

## INC

### Notes, January 29, 2008

Present: Penny Roth, Stephanie Bess, Amina Everett, Jamie Gates, Sue Henley, Mary Ellen, Jim Brown, Mary Jane Forney, Vicky Rowe, and Joyce Fykri

Topic		Action Steps
<b>Minutes from December</b>	<p>Mary Jane requested an amendment to reflect her work with the Dept. of Corrections. They are working to have them box food for food pantries.</p> <p>Also, she did discuss Food Service Sanitation Courses for inmates- she will keep us apprised.</p>	
<b>Update from Early Learning Council</b>	<p>Penny reported that she and Robin Orr attended the last Early Learning Council conference call. The discussion focused around issues related to providing pre-school for all.</p>	
<b>Illinois Food, Farms and Jobs Task Force</b>	<p>Several INC members have been appointed to this group. The first meeting is 1/30/08. Will likely add a link to the minutes etc for this group to the INC website.</p> <p>A report will be due to the 2009 General Assembly by 9/30/08. The group was a little late in having all appointments made.</p>	<p>Penny will ask Robin to have the link added to our website.</p>
<b>Nutrition Month Event Planning</b>	<p>Suggestion from Dec meeting to hold “mini-INC” meetings around the state where local groups related to food access would come together. These meetings would be held in the month of March with representation from food pantries, food stamps, WIC, etc. These groups already exist in some places and we would recognize them. This work would hopefully continue on.</p> <p>Jamie noted that groups like these have come together around the School Wellness policies. S. IL Schools and Bloomington</p>	

	<p>both have strong support.</p> <p>Robin Orr has agreed to work on this. Jamie can assist.</p>	<p>Email Penny if you would like to be part of the planning process.</p>
<b>Legislation Update</b>	<p>No news.</p>	
<b>INC Sharing</b>	<p>Amina reported that emergency feeding received 8 responses to their RFP. This will result in SFY09 contracts. No current contractor were lost. The Riverbend Food Reservoir will be expanding to 5 new areas and cover 17 counties. Northern Illionios Food bank has reduced their service area (some went to River Bend). River Bend also took on some of Peoria’s service area.</p> <p>Joyce noted AFHK is working on a May 6 Wellness Conference in Decatur. This is directed toward schools. Rob Discegyle, is the new National Director for AFHK.</p> <p>Penny shared info on the “Good Greens Festival” which was planned for Chicago—this event may not happen now.</p> <p>Mary Ellen reported that on 2/26 a mini-food summit in Madison Co to try and expand support for summer feeding programs in the areas. Food banks etc will also be involved. Brenda Evans at the Madison Co. local HFS office is planning this and can provide more information. Amina has been invited to speak.</p> <p>Jamie stated they have 20 additional CATCH schools—grand total of 86 now. Goal of 120. Looking to get some state funding to move on with their goal. 3 programs are district-wide now.</p> <p>Chandana Nandi, the Division Chief for Chronic Disease with</p>	<p>Mary Ellen will contact Brenda and find out how we might become more involved-if appropriate.</p>

	<p>IDPH has taken a new position and her last day is tomorrow. No news about a replacement as this time.</p> <p>Penny shared that CSFP is adding cheese to the commodities provided. Also expanding service via Northern IL Food Bank. The Farmers Market Program may be expanded to additional counties for the 2008 season.</p> <p>Funding to WIC did come through however, caseload continues to rise as do food costs.</p> <p>WIC has a new formula contract effective 2/1/08 switching from Ross to Mead Johnson. Please direct any questions or concerns you may have to the WIC Program.</p> <p>Stephanie reported on the proposed changes to the WIC Food Packages. INC is noted in the implementation timeline as an advisory group to the WIC Program.</p>	
<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p>	<p>2/29 Hunger Coalition annual meeting. Iowa Extension Pediatric Nutrition Symposium—cost prohibitive IPHA 4/8-4/10 at the Spfld Hilton.</p>	

Next meeting Tuesday, March 25, 2008 in person-Springfield