



## NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Connecticut

#### Food Service Committee Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 11, 2022 via Zoom

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**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:02PM by Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III.

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**Attendance:** Mr. Thomas Lamb (Chief Operating Officer), Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III, (Chair), Mr. Matt Wilcox (Vice-Chair), Ms. Susan Harris, Ms. Gail Sharry

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**II. Introductions and Announcements:** Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III introduced himself. Afterwards, members and attendees took turns introducing themselves.

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**III. Update on Food Gap Subgroup:** Since the next food gap will be in August, planning and efforts are now focused on the summer meals program. The Summer Meals Blitz will be held on June 25, 2022 at the Q-House from 10:00AM-1:00PM.

**Reminder of dates and discussion about available data that can support the group** Volunteers will be targeting six low income communities to canvas with summer meals material to inform people about the program.

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**IV. Update on Life-Threatening Allergy Advocacy Peer Group:** Under the advisement of the Superintendent, this group will not be created. This line item will be removed from the agenda.

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**V. Update on Food Policies:** A list of the policies will be sent to Dr. Yarborough for review. There are no additional updates at this time. This topic will remain on the agenda for future meetings.

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**VI. Sustainability  
and  
Environmental  
Consciousness  
Related to  
Food Service:**

It was discussed that there is no longer a Food Policy Council. A recommendation was made to contact Latha Swamy to seek guidance on this topic. A discussion ensued which included the following:

- a. Purchasing from local vendors
  - b. Educating
  - c. Compiling a list and conveying current sustainability efforts to the public
  - d. Reaching out to Southern Connecticut State and Yale universities for assistance
  - e. Composting
  - f. Calculating costs
  - g. Staffing required
  - h. USDA Regulations
  - h. Food Sharing Safety
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**VII. Other  
Business:**

Preparation for summer meals is in progress. There are approximately 70 locations at this time.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2022. Agenda items are due to the Chair (Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III) by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Jun 1, 2022.

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**Adjournment:**

**On the Motion by Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III to adjourn at 5:44PM.**

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Respectfully Submitted,

*Cheryl Myers*

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Central Kitchen Clerk