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Food Service Committee Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 8, 2021 via Zoom

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Mr. Larry Conaway.

Attendance: Mr. Thomas Lamb (Chief Operating Officer), Mr. Larry Conaway (Chair), Mr. Matt Wilcox (Vice-Chair), Mr. Billy Bromage, Ms. Susan Harris, Ms. Luz Holmes, Ms. Maria Karas, Ms. Gail Sharry, Ms. Maren Tornay, Ms. JoAnne Wilcox

II. Introductions and Announcements: Mr. Conaway introduced himself. Afterward, attendees and members of the committee took turns introducing themselves. Mr. Conaway announced that his term with the Food Service Task Force will end effective December 31, 2021; therefore, this will be his last meeting operating as Chair. Mr. Conaway extended his gratitude and thankfulness to all involved and who have collaborated with the Food Service Task Force.

III. Update on Known District Food Gaps for 2021-2022 School Year: Mr. Bromage stated that the City of New Haven will not get the Covid funding that was used to distribute meals during the August food gap. Those funds are no longer available, therefore providing meals during gaps is not possible at this time. Ms. Holmes was encouraged to create a subcommittee to address the food gap need by utilizing the partnerships developed during the August food gap. The Food Service Task Force can be used as a support system by posting information obtained from Ms. Holmes on the website as a means of supplying information to families in need. Ms. Holmes will be working closely with Mr. Bromage, Ms. Harris, and Ms. Wilcox to obtain information needed to move forward with creating the subcommittee.

IV. Life-Threatening Allergy Advocacy Peer Group: There are no updates at this time. 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 the Health Department continues to work on approval of the new forms, training of the nursing staff, and giving status updates of their progress. Mr. Lamb will continue to report updates to the Food Service Task Force. This topic will remain on the agenda for future meetings.

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:

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 12, 2022. Agenda items are due to the Chair (Mr. Matt Wilcox), by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday January 5, 2022.

Adjournment:

On the Motion by Mr. Conaway to adjourn at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Myers

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