

D R A F T Agenda  
Child Poverty and Prevention Council Meeting

Thursday, June 17, 2010  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Legislative Office Building, Room 2B  
Hartford, Connecticut

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| I.   | Welcome and Introductions<br><i>Brenda Sisco, Chair</i>                          | 2:00 p.m. |
| II.  | Approve Minutes of the January 12 Meeting<br><i>Brenda Sisco, Chair</i>          | 2:10 p.m. |
| III. | 2010 Legislation Impacting Child Poverty or Prevention<br><i>Anne Foley, OPM</i> | 2:15 p.m. |
| IV.  | Priority Recommendations   | 2:40 p.m. |
|      | A. Increase Enrollment in LIHEAP<br><i>Pam Giannini, DSS</i>                     |           |
|      | B. Increase Enrollment in WIC<br><i>Renee Coleman-Mitchell, DPH</i>              |           |
| V.   | Supplemental Poverty Measure<br><i>Anne Foley, OPM</i>                           | 3:40 p.m. |
| VI.  | Update on State Fiscal Situation<br><i>Brenda Sisco, Chair</i>                   | 3:50 p.m. |
| VII. | Adjournment  | 4:00 p.m. |
|      | a. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 21 at 2:00 p.m.                             |           |

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**Meeting Summary**

**Child Poverty and Prevention Council**  
**Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

**Members Present:** Robert Genuario (Chair), Paul Flinter for George Coleman (SDE), Lindy Lee Gold (DECD), Rudy Brooks for Susan Hamilton (DCF), Laura Amenta (CTF), Dennis King (DOT), Michelle Hayward (DOC), Alice Frechette-Johns (DOL), Michael Meotti (DHE), Peter O'Meara (DDS), David Kent for Robert Brothers (CHRO), Christine Keller (Judicial), Faith VosWinkel (OCA), Peter Palermino for Claudette Beaulieu (DSS), and Elaine Zimmerman (COC).

**Members Absent:** Norma Gyle (DPH), Senator MaryAnn Handley (Senate Democrats), Dianne Harnad (DMHAS), Representative Mary Mushinsky (House Democrats), Representative Lile Gibbons (House Republicans), Gregg Cogswell (Senate Republicans).

**Others Participants:** Anne Foley (OPM), Representative Jack Thompson, and Paul Susen (Connecticut Community Colleges).

Agenda Item	Action Taken
Welcome and Introductions	Chair Robert Genuario convened the meeting at 2:10 p.m. The chair introduced new council members Laura Amenta (present), Lile Gibbons (absent), Dianne Harnad (absent), and Gregg Cogswell (absent). Council members introduced themselves.
Approve Minutes of the November 2009 Meeting	Lindy Gold moved approval of the September 2009 meeting minutes and Faith VosWinkel seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
Role of Federally Qualified Health Centers	Representative Jack Thompson presented information on community health centers which provide quality care at reasonable cost to a broad cross-section of residents. He cited several advantages to community health centers

	<p>including their nonprofit status, participation in the National Health Service Corps to attract medical professionals, immunity from malpractice claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act, extensive use of information technology, and ability to provide patients with “medical homes”.</p>
<p>Review 2010 Progress Report</p>	<p>Anne Foley of OPM led a discussion of the draft 2010 progress report. Members recommended various modifications.</p> <p><i>Identification of Successful Interagency Collaborations</i></p> <p>Members identified successful interagency collaborations for inclusion in the 2010 progress report. Various members will transmit new or updated information regarding collaborations to Anne by 1/19 for inclusion in the report.</p> <p><i>Strategies to Increase Attainment of Associates Degrees</i></p> <p>Commissioner Meotti and Paul Susan presented information and ideas regarding strategies to increase attainment of associates degrees. Members discussed strategies for inclusion in the 2010 progress report.</p> <p><i>Background on Child Care Subsidies</i></p> <p>Peter Palermino presented information regarding child care in Connecticut, focusing on DSS’ Care4Kids program. The program provides subsidized day care for 21,422 children statewide.</p>
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>Anne Foley will revise the progress report and distribute it to council members prior to submission to the Governor and legislative committees of cognizance</p> <p>The chair distributed a letter from State Representative John Kefalas of Colorado requesting council members to urge federal</p>

	<p>policy makers to improve the federal poverty measure. Elaine Zimmerman will draft a letter for council review.</p> <p>The council briefly discussed federal Earned Income Tax Credit outreach efforts. Peter Palermino will transmit information to agencies for dissemination to clients and the public regarding EITC.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Dennis King moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Faith VosWinkel. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.</p>