



# New Haven Food Policy Council (NHFPC) Meeting Minutes – January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Attendees:

*Council members:* Isa Muhajid, Austin Bryniarski, Alycia Santilli, Maria Tupper, Ashley Kremser, Richard Furlow, Kimberly Hart, Mark Firla

*Affiliate and community members:* Joy Johannes, Susan Harris, Alanna Gilbert, Kimberly Acosta, Michael Lebwohl, Russell Moore, Kathleen Flynn, Gail Shary, Bradley Fleming

Austin called the meeting to order at 8:38 AM. Introductions around the room were made.

## Policy Advancement Committee Updates

- Austin shared that they are diligently working on background research into expansion of afternoon suppers which is currently implemented on a school by school basis. Strategizing on ways to expand throughout the city.
- Austin shared that as a committee they'd like to focus on food worker protection and are interested in doing research on wage theft within our city.
- Ashley & Austin to meet with someone regarding wage theft. Interested as a committee for food worker protection as part of research.
- Isa moved to Hamden so he is no longer eligible to be chair of NHFPC

## FAWG Updates

- Kimberly gave a recap of last's weeks FAWG meeting which featured two presentations: Yale's Accountable Health Communities (AHC) & Coordinated Access Network (CAN)
- Yale has received a grant through the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services for patient navigation related to social determinants of health, one of which includes food insecurity. There are concerns about launching this project and navigating thousands of patients to the social service world without notifying them first resulting in them being inundated with patients and not being able to service them.

- Next FAWG meeting is February 6<sup>th</sup> at United Way

#### Office of Food System and Policy Updates

- Genesis Vicente was hired as the new Food System Administrator. New email has been set up: [fsadmin@cityseed.org](mailto:fsadmin@cityseed.org) for all communication regarding food systems work.
- Joy Johannes has resigned from her position as Food System Policy Director. Her last day will be January 31<sup>st</sup>. Joy urged the council to write a letter to the Mayor to have her position filled immediately.
- Joy reviewed the Kendall Foundation funds which fund the Food System Administrator & Food System Policy Director positions.
- Joy would like to see her position used as an advocate & information sharer between the NHFPC and the city.
- Joy gave an update on the police substations which are opening food pantries. The site on Dixwell still needs a non-profit partner. She is currently working on putting together a contract between the City of New Haven and the CT FoodBank for funding to provide food distribution services for a year.
- Joy will be submitting the Milan Food Pact Ordinance for the City of New Haven

#### Potluck Update

- Austin gave update on “**Stir the Pot**” food education series
- Locations and dates are tentative however, a press release and newsletter will follow

#### BoE Meeting & Supper Service in the NHPS

- Gayle transitioned 3 schools from snack to supper.
- Gayle is continuing to push for supper meals. Some of the challenges they are facing are: attendance, picking a time convenient for all, timing of the suppers and how it takes away from their enrichment programs.
- The Boys & Girls Club, charter schools, & day cares are reaching out to be a part of the program as well.
- Gayle suggested that the NHFPC help with finding solutions to the challenges faced and help with getting funding for these programs to continue.

#### Action Items:

- Follow up with the city to make sure Food System Policy Director position posts
- Make sure Genesis gets on any list serves [fsadmin@cityseed.org](mailto:fsadmin@cityseed.org)
- Get Genesis: Tennille Murphy’s resignation letter & attendance sheet of NHFPC meetings

- Actively recruit council members due to having 3 empty seats.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 AM

Meetings

Policy Advancement Committee: TBA

FAWG: Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM at United Way

Potluck: Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM at CitySeed

Next Food Policy Council Meeting – Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 AM