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Connecticut

Food Service Committee Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 9, 2022 via Zoom

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:03PM by Mr. Matt Wilcox.

Attendance: Mr. Thomas Lamb (Chief Operating Officer), Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III, (Chair), Mr. Matt Wilcox (Vice-Chair), Ms. Alyson Fox, Ms. Susan Harris, Ms. Maria Karas, Ms. Gail Sharry,

II. Introductions and Announcements: Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III introduced himself. Afterwards, members and attendees took turns introducing themselves. Ms. Alyson Fox and Ms. Brooke Logan, Deputy Health Director, have been added to the email list.

III. Update on Food Gap Subgroup: Reminder of dates and discussion about available data that can support the group Ms. Alyson Fox announced that four school sites will be used as pop-up food pantries for the February school break. Ms. Fox explained that a network of partners is collaborating to ensure success. The short-term goal is to engage neighborhood pantries and volunteers and repeat the process during the April break. The long-term goal is to develop a yearly plan and tap into broader resources with community partners. Current partners include Loaves and Fishes, Cathedral of Higher Praise, NICE, Breakthrough, CFAN Pantry Partners, CT Food Share, United Way of Greater New Haven, and New Haven Public Schools. February Pop-Up Pantry information will be distributed to families via New Haven Public Schools automated calls and flyers and will be at the following school sites on February 22, 2022 from 3:30PM-5:00PM:

Roberto Clemente School – 360 Columbus Ave.

Wexler-Grant School – 55 Foote St.

Brennan-Rogers School – 200 Wilmot Rd.

FAME School – 255 Blatchley Ave.

IV. Update on Life-Threatening Allergy Advocacy Peer Group: There are no updates at this time. Mr. Lamb will consult with Senior Management as to the status of this line item. This topic will remain on the agenda for future meetings.



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V. Update on Finalizing Life-Threatening Food Allergy Management Plan Including Implementation, Forms, and Website Posting:

Mr. Lamb reported that all documents are finalized and in the process of being posted on the website. Mr. Lamb will send a notice to Mr. Wilcox when posting has been completed. The plan will be reviewed annually and updates will be made periodically as they develop. The next Board of Education review of the plan will be August 8, 2022.

VI. Update on Food Policies:

There are no updates at this time. This topic will remain on the agenda for future meetings.

VII. Other Business:

Ms. Sharry expressed interest in consulting with the Director of Health, Marissa Bonds, in hopes of restarting the salad bar option to students in April.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2022. Agenda items are due to the Chair (Dr. Orlando Yarborough) by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

Adjournment:

On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to adjourn at 5:42PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Myers

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Central Kitchen Clerk