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Childhood & Adult Obesity Task Force Regular Meeting
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Meeting Minutes

Task Force Attendees: *Lucy Nolan, Co-chair; Marlene Schwartz, Co-chair; Andrea Rynn; Neil Vitale*

Stakeholder Attendees: *Katie Martin; Tom Brooks*

Office of the State Comptroller:

Absent: *Christine Finck; Jennifer Smith-Turner*

Co-chairs welcomed all members to the meeting. Minutes from 1/8/10 were approved with minor edits.

Michelle Cloutier had been scheduled to speak on the State Asthma Prevention Initiative, but this will be tabled until the 3/5/10 meeting.

Katie Martin/UCONN: Corner Market and Healthy Food Initiative:

- Lack of access to healthy food-transportation environment.
- Healthy food in Hartford - Hartford Food System has created *Healthy Food Retailer Initiative* to shift store inventories from "junk to healthy food offerings."
- Qualitative research-perceptions and barriers: cost, even above quality, was the most prominent issue; transportation is a barrier to finding offerings. Preference is for medium-sized stores. There is a question of "what foods are healthy?"
- Preliminary findings: WIC changes are having some effect; there is an increase in the percentage of stores carrying low-fat milk and a larger variety of fruit.

- Implications:
  - Corner stores can play key role; there is a great deal of opportunity for improvement.
  - WIC changes have been a positive influence.
  - Advocacy will be a key issue going forward.
  - Targeting healthy snacking is important.

- Next steps
  - Examine impact of WIC changes
  - Schools collaboration
  - Asset mapping
  - Snack Distributor collaboration

Linda Drake/CFPC, Presented by Lucy Nolan:

There was a discussion of CFPC background, mission, membership and work. Food policies and effects, access and barriers, consumption and choices, food labeling, and cultural aspects were covered. Priority recommendations noted were: farmland preservation, farmland viability, meat processing and smart growth.

Marlene Schwartz presented a draft copy of the report to the Sustinet Committee. The report is divided into two sections: Guiding principles and Recommendations, and it is attached.
http://www.ct.gov/sustinet/cwp/view.asp?a=3825&q=456370

The group welcomed Neil Vitale and he shared his perspective.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting 3/5/10 at 1:00 pm at CT Association of Non-Profits.