

## **Human Services Coordinating Council (HSCC) Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. EST**

### **Council Members and Attendees**

Liz Buczynski	West Hartford, Asst. Director of Social Services
Michael Hines	CT Judicial Branch, Deputy Director of Adult Services
Joel Cox	Manchester, Director of Human Services
Allyson Nadeau	Amplify, Executive Director
Mark White	CT Judicial Branch, Director of Adult Probation
Jon Basso	Red Cross, North Central CT Territory, Senior Director of Disaster Cycle Services
Jordan Scheff	CT Dept of Developmental Services, Commissioner
Bridget Joy	East Windsor, Social Services Intake
Lori Butenas	East Windsor, Dept. of Social Services, Human Services
Allison Maynard	Somers, Director of Human Services
Julie Revaz	CT Judicial Branch, Director of Administration
Chlo-Anne Bobrowski	CT State Dept of Education – Education Manager
Carrie Concatelli	Bolton, Director of Senior and Social Services
Tammy Freeberg	The Village for Families and Children, VP Strategy & Planning
Jennifer Bennett	Avon, Senior Center Coordinator
Camilla Hillian	Bloomfield, Director of Social and Youth Services
Matt Hellman	Vernon, Director of Social Services
Daniel Rosario	Wethersfield, Elderly Services Coordinator

### **CRCOG Staff**

Robyn Nichols	CRCOG Principal Program Manager, MSC
Jacob Knowlton	CRCOG Community Development Planner

### **Guests**

Kelly Davila	Data Haven, Senior Research Associate
Paul Shipman	CT Foodshare, Senior Director of Network Services
Joey Listro	New Britian Roots, Founder and Executive Director

1. The virtual meeting was called to order by Robyn Nichols, CRCOG Principal Program Manager, at 10:02 a.m. ET.
2. Welcome and Introductions were done.
3. There was no public comment.

4. Motion was made by Liz Buczynski (West Hartford) and seconded by Camilla Hillian (Bloomfield) to approve the June 27, 2023 and August 31, 2023 HSCC Minutes. Chlo-Anne Bobrowski abstained. Motion passed and Minutes approved.

5. Presentations and Discussion – Food Systems/Food Insecurity

Kelly Davila, Data Haven, discussed food insecurity and health outcomes in the CRCOG region.

Paul Shipman, CT Foodshare, discussed CT Foodshare’s role and response to hunger and food insecurity in the CRCOG region, including community partnerships, access, and awareness to food programs. Resources include: Mobile food pantries (text “Foodshare to 85511), SNAP Outreach (860-856-HELP) and 211CT.org.

Joey Listro, New Britain Roots, discussed urban agriculture, community gardens, and sustainable food system programs and services in New Britain, CT, including Hunger Action Team, partner programs with farmers markets, SNAP Bee Bucks, and educational outreach programs and services.

6. Question and Answer session included discussion of food systems in a circular economy, including composting, produce (e.g., animal feed and biofuel), food deserts, and need for additional funding sources to develop programs, services, and technologies to barriers and ongoing challenges. Also, encouraged municipal/institutional involvement to “close the loop” for zero waste.

7. Next Steps – Robyn Nichols announced next HSCC Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. (Topic: Homelessness and Impacting Factors). Save the Date Meeting Invite and presentation materials to be provided. Also, encouraged HSCC members to send topics of interest for future meetings to Robyn Nichols at CRCOG.

8. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m. ET.

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