

Connecticut Food Policy Council  
Community Food Security Report Working Group  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 18th, 2015

**Attendees**

Lucy Nolan, (EHC!/Vice Chair); Adam Rabinowitz (UCONN); Jiff Martin (UCONN); Martha Page (HFS); Jessica Mahon (EHC!); Nadege Rengaile (UCONN); Peggy Zamore (DFMCC)

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am

**Discussion of layout for 1<sup>st</sup> report: Food Assistance & Community at-risk ranking**

The subcommittee group started off the discussion with brainstorming ideas for the layout of the first section of the whole report to determine how to communicate the data of community at-risk and food assistance rankings effectively to provide the most use for the viewer. Below are the points that were discussed:

- Provide a comparison of both rankings between 2012 and 2015 to highlight any significant change
- Instead of using quartiles to rank towns, use 10% intervals for ranking
- The use of color on the maps will be changed to highlight the relationship between the Food Assistance and Community at-risk ranking. It would show whether towns are doing better or worse relative to where they are placed in each ranking, which is meant to coincide with each other.
- The language of the report will be adjusted to clarify what each ranking is measuring.
- The report will include a page for organizations, councils, and campaigns in CT that are currently doing work addressing food security
- More pictures highlighting food assistance, urban/rural areas, and food insecurity in CT will be added to the report.

**Outreach Efforts**

The subcommittee discussed conducting listening sessions across the state to spread the word about the reports and gather interest. Local organizations who would like the report to be presented to their community/organization can make a request to organize the event and the reports will be presented by UCONN and the local organization can host a community conversation afterward.

The subcommittee also discussed that the CFPC will do an initial introduction to the reports at the LOB and invite local food policy councils and other organizations across the state. All of the reports should be finished at the time of the initial presentation and the subcommittee agreed that it should be conducted on Food Day, Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

Next meeting will be announced