



Maryland Food System Resiliency Council

Distribution and Access Subcommittee

Apr 21, 2022 1:00pm-2:00pm

1. **Welcome**
2. **Group Discussion**
 - a. Revisit County focused Food Council
 - i. Resiliency hubs
 - ~~ii. Technical Handbook~~
 - b. Sustainability for every county
 - ~~c. Resiliency Hub Lunch & Learn~~
 - ~~d. Verify presentations with Annmarie and Theresa~~
 - e. Focus groups and survey development

Notes:

Attempting to establish resiliency hubs and surveying the entire State's counties is an overwhelming objective for a subcommittee to complete.

The focus of this subcommittee should be to develop something that is sustainable which provides longevity for meaningful change. Proposed actions include:

1. County/community-based coordination for resiliency, communities can determine what the county needs
2. Development of recommendations and roadmap for county to use at any level of funding/operation, to either establish or further county/community-based councils reach
3. Counties have varied resources available to established or maintain council activities, therefore developing a roadmap which provides guidance could be helpful
4. In Maryland there is a lack of coordination of efforts, a council in each county could provide more communication between groups to orchestrate efforts (provide equitable access) How do we develop legislation?)



5. Volunteer resources are heavily utilized in councils, community buy-in is essential to success
6. Funding changes occurring with supplemental government resources
7. Further defined terms needed for county level food councils, and research needed for existing councils (possible work for summer interns per Nancy)
8. Development of questions to ask existing councils is needed to determine operational status, challenges, and successes

Meg's developed document was shared during the meeting (please see attachment)

3. Next Steps and adjourn

- ✓ **(optional)** Anmarie shared the following information: Montgomery County Food Council Food Security Community call, Monday, May 9th, 1:00-2:30 PM. Register here:<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqfumhrz0rG9GUD26i8Oaq2RL5NPejup-u>
- ✓ **Develop questions** for data collection with location councils, questions can be emailed to Brittany.cook@maryland.gov **(due date: Friday, April 29, 2022)**
- ✓ **Determine who will survey selected county councils**
- ✓ **Invite speakers for May 5th meeting:** Blake/Megan and Anne Palmer
- ✓ **Questions or concerns related to next steps should be communicated to Diana, Meg, or Brittany prior to the next scheduled meeting**
- ✓ **Other supplemental information:**
 1. <https://www.foodpolicynetworks.org/>
 2. <https://www.foodpolicynetworks.org/councils/directory/online/index.html#page-7>
 3. [https://assets.jhsph.edu/clf/mod_clfResource/doc/FPC%202020%20Census%20Report updated.pdf](https://assets.jhsph.edu/clf/mod_clfResource/doc/FPC%202020%20Census%20Report%20updated.pdf)



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