consultant, Frank Greene – DCP, Martha Page – HFS, Jaime Smith – WIC/DPH intern

Minutes of the April 12 meeting and the May 10 meeting were approved.

Old Business and Updates:

Linda reported that the Governor's Council is moving forward with their interviews. They will also be having focus groups and regional meetings. In a meeting that Linda and Jean King had with Commissioner Reviczky, they discussed having CFPC cosponsor one or more outreach meetings.

New Business:

Ideas for working with local and regional food policy councils.

Members suggested we should review our outcomes and suggestions from last year's meeting. We should also involve local groups in outreach meetings.

John Frassinelli suggested that we spend some time doing strategic planning for the next year. Jean King agreed to organize materials from past planning to discuss at the July meeting. We would ask End Hunger to discuss the progress of their campaign.

Gloria McAdam suggested that an annual report with data and outcomes would be useful for our work.

Linda Drake had emailed information about the new NYC Local Food Procurement Guidelines. Perhaps we can use these as a model for CT.

Agency Program Sharing:

DSS – Bill Seedman stated that in April DSS received 22,000 applications for SNAP, an all time record. There are now 206,000 families on SNAP in CT.

CSDE – Teri Dandeneau said the new meal pattern for breakfast and lunch goes into effect in July. USDA will pay 6 cents more to school districts who are certified. Paid lunch equity rules also go into effect for the next year so school districts may be increasing fees for full pay lunches.

End Hunger CT – There is a new program to text to get the locations of nearest summer food site. EHC is doing special outreach for senior enrollment in SNAP. Mary Parizo noted that seniors eligible and enrolled in SNAP can then automatically be in the MSP (Medicare Savings Program), an important advantage for the elderly.

Next Meeting: July 12 – AT FOODSHARE OFFICES
