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Connecticut Food Policy Council

Agenda

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1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Via Teams

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Meeting ID: 236 073 264 178 | Passcode: AFUghF

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1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:02.
 - a. Food Policy Council Members Present: Bryan Hurlburt, Lynn Peccerillo, Dan Giacomi, Patrick Doyle, Monica Pacheco, Tida Infahsaeng, Marilyn Lonczak, Shawn Joseph
 - b. DOAG Staff Present: Cyrena Thibodeau, Hannah Carty, Kayleigh Royston
 - c. Presenters: Christian Duborg, Yu-Mon Chang
 - d. Public: About 18
2. Review and approval of meeting minutes from May 9, 2024
 - a. Motion to approve, Patrick
 - b. Seconded by Dan
 - i. Disposition:
3. Public Comment
 - a. Introductions by those present
4. Old Business
 - a. Recap of June Danbury Field Trip
 - i. [United Way of Coastal and Western Connecticut](#) – FY '24 CT Grown for CT Kids Grant Recipient
 - ii. [Daily Bread Food Pantry](#) – FY '23 FPC Food System Capacity Building Grant Recipient
 - iii. [Food Farmacy](#) – United Way of Coastal and Western Connecticut “Food as Medicine” project
5. New Business
 - a. Connecticut Food System Alliance and NE Feeding NE Project: Updates and review local food counts project.
 - b. Updates from Christian Duborg: Food and Nutrition Policy Analyst
 - i. Gathering information to guide policy later on
 1. Database form for food businesses in the State, there is an opt-in google form that needs to be shared only 60 organizations have responded.
 - a. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetZFdoQuGnShzrox4nBO5EbYAf4-FUSsjVSBO48me4fNAOjg/viewform>
 - b. Services, permissions, hours, policy priorities, and

- experience
 - c. Collaboration directory
 - d. Interactive Map for the public to be connected with local food resources
 - e. Top concerns from respondents: Inadequate staff and personnel, Inadequate storage, Inadequate funding
 - 2. Also working to identify line items with food in legislation; found 15-line items with a total allocation of \$19.8 million. Still looking at legislation.
 - a. Question: Food donation working group and bond question. Bond allocation for food policy; with working group. No report out and there is a bond which has not been before the commission that pays it.
 - i. DEEP agency working on the issue tangentially. Task Force to Study Implementation of a Supermarket Food Donation Program, Task Force Meetings: [CT-N Connecticut Network::Media On-Demand](#)
 - ii. Discussion ensued
 - c. Presentation and Discussion by Yu-Mon Luis Chang, State Monitor Advocate at CT Dept of Labor
 - i. [Presentation on History of the Monitor Advocate System](#) & the information presented in the [AGRICULTURAL OUTREACH PLAN](#)
 - 1. Discussion ensued
6. Board Member Updates
- a. Hurlburt, DOAG:
 - i. The department has written over 150 grants providing funds directly to farmers and agribusinesses ensuring resiliency in the market; released guidance on land access for BIPOC producers. Report found [here](#).
 - ii. Still waiting on the USDA Farm Bill; best case scenario is in a lame duck session
 - b. Patrick, KNOX:
 - i. Please stop by 75 Laurel Street, Hartford from 3:30-6:00p on Mondays to directly support urban farmers.
 - ii. Also work to beautify the city through a workforce development program. Green Jobs Apprentice program [found here](#) please send folks their way!
 - c. Marilyn, DPH:
 - i. NTAO Program: Farm to ECE project engaged with 16 providers
 - ii. Local produce survey completed over 600 respondents.
 - iii. Farm to ECE Taskforce: 1:30-3:30p
 - 1. Contact: Shannon.raider@uconn.edu

- iv. WIC Program: working on new packaging requirements
- d. Monica, CSDE:
 - i. Coordinating summer meal site locations feeding breakfast and lunch and summer ebt card system for those who cannot make it to the site.
 - ii. Federal local food incentive program on-going but is limited for summer usage
 - iii. Farm to School Summer Institute had four (4) teams including administrators and others looking at their program and how to incorporate local food for schools.
 - iv. Final Rule inclusions for USDA.
 - 1. Local can be used for specifications when sourcing food
 - 2. Spending caps for non-domestic food versus total food cost 10%-5% over the next seven years.
- e. Shawn, Brass/Park City Harvest:
 - i. Started Market season with different locations at Waterbury, Tuesdays at *Waterbury Senior Center* from 10:00-12:30p and Thursdays from 9-1p at *The Green*: <https://brasscityharvestwaterbury.com/farmers-markets/>
 - ii. LFPA program has helped them source foods from smaller BIPOC producers
 - iii. Repairing a hoop house but will be turned over to locals community garden
 - iv. Liberated Land Cooperative, Fall CSA <https://www.liberatedlandcooperative.com/>
 - v. Reservoir Community Farm; opened up about half to grow produce for their market <https://www.gogvi.org/reservoircommunityfarm>
 - vi. Park City Harvest: <https://www.parkcityharvest.com/> call for help to put up hoop houses!
- f. Lynn, DAS:
 - i. Nothing really to report
- 7. Next Meeting Date
 - a. September 12, 2024, 1:00 PM
- 8. Adjourn, 2:33 PM