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

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**Meeting Date:** 1 October 2020

**Meeting Time:** 10:30 am– 12:00  
pm 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	
Mindy Chambrelli	Sanitarian	Darien Health Department	Y
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	Y
Nicholas Elton	MPH candidate	Yale University	Y
Paul Farrell	Director of Air Planning	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	
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	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.	Y

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	Y
Dave Murphy	Manager of Water Resources Planning	Milone & MacBroom	Y
Huân Ngô	Educator, Scientist		
Martha Page	Executive Director	Hartford Food System	
Michael Pascucilla	Director of Health	East Shore District Health Department	Y
Marcia Pessolano	Supervisor, Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Program	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Y
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	Y
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	
Brian Toal	Epidemiologist	Connecticut Department of Public Health	
Orlando Velazco	Health Equity Director	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Y
Steven Wallett	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	

## AGENDA & NOTES

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Agenda Item(s)

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

- Introductions and Updates
  - Preparation for the public forum on October 7
  - Deputy Commissioner Heather Aaron wanted to thank everyone for their work and she wants to be directly involved in the forum and plans to participate in the public forum
  - We have to be prepared to not talk about everything just because we have so many recommendations and so much that we have covered and the forum is limited in time
  - There is a meeting next Wednesday October 7 with the Governor and moving into phase 3 of the COVID-19 reopening plan
- Public Forum breakout room logistics
  - Introduce ourselves and review the recommendations quickly
  - 3 real-world scenarios back-up plan conversation starter
    - The idea is to be a conversation starter if there isn't many questions or talking points from the public
  - Other zoom features to help engage the public
    - Polling, chat function
  - Should address concerns of the public as well
  - What else needs to be done for the preparation of these breakout room?
    - Slide with a list of recommendations
    - Polling for audience; slido can be used to vote on what people want to talk about
    - Prompts for talking points in case there are no comments
    - Real-world projects that are ongoing that tie into the recommendations
  - Breakout rooms can also be recorded but still figuring on whether they should posted
- Public Forum Presentation
  - Deputy Commissioner Heather Aaron will make some opening remarks
  - Overview of climate change impacts globally and the focusing in on Connecticut
  - GC3 Public Health and Safety Report
    - Health Impact Domains
    - Vulnerable populations
    - Recommendations targeting vulnerable populations
    - Cross-cutting recommendation & organizations involved
    - Transition into the domains
  - Extreme heat and air quality slides
  - Vector-borne diseases slides
  - Nutrition, food security, and food safety slides

- Extreme events and water-related illness slides
- Mental health and well-being slides
- Having a slide about health equity:
  - Population considerations and populations of interest and why
  - Barriers and gaps that are currently or prospectively would face
  - How to address these barriers and gaps
- It might be nice to have a unified/standard format that is easy to follow for the audience
- Ideas on how to close/end the public forum
  - Current forums have been letting breakout room discussions end naturally and some have even gone longer than the time limit
  - Idea to reconvene after the breakout sessions to have closing remarks
  - Might be a good idea to let the breakout rooms continue on to allow for more public discussions
- Other logistics and comments
  - Thank you to everyone who signed up to be moderators and note-takers
  - Potential conflicts with governor’s phase 3 COVID-19 on Wednesday October 7

Adjourned at 12:03

**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>

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Others in Attendance	
Diane Hoffman	