
**Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3)
Public Health & Safety Working Group
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: 9 July 2020
Meeting Time: 10:30 am– 12:00
pm EST
Meeting Location: Online
(Zoom meeting)

ATTENDANCE

Working Group Member	Title	Organization	Present
Heather Aaron	Deputy Commissioner	Connecticut Department of Public Health	
Chris Bellucci	Monitoring Program Supervisor	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	
Todd Berman	Manager of Environmental Programs & Projects	United Illuminating	
Laura Bozzi	Director of Programs	Yale University, Yale Center on Climate Change and Health	Y
Tasheenah Brown	Deputy Executive Director	Operation Fuel	
Dean Caruso	Executive Director, Support Services & Sustainability	Yale New Haven Hospital	
Mindy Chambrelli	Sanitarian	Darien Health Department	
Steve Civitelli	Director of Health	Wallingford Health Department	
Amanda Clark	Environmental Analyst	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Y
Cynthia Costa	Environmental Sanitarian	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Y
Ken Dumais	State Hazard Mitigation Officer	Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland	
Caroline Dumont	Public Psychiatry Fellow	Yale University	
Mariana Fragomeni	Assistant Professor	University of Connecticut, College of Agriculture, Health and Natural	Y
Betsy Gara	Executive Director	Connecticut Water Works Association and Connecticut Council of Small Towns	
Cynthia Greene	Deputy Director	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency New England	
Laura Hayes	Epidemiologist	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Y
Christine Kirchhoff	Assistant Professor	University of Connecticut Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering	Y
Sarah Lowe	Assistant Professor	Yale University, Yale School of Public Health	Y
Arie Manangan	Health Scientist	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Climate and Health	
Diane Mas	Chief Resilience Officer	Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.	
Lori Mathieu	Public Health Section Chief	Connecticut Department of Public Health	
Anne McWilliams	Environmental Scientist	EPA Region 1	Y
Mark Mitchell	Associate Professor	George Mason University, Center for Climate Change Communication	
Goudarz Molaei	Agricultural Scientist	The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station	Y

Jocelyn Mullins	State Public Health Veterinarian	Connecticut Department of Public Health	
Dave Murphy	Manager of Water Resources Planning	Milone & MacBroom	Y
Huan Ngo	Educator, Scientist		Y
Michael Pascucilla	Director of Health	East Shore District Health Department	Y
Edith Pestana	Environmental Justice Administrator	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	Y
Mike Puglisi	Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program Coordination	University of Connecticut Department of Nutritional Sciences	Y
Marissa Rivera	Advocate	Disability Rights Connecticut	
Robert Scully	Sanitary Engineer	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Y
Jodi Sherman	Associate Professor, Director of Sustainability	Yale University, Yale School of Medicine	
Kirby Stafford	Chief Scientist/State Entomologist	The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station	Y
Ryan Tetrault	Supervising Environmental Analyst	Connecticut Department of Public Health	
Brian Toal	Epidemiologist	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Y
Orlando Velazco	Health Equity Director	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Y
Steven Walleth	Sanitary Engineer	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Y
Jeri Weiss	Regional Coordinator, Capacity Development	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency New England	Y
Kirk Westphal	Water Resources Leader	Brown and Caldwell	
Adam Whelchel	Director of Science	The Nature Conservancy	
Aicha Woods	City Plan Executive Director	City of New Haven	Y
Joanna Wozniak-Brown	Senior Resilience Planner	Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation	Y

Associated Staff	Title	Organization	Present
Mary-beth Hart	Director, Land and Water Resources	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	Y
Brian Thompson	Senior Environmental Planner	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	
Rebecca French	Director of Office of Climate Planning	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	
Anne Hulick	Connecticut Director	Clean Water Action	

AGENDA & NOTES

Welcome and Announcements

Agenda Item(s)

Facilitated by Laura Hayes, CT DPH

- GC3 Public Meeting July 15 8:30 – 10:30 am Zoom Webinar
 - Updated guidance on working groups and recommendations
 - Need to register in advance
- State health assessment
 - There is a chapter on climate and health
 - First time DPH is putting forth a formal document that includes climate and health
- The Microsoft Teams channel is being cleaned up and updated to reflect new subtopic team names and documents
 - Please use these folders as a place to store final documents
 - There are also compilations of recommendations in the Teams folder “Resources”
 - The plans that are referenced in the recommendations are also in the “Resources” folder
 - The toolkit developed by Joanna Wozniak-Brown provide some recommendations from other state and regional plans
 - Dave Murphy compiled recommendations from the State Water System Plan, State Hazard Mitigation Plan, Drinking Water Assessment and Resilience Plan
- Deliverables
 - July 10: 1 – 2 paragraphs describing the public health impacts associated with the health impact domain and providing evidence of current/future increases in associated disease burden/mortality specific to CT, including reference to the scientific literature and white papers/reports that have undergone rigorous review
 - Question about overlap of topics and issues
 - A general statement about overlapping topics at the beginning would be good to include. It is not necessary to specifically refer to other subtopic teams’ recommendations/references.
 - July 17: An outline of a paragraph describing vulnerable populations with potential support from the EEJ-Adaptation Working Group. A one to two sentence statement for each of the recommendation actions being considered by each subtopic team.
 - July 24: 1-4 recommendations to protect vulnerable populations described that follow a standard format. The recommendation template format is in the Resources folder
 - The template does not to be used for all recommendations in the 2011 report and should only be used for recommendations that working groups want to put forward to the GC3.
 - Question about format of references
 - Will ask Rebecca French what the format for references should be for the recommendations
 - Question about the definition for “action” used in the recommendation template
 - Will ask Rebecca French for a clarification
- Discussion of the Status of Recommendations
 - Specific to public health there have been 18 recommendations (not including private wells and septic systems)
 - Vector-borne diseases

- Active and passive tick surveillance are helping us better understand the greater risk areas and range expansion
- Continuing modeling efforts for predictions of the next couple decades
- Air quality
 - There has not been progress with the non-attainment alert system
 - Educational material for poor air quality – will have to check with Air Bureau at DEEP
- Extreme events
 - Emergency preparedness plans – progress has been made in many towns to a new format of natural hazard mitigation plans and local emergency operation plans with more steps; the plans are updated every 5 years so there are opportunities to improve
 - No guidance or best management practices on cooling centers
 - No guidelines or criteria for school closing due to extreme heat events
- Education of other sectors has not been addressed
- Education of local health department staff
- The Department of Education is not part of GC3 but will have to coordinate with them on some of these recommendations
- Waterbury has a pollen monitoring station that is the only one in the Northeast associated with AAAAI
- Comments
 - No comments or questions

NOTE: Slides and/or presentations are available on GC3 Working Groups web page:
<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Climate-Change/GC3/Subcommittee-and--working-groups>

Provide comments to DEEP.Climate.Change@ct.gov

Others in Attendance