The CT Food Policy Council Invites You To….

A Hospital-Community Collaboration:

Expanding Access to Nutritious Food To Improve Community Health

May 8th, 2015

Middlesex Community College

100 Training Hill Road, Middletown, CT

1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

In light of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) final ruling regarding non-profit hospitals' community health needs assessment obligations, there are more opportunities for hospitals to collaborate with community partners to address food insecurity and malnutrition.

The Connecticut Food Policy Council is convening CT hospitals, local food policy councils, public health experts, medical professionals, and other community-based organizations to hear from leading national experts on the subject of "Food Insecurity as a Health Issue" and to explore opportunities to strengthen collaboration at the community level.

Experts and leaders in the field will present data on innovative projects that

address food insecurity and health.

**Kevin Concannon**, USDA Undersecretary for Food, Nutrition

& Consumer Services will be our keynote speaker.

**Seth Berkowitz, MD, MPH**, a faculty member of Harvard Medical School

and  Massachusetts General Hospital will present "Food

Insecurity and Chronic Disease: A Mechanistic Approach"

with results from his research.

**Kim Gans, Ph.D.,MPH, LDN**, Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at UCONN and **Gemma Gorham** of "Fresh to You" Rhode

Island will present compelling results from a recent study on the impact of mobile food markets addressing food insecurity.

**Kola Akindele, JD**, Community Relations Manager, of Hartford Hospital

and **Martha Page, MPH, CPH**, Executive Director of Hartford Food System and Chair of Hartford Advisory Council on Food Policy will discuss the "Hartford Mobile Market," a community benefit project in partnership with the Hispanic Health Council and supported by the Harvard Pilgrim HealthCare Foundation

Our goal is to promote the understanding of: the profound connection between food insecurity and disease the new emphasis on addressing social determinants of illness in the ACA and IRS final rule on community health needs assessment obligations of charitable hospitals the success of publicly funded programs in addressing food insecurity through unique new collaborations with non-profit hospitals across the country Model Collaborations with Evaluation Data: Examples of "the possible" and most importantly... hospitals and community groups will leave with a better understanding of how they can work together at the local and regional level.

So Come and Join

Us!

To Sign Up for

the Event Click the Link Below

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