

Maryland Food System Resiliency Council

Meeting Notes- August 24th, 2021 : 1-3 pm

1. Welcome & Roll Call

- a. Council Members Present: Adam LaRose, Anne Palmer, Dena Leibman, Diana Taylor, Heather Bruskin, Janice Wiles, Jeremy Criss, Jonny Class, Senator Katie Hester, Delegate Lorig Charkoudian, Meg Kimmel, Michael J. Wilson, Moses Kairo, Nancy Nunn, Robin Ziegler, Russell Strickland, Stephanie Lansing, Stephen McHenry, Sydney Daigle

2. Administrative Topics

- i. Transfer to all virtual meetings
 1. No Objections. Meetings will now be 100% virtual
- ii. Adopt the Agenda
 1. Adopted
- iii. Adopt the Meeting from last council meeting
 1. Adopted
- iv. Listserv emails
 1. If you are not receiving the Listserv emails please, contact Jesse Delph: Jesse.delph@maryland.gov

3. Mission, Vision, and Values

- i. Dena Leibman- States the Mission doesn't address the production aspect of agriculture. Lee Babcock agrees with Dena's statement
- ii. Senator Katie Hester- Need to relook at the legislation
- iii. Sydney Daigle- Have a meeting to write a second draft of Mission and Vision
- iv. Meg Kimmel- Food access in an emergency is the key goal and should be addressed

- v. Co-Chair Heather Bruskin will lead a small group to revise mission, vision, and values.
- 4. Review of work plan and timeline requirements
- 5. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Communications & Coordination
 - i. Share data/ mapping information with Michael J. or Anna Sierra
 - ii. Identified reducing food waste efforts
 - b. Funding
 - i. Discussing sources of funding that already exists and can be used to address food insecurity
 - ii. Sara Bender from MEMA will present at the next council meeting to discuss the public funding that was provided during Covid
 - c. Environment & Production
 - i. Mark Powell and Tope Fajingbesi are presenting at the next subcommittee meeting
 - ii. Working to understand the resources that are already available
 - iii. Looking to create focus group after November 1 report
 - iv. How can we support farmers
 - d. Distribution & Access
 - i. How can we use technology to close gaps within food deserts and in terms of access to good quality food
 - ii. Nutritional insecurity verse Food Insecurity
 - iii. Connect farmers produce to WIC participants
- 6. Presentation: Regional Approach to Feeding Response During Covid-19, Megan Bluthardt, Baltimore Metropolitan Council
- 7. Discussion Forum
 - a. What did you learn/how will what you learned impact your own area of operations?
 - b. How will the information shared by presenters inform and connect to the work and recommendations of your subcommittee?

- c. What remaining questions, gaps, or additional information would you like to know?
 - i. Anne Palmer- What is the role of Food retail in emergency management and what do we know about it?
 - 1. Get a SME to present on this topic
 - 2. Dena Leibman-Local and global food chains have to be in the conversation of how to address food insecurity
 - ii. Diana Taylor- We need to look at the big picture and understand why certain programs are set up the way they are, Why farmers are struggling etc. and address the root problem. We need to lean on other council members for their expertise and learn from them.
8. Closeout & Adjourn
- a. Thursday September 23rd, 1-3pm- All virtual