

EHHD/Tolland County  
Community Transformation Meeting  
**Minutes**

**September 25, 2012**

Tolland Recreation Center

Attending: Kyle Chmielecki, Tom Ainsworth, Ande Bloom, Heather Freeman, Chris Grulke, Kevin Grunwald, Kathleen Krider, Deb Luby, Elizabeth McCosh Lillie, Sally Milius, Rob Miller, Bette Stern, Mary Withey

Meeting convened at 8:35.

Members provided updates on local PSE changes they were aware of:

K. Grunwald: Mobile food share program sponsored by the Mansfield Human Services will begin on alternate Thursdays. There was a town policy change to allow staff to have release time to support the effort and volunteer at the site.

K. Krider: The Discovery Collaborative in Mansfield has completed a data book for Mansfield children birth to 8 years that focuses on connectedness, health, and learning. Also updated the group on a new community licensed kitchen CLICK in Willimantic.

R. Miller: The CADH is working to make the HEI sustainable by networking with CCM to get the legislature to fund the resource for all towns; Coventry has been funded by DOT for SRTS; the Ag Commissioner has asked the EHHD DOH to serve on a state farmers' market council; might have opportunity in state to reduce tobacco sales due to state statute that prevents patient care sites from selling tobacco products (many pharmacies are providing care – should prohibit tobacco sales).

B. Stern: Tennis courts have been completed through a grant from USTA; almost every day the courts are full; 53 residents signed up for lessons including Quick Start for young children

E. McCosh Lillie: Region 19 fields are working out well; being used

M. Withey: Flu shot clinics are ready for the season

Bloom asked the group for assistance with completing the CHANGE Tool for the Community at Large.

K. Chmielecki and S. Milius will work with A. Bloom to complete the Mansfield Town CAL assessment; H. Freeman will pull together a team in Tolland to complete that town's assessment; R. Miller and K. Krider will work with the Coventry assessment. Will work to find contacts in Vernon to complete an assessment for that town as well.

The draft of the HEI section of the CHNA was reviewed. A few of the comments regarding the data include: Union – keep in mind that many residents receive medical services in Massachusetts, and that their educational data might be skewed because they do not have a high school – all students are tuitioned into other schools. It will be important to look into the story behind the numbers and to focus on childhood opportunities to plan for improvements in 10 years. There was a question about why transportation was not reflected in the HEI as a social determinant. It was agreed that it would be looked into.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00. The next meeting of the CHART will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> in Coventry.