

EHHD/Tolland County
Community Transformation Meeting
Minutes

October 23, 2012

Coventry Town Hall Annex (behind the Town Hall)

Attending: Mary Withey, Tara Bergeron, Vicki Fry, Terri Gareau, Kyle Chmielecki, Ande Bloom, Laura Leibowitz, Monica Pacheco, Kevin Grunwald, Deb Luby, Kathleen Krider, Sandra Frizzell, Rob Miller, Heather Freeman, Gladys

The meeting began at 8:30 with a welcome and introductions.

Members provided local PSE updates as follows:

V. Fry: UConn promotes men's health through the Man-up initiative (preventive screenings)

M. Withey: Flu clinics continue to be hosted by VNAE; while the numbers are holding steady, there is an overall low rate of participation in the community

L. Leibowitz: The Tolland Garden Club has partnered with the FRC; 2 garden plots available

M. Pacheco: Healthy hunger free food act has changed the look of school food service; legumes are served at least once a week. There is a need for companion education to align with changes (toolbox of sorts).

G. Morgan: Flu clinics being held, but fewer seniors are attending; possibly due to other opportunities in the community.

K. Grunwald: Mobile food share program is operating in Mansfield on alternate Thursdays

S. Frizzell: Garden club at school has been successful; had a potato crop this year that students helped prepare after growing; Chaplin began a breakfast program and allows in-room eating/service – helping change student performance

K. Krider: Importance of FRCs growing – probate courts see need in community; MAC is working with UConn students to look at ways to provide services to families

R. Miller: State leadership team for CTG is looking at state-wide issues that can be addressed in the 3 Strategic Directions

Members completed a worksheet on community assets they are aware of to help inform the Community Health Needs Assessment

H. Freeman presented an idea for consideration regarding photo journaling for the Community At Large CHANGE sector. All members were invited to take some key photos in their community to contribute to the documentation of our community environment relating to the 4 topical areas of the CHANGE Tool (nutrition, physical activity, tobacco, and chronic disease management). She will pull together a drop box or flicker account for photos to be contributed and will send around to the group.

Another aspect of completing the CHANGE Tool for Community Organizations (CIO) was presented by A. Bloom. It was suggested that several workshop sessions be hosted and invite organizations to attend to learn more about how their organizational policies and environment impact the community as a whole. The group agreed to use the November meeting for a workshop; the EHHD will organize and send out invitations to the CHART so that others can be invited.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in workgroups to discuss options for inviting additional community partners to the table and other data that might inform the Community Health Needs Assessment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00. Next meeting to be held in Mansfield on November 27th at a time to be determined based on the plan to host CHANGE Tool workshops.