

# Maryland Food System Resiliency Council

Meeting Notes- June 24th, 2021 : 12-2 pm

1. Welcome- Director Strickland
2. Introductions/ Administrative- Anna Sierra
  - 2.1. Administrative Notes
    - 2.1.1. All meetings will be recorded and Live streamed
    - 2.1.2. Website will contain council meeting dates, agendas, and minutes
    - 2.1.3. Attendance
      - 2.1.3.1. In-person: Russ Strickland, Lorig Charkkoudian, Anne Palmer, Dena Leibman
      - 2.1.3.2. Virtual : Berran Rogers, Chloe Waterman, Daphne Alterma- Johnson, Diana Taylor, Heather Bruskin, Heather Buritsch, Katie Hester, Les Richardson, Lindsay Adams (representing Holly Freishtat), Lisa Lachenmayr, Michael Wilson, Mischelle Williams, Dr. Moses Kairo, Nancy Nunn, Dr. Stephanie Lansing, Sydney Daigle, Theresa Stahl, Mark Powell, Janice Wiles, Beth Brewster, Katie Hester, Jeremy Criss
      - 2.1.3.3. Not present: Wade Haerle, Brenda DiCarlo, Holly Frieshtat
3. Review of HB831/ SB723- Maryland Food System Resiliency Council
  - 3.1. Summary of legislation by Director Strickland.
  - 3.2. Legislative Intent from Senator Hester and Delegate Charkoudian
  - 3.3. Members

- 3.3.1. Russ - if we are missing any important stakeholders, please provide the information to MEMA staff who will compile for consideration
- 3.4. Deliverables
  - 3.4.1. November 1st, 2021- Interim report to Maryland General Assembly on key finding & activities
  - 3.4.2. November 1st, 2022- Report to Maryland General Assembly with recommendations for longterm structure for a statewide food policy council
  - 3.4.3. November 1st, 2023- Report to Maryland General Assembly on key findings & activities undertake by the council
- 3.5. Council Goals
  - 3.5.1. Address food insecurity crisis in the state resulting from Covid-19
  - 3.5.2. Develop equity and sustainability policy recommendations to increase long- term resiliency in food system
  - 3.5.3. Expand impact of existing food council organizations
  - 3.5.4. Develop strategic plan to increase production and procurement of Maryland certified food
- 4. Proposed Work Plan
  - 4.1. June 24th, 2021- Kick off Meeting
  - 4.2. July, 2021- Council meeting #2
    - 4.2.1. July 30th-Draft outline of report submitted to council via email
  - 4.3. August, 2021- Council meeting #3
    - 4.3.1. August 10th- Final comments on outline due
  - 4.4. September, 2021- Council meeting #4
    - 4.4.1. September 30th- Draft report submitted to council members via email
  - 4.5. October, 2021- Council meeting #5
    - 4.5.1. October 10th-Final comments on report due to MEMA staff via email
    - 4.5.2. October 15th-Final draft interim report submitted to council
    - 4.5.3. October 20th- Final Comments due to Mema staff
  - 4.6. November, 2021- Council meeting #6

- 4.6.1. November 1st- Final Interim report submitted to Maryland General Assembly
  - 4.7. Questions?
5. Proposed Sub- Committees
  - 5.1. Communication & Coordination
  - 5.2. Environment & Production
  - 5.3. Equity in Distribution & Access
  - 5.4. Funding
  - 5.5. Questions?
    - 5.5.1. Sydney- Pull out “equity” from subtitles and make part of every committee. Equity should be the guiding principle for all sub-committees. All voted yes to this change
    - 5.5.2. Anne- “Eliminating” is a little aspirational. Possible to change wording to “reducing”
    - 5.5.3. Heather Bruskin- Will there be a mission or guiding principles for the council where equity can be established as a core value?
    - 5.5.4. Diane Taylor agrees with Heather in coming us with a statement for the mission
    - 5.5.5. Russ - Agree to changes, staff will update the documents to reflect the recommended changes and will develop draft Mission & Vision statement for review by Council
6. Proposed Administrative Procedures
  - 6.1. Respect divergent opinion
  - 6.2. Vision of a whole system
  - 6.3. Process is transparent, rational, and equitable
  - 6.4. Council member can live with outcomes
  - 6.5. Meetings will be conducted within the parameters of the [Opens Meetings Act](#)
  - 6.6. All meetings will be virtual or hybrid format
  - 6.7. MEMA will prepare all agendas, minutes, reports and other supporting documents as necessary to the council
    - 6.7.1. College of Agriculture and Natural Resources will also support the Council, likely with research
    - 6.7.2. Council members/ Interested parties will be asked to provide information to support council activities

7. Council Actions
  - 7.1. Elect Co-chair
    - 7.1.1. Heather Bruskin Volunteered - Sydney Daigle Seconded  
Nominating Heather - Council Voted, All in favor
  - 7.2. Establish Meeting frequency
    - 7.2.1. Council voted- All in favor to meet monthly
  - 7.3. Vote on Proposed Work Plan
    - 7.3.1. Timeline
    - 7.3.2. Committee Structure
    - 7.3.3. Administrative Procedures
    - 7.3.4. Council voted on items 7.3.1, 7.3.2, and 7.3.3. above- All in favor
  - 7.4. Action Items
    - 7.4.1. Send recommendations for adding members to council to [Anna.sierra@maryland.gov](mailto:Anna.sierra@maryland.gov)
    - 7.4.2. Review work plan and sub-committees in more detail.
    - 7.4.3. Provide MEMA with the preferred sub-committee(s) you would like to be in
  - 7.5. Close out-
    - 7.5.1. Thank you from Director Strickland

