



New Haven Food Policy Council

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2011

Members Present : Tagan Engel, Roberta Friedman, Monique Centrone, Diana Richter, Moses Boone, Fred Cofrancesco

Affiliates and guests present: Joel Toleman, Antonio Ramirez, Joseph S. Jr, Alycia Santilli, Anne Somsel, Sung In Johnson, James Beech, Nicole Berube, Maeve Rafferty, Laura Mattaliano, Susanna Damgaard, Luray Shepard, Justin Elicker, Anika Johnson, Mario Garcia

Staff: Ashley Kremser

Topics

Update on Food Policy Plan

- City lawyer decision
 - Next step in growth is to define the role of council member
- Mayors office
 - Robin and Tagan are meeting with the mayor's office this afternoon regarding food policy plan and staffing
- Outline of FPP
 - Fair Haven Community Health Center – Anne gives overview of clinic. The clinic is able to integrate the WIC into many of its programs. Diabetes prevention project – patients at risk are tested (2 hour glucose tolerance test) if they test positive for pre-diabetes or diabetes they are eligible to go through a lifestyle intervention program. Part of this program is in collaboration with Chabaso bakery and the gardens are used for education on food, cooking, etc.
 - A policy that other food policy councils support is increasing enrollment in WIC and SNAP. There is no cap on WIC and SNAP enrollment reimbursed by federal government.
 - End Hunger CT has a train the trainer program for WIC and SNAP. They will come to individuals for free.
Maeve will provide contact info.
 - The idea of connecting with poverty relief programs as part of food policy plan was brought up.
- Sustainability Plan – food topic meeting Monday June 20, 12-1:30pm
- CARE – assistance with FPP
- Moving forward – Committee meeting and project outline (Rob)
Information Gathering for FPP – from affiliate members or council members

Council Projects – divide tasks and responsibilities

- A brief discussion concerning whether the NHFPC should link to a city department took place. The council informally decided against the idea.
- **Website** - there is a draft of the information, the office of sustainability has a good model of city webpage that can be used as a model.
Frank & Moses volunteered to work on this.
- **Grant research and development** - *Diane volunteered to coordinate this project.* A meeting should be held in early/mid-July if possible. Possible participants include Katherine, Joel, Nicole, Diane and Alisha
- **Annual report** - *Ashley, Anne and Tagan to work on this*
- **Youth coalition development** - Lydia Bornick
- **Mapping project**
 - An intern from Mario Garcia's office, Susanna, is working on this project. A work plan for the summer has been established as well as meeting dates for this time period.
 - Currently one major focus is documenting how food gets into New Haven. Dave Yandow at the regional market and Fresh Point might be able to provide good leads.
- **Healthy Meals Initiative** Justin to help coordinate a meeting on this topic among interested parties from the last meeting

Youth Coalition

- Establish meeting times for city wide group – starting in September
- Lydia Bornick – from City Wide Youth Coalition – volunteering to coordinate
 - Sound school has been contacted to become involved for September. We need someone to coordinate activities for Youth Council. Lydia has volunteered to help do this. The idea would be to bring more students in, work on leadership as a group and how the students will be involved in FP work in real concrete ways.
 - Nicole volunteers CitySeed's Vista, who will be joining them in July, to work on this project
 - A report should be given at every meeting by a Food Policy Council member about developments of Youth Coalition

June Annual Report

- Process for writing and approval

Interview potential New Council Member

Anika Johnson - WIC – Cornel Scott Hill Health

Vote: To recommend Anika Johnson to be appointed as a council member. All in favor: unanimous.

Healthy Meals Ordinance

- One Pager complete – incorporates a diagram of obesity levels, frequency that children are eating at fast food, nutrition content of meals, etc.
- How to proceed with community outreach
- The potential fiscal impacts should be further explored and documented. Draft document should be passed around to various departments for review.

**Next Food Policy Council Meeting
Wednesday July 20, 2011 - 8 - 9:45am
City Hall Meeting Room #3**