

Cumberland County Food Security Council Meeting notes

Thursday, January 14, 2016, Wayside Food Programs, Portland

Attending:

Mary Zwolinski, Mary Turner, Kathryn Sargent, Stuart Leckie, Monica Gerrish, Stephanie Aquilina, Jen McDonald, Bryan O'Connor, Chrystina Gastelum, Danielle DiCenzo, Kate Gustafson, Jim Hanna, Judy Gatchell (by phone)

- Reviewed agenda and why we are here

The CCFSC was using our regular Leadership Team bimonthly meeting slot to begin the review of Council priorities for the foreseeable future. Mission, Vision and Values were read.

- Reviewed CCFSC work over past year

Jim presented the progress toward greater food security CCFSC initiated and was involved in during 2015. (Summary report attached.)

- Discussed options for changes in CCFSC organizational structure

Bryan O'Connor, Vice President of Finance for Good Shepherd Food Bank was with us to discuss GSFB's fiscal agency, particularly as it relates to CCFSC fundraising. Jim had asked GSFB staff what would be involved in adding a "Donate" button to the now functional CCFSC web site. Bryan reviewed that, in general, fiscal agency is intended to be a temporary support while an entity either completes a project or acquires its own organizational status. He suggested that if CCFSC is going to need GSFB fiscal agency for more than another year, we may need to change how the accounting is currently done. We will continue reviewing options and will propose a solution.

- Discussed survey responses and CCFSC strategic priorities.

It was observed that that all of the priorities listed were receiving significant support. Some of them are processes that could be ways to achieve others which could be considered goals. Here is a link to all responses:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-DW3D56GQ/>

- Prepared recommendations and framework for February Council meeting

Those present agreed it was a good idea to keep the survey open and collect additional responses prior to the February meeting. It was asked, how we as a Council get to shared action. We discussed the success we had with action oriented meetings using the advocacy work groups framed by specific issues as a model. How do we get there again?

- Confirmed dates for 2016 meetings

The Council will continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month in the morning.