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

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**Meeting Date:** 24 September 2020

**Meeting Time:** 10:30 am– 11:30  
am EST

**Meeting Location:** Online  
(Zoom meeting)

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Working Group Member</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Present</b>
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	Y
Mindy Chambrelli	Sanitarian	Darien Health Department	
Stewart Chute	Toxicologist	Connecticut Department of Public Health	
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	
Michele DeLuca	Deputy Director of Emergency Management	City of Norwalk	
Ken Dumais	State Hazard Mitigation Officer	Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland	
Caroline Dumont	Public Psychiatry Fellow	Yale University	
Nicholas Elton	MPH candidate	Yale University	Y
Paul Farrell	Director of Air Planning	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	Y
Mariana Fragomeni	Assistant Professor	University of Connecticut, College of Agriculture, Health and Natural	
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 Kirchoff	Assistant Professor	University of Connecticut Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering	
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	Y
Diane Mas	Chief Resilience Officer	Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.	

Lori Mathieu	Public Health Section Chief	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Y
Anne McWilliams	Environmental Scientist	EPA Region 1	
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
Huân Ngô	Educator, Scientist		
Martha Page	Executive Director	Hartford Food System	Y
Michael Pascucilla	Director of Health	East Shore District Health Department	
Marcia Pessolano	Supervisor, Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Program	Connecticut Department of Public Health	
Edith Pestana	Environmental Justice Administrator	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	
Mike Puglisi	Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program Coordination	University of Connecticut Department of Nutritional Sciences	
Marissa Rivera	Advocate	Disability Rights Connecticut	
Michelle Riordan-Nold	Executive Director	Connecticut Data Collaborative	
Robert Scully	Sanitary Engineer	Connecticut Department of Public Health	
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	Y
Brian Toal	Epidemiologist	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Y
Orlando Velazco	Health Equity Director	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Y
Steven Wallett	Sanitary Engineer	Connecticut Department of Public Health	
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	

## AGENDA & NOTES

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Agenda Item(s)

*Facilitated by Laura Hayes and Lori Mathieu, CT DPH*

- Updates
  - This will just be a meeting to get us on track for our public forum scheduling
  - The report was submitted on Monday September 21
  - Rebecca French went through briefly the objectives of each working group at the kickoff meeting
    - Over 100 participants – media, state representatives, COGs
    - Breakout sessions went very smoothly
  - Yale Climate Justice Clinic
    - The students might be contacting some members of the working group to support the subgroup as well as the EEJ working group
    - They will also be working on contacting the public and different organizations to hopefully get a strong turnout for the public forum
- Discussion of Format of the October 7 Public Forum
  - We are 4<sup>th</sup> in line to present at the forum
  - Brainstorming the planning document
    - 5 minutes for orientation by Rebecca French
    - 45 minutes for Public Health & Safety Overview presentation
      - Have one moderator for each breakout session topic
      - Have one recommendation presented in the overview for each breakout session or have impact statements
        - Limiting each group to 8 minutes on average
        - Identify a lead for each of these areas and they can decide how to group the recommendations
    - 25 minutes for Financing & Adaptation Working Groups
    - 45 minutes for breakout sessions
      - 4 breakout sessions for PH&S and 1 for F&A
      - These should be interactive sessions and not strictly presentations
      - Should have note-takers in advance
      - Prioritize giving time for discussion/questions from the public
      - Pairings:
        - Extreme events and Water-related illness
        - Heat & Air Quality
        - Vector-borne diseases
        - Mental Health/Wellbeing & Nutrition and Food Safety
      - Breakout sessions might continue on longer than originally planned especially if there is some good discussions occurring

- Based on the kickoff meeting the chat was used quite heavily and it is used to have comments kept on record
- Idea: create pairings based on popularity of public decision
  - Not everyone pre-registered their breakout room choice
- Should we present recommendations at the overview or save them for the breakout sessions
  - Will present one recommendation and impact statement; limited to 8 minutes on average per group
- Identify a lead for each breakout session and what they would like to prioritize presenting
- Identify note-takers

**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](mailto:DEEP.Climate.Change@ct.gov)

Others in Attendance	