



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Bureau of Ag Development & Resource Conservation**



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**Connecticut Department of Agriculture Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group
Market Access and Diversification**

Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, August 9, 2021
2:00-4:00 PM *Will be held virtually- please use information below to participate.*

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Members Present: Shana Smith, Vicheth Im, Brandon Blank, Tida Infahsaeng, Frankie Douglass, Mary Claire Whelan, Debbie Thomas-Sims, John Filchak, Yvonne Renee Davis

Members Absent: None

DoAg Staff: Cyrena Thibodeau, Erin Windham, Kayleigh Royston

1. **Welcome and Call to Order-** Meeting was called to order by Cyrena Thibodeau at 2:07 PM
2. **Group Introductions-** Participants introduced themselves to the group and shared their affiliations.
3. **New Business**
 - a. **Community Agreements-** Cyrena went over the community agreements while reviewing the overview of the agency and the Working Group Document.
 - b. **Presentation and discussion with DoAg on existing programs and purpose/task of topic group-** Cyrena gave an overview of the CT Department of Agriculture and it's programs as well as the Working Group Document that had been prepared in advance of the meeting. The floor was opened for questions and feedback.
 - c. **Future meetings: dates, length, documents/organization-** Cyrena asked for opinions on When2Meet vs. Checking in individually.
4. **Public Comment-** No public comment
5. **Next Steps-** Cyrena and Erin will work with Vicheth and Deb to plan October meeting
6. **Adjourn-** Meeting was adjourned at 3:42 PM by Cyrena Thibodeau.

Respectfully submitted, Erin Windham, AMIR I, August 12, 2021