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*Market Access and Diversification***

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 17, 2022
11:00-12:00 PM

Held virtually via WebEx

1. Welcome and Call to Order Meeting started at 11:05
2. Old Business
Cyrena went over past discussion topics. MC asked for a recap of our timeline and it was shared that the main group is looking for recommendations in September- October. MC asked about policy recommendations and Cyrena said should be complete by spring to share with Kayleigh for agency priorities.

Tida asked if there were samples of recommendations that could be shared. One recommendation is to revamp the agency grants. Ed & Training is looking at Language equity recommending that all department outreach materials should be translated to at least Spanish but maybe additional languages as well.

SNAP- What are the numbers, is there a state that does it really well. Frankie brought up CT Fresh Match and there was discussion regarding funding and GUSnip funding.
4. New Business
 - a. Continued conversation to further identify topics of focus. Yvonne would like to help with language going forward- not using language for the sake of using words, but making it meaningful conversation.

 - b. FMNP Outreach- Discussion was had as to how best reach WIC and senior participants.
5. Public Comment- none
6. Next Steps- Scheduled next meeting for ???