

**Illinois Local and Organic Food and Farms Task Force  
January 30, 2008**

**Meeting of the Education Committee**

**Members present: Carrie Edgar, Stan Schutte, Chris Dennis, Dayna Conner**

**Discussion**

- Education is a component of all other task force committee work. The Education Committee could potentially become a subcommittee of each of those committees.
- Because resources for grassroots efforts are limited, so it's beneficial to draw on the successes of others. This committee could begin its work by identifying models of successful education programs. Then we might determine a way to make the information widely available.
- A resource connector may be a first step. We could categorize resources under specific themes. Through this process we may easily see what's missing, which could vary by region.
- How to begin to identify these resources? Perhaps we can start by asking task force members to name 5-10 organizations already doing something in the field. The information can be compiled under various headings, i.e. Laws and Regulations. There is a suggestion to narrow the categories to committee topics, which is agreed by all.
- Carrie will compose a draft email message to be sent to task force members and which can also be adapted to send out to people in various fields.
- We should check with Pam Horowitz to get contact information for people in the Coalition Resource Inventory that work with education.
- Review of the Bill and visioning list from this morning to see what education items might be missing that should be addressed by the committee. Discussion of simplifying the process for people who want to start food-related enterprises. These processes could be different for each area as local rules and resources vary.

**Tasks**

Carrie will compose a draft email message to send to task force members and others requesting links or other connection to educational resources.

Someone check with Pam Horowitz about education contact information from the Coalition Resource Inventory.

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