



# Maryland Food System Resiliency Council

Communication and Coordination Subcommittee  
May 10, 2022 11:00am-12:00pm

1. Welcome
2. Standing meeting date/time change
  - a) The subcommittee has agreed to meet once a month, the preliminary work plan is developed in keeping with this request.
  - b) The subcommittee meeting will be scheduled on Monday at 1pm for the June meeting. Moving forward a doodle poll can be sent to members to vote on scheduling future meetings.
- ~~3. Interim Report Review~~
4. Preliminary work plan for June – September
  - a) **Deliverables November 1, 2022**
    - i. Report to the Maryland General Assembly with recommendations for a long term structure for a statewide food policy council including:
      - o Appropriate policy and legislative changes
      - o Potential ways to restructure the Council as such:
        - ✓ Placing the Council within a different agency or organizations; and
        - ✓ Enacting a sunset provision for the Council
      - o Any other recommendations of the council
    - b) **Any option that does not include remaining at MDEM in some capacity will require a change in statute.**
    - c) Five Structural Options will be researched and presented as a SWOT analysis to the subcommittee, for consideration at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The subcommittee will suggest three options to the FSRC during the August 4<sup>th</sup> FSRC meeting. Tentative options include:
      - i. Stay with MDEM
      - ii. Move to another state agency (DHS, Ag, etc.)
      - iii. Become quasi-governmental (e.g. MARBIDCO)
      - iv. Become semi-independent, Board-governed entity (e.g. 9-1-1)



- Board)
- v. Become fully independent (501c(3))
- d) During July the subcommittee will continue flushing out pros/cons or identify other options for organization and structure
- e) Group Suggestions/Questions:
  - i. Ensure the council exists beyond the current political leadership, so that the council is not seen as part of one political party, therefore preventing duplication of efforts or relearning past lessons.
  - ii. There are funding advantages noted associated with State connections to the council.
  - iii. How does the new Resiliency Officer fit into the council? Where can the council have the most influence?
  - iv. Concerns were identified for the council, if the council remains linked with a State Agency, as resources could change depending on administration interest and associated funding.
- f) Work Plan is approved by the subcommittee
- 5. Next steps and adjourn
  - ✓ MDEM staff will provide read ahead materials by June 7<sup>th</sup>