

St. Paul/Ramsey County Food and Nutrition Commission

December 6, 2010

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Ramsey County Library
2180 Hamline Avenue, Roseville**

Welcome, Introductions, Recap from Last Meeting (10 minutes)

Understanding How Change Works: Levels and Processes of Change (20 minutes)

- What are types and levels of systems change?
- What are structures and processes for change that support these types and levels of changes?
- What 'counts' as policy changes associated with community food environments?
- What is the unique role of food policy councils with respect to changing community food environments? What are they empowered to do and change? What is their scope of influence?
- In what ways can policy at the city and county level lead to these changes?
- What are some examples of how food policy council change priorities are translated into policy work?
- What are change priorities identified by the Commission?

Conversation

What's coming clear about the role, reach and impact of the Food and Nutrition Commission?

Matching Our Priorities to Policies: What do food policy councils do? (30 minutes)

Small Group Conversation

- What are potential policies associated with the priorities identified by the Commission?
- What are potential approaches that Commission task forces can recommend that will forward systems change around these priorities?

Large Group Conversation

- What will be important for task forces to consider as they shape the Commission's priorities into proposed policy changes?
- In what ways can the task forces serve as a means to engage a broader range of community members in the Commission's decision-making process?

Task Force Development (15 minutes)

- What decisions have the Commission made about task forces?
- What is left to be done?
- What is timeline?
- Who can develop framework for review by Commission members at January meeting?

Building an Effective Communications Process (15 minutes)

- What has the Commission identified as communications needs, purposes and outlets?
- What are next steps with developing an effective, comprehensive communications approach?
- What will be important to consider that we haven't yet discussed?

Skills Inventory, Capacities, and Leadership (25 minutes)

- What did we learn from the skills inventory?
- What have we already identified in terms of helpful skill sets for Commission and Task Force leadership?
- How can this inform our thinking about Commission and task force leadership?
- What decisions do we need to make about Commission leadership? Task force leadership?
- How else can we make use of what we learned from the inventory to inform our structure? Process? Work ahead?

Next Steps: Agenda Ideas for 2011 (5 minutes)

Next meeting:

Monday, January 3, 2011, 5:30 – 7:30

Ramsey County Plato Building

Conference Center

90 Plato Blvd., West, first floor

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