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**Food Service Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 via Zoom**

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:04PM by Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III.

Attendance: Mr. Thomas Lamb (Chief Operating Officer), Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III, (Chair), Mr. Matt Wilcox (Vice-Chair), Ms. Nisreen Abo-Sido, Ms. Kimberly Acosta, Ms. Alexia Basile, Ms. Alyson Fox, Ms. Susan Harris, Ms. Maria Karas, Ms. Latha Swamy, Ms. Gail Sharry

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

III. Values-Based Institutional Food Procurement: Latha Swamy is the director of the City of New Haven Food Policy Division. Kimberly Acosta and Alexia Basile are the two food policy analysts who are on the team. The mission of the division is to support and help manifest community led efforts that envision and create an environmentally sustainable and socially just food system through environmental justice, socioeconomic justice, and health equity. Ms. Swamy, Ms. Acosta, and Ms. Basile described the Food Policy Division's priorities and discussed the following:

- a. Demographics of New Haven
- b. Food Apartheid/Food Sovereignty Definitions
- c. Food Policy Division Timeline
- d. Team Members
- e. The Division's Operating Framework
- f. The Mission
- g. Priorities and Values of the Division
- h. The Division's Approach
- i. The Division's Capacity and Scope
- j. Collaborative Partnerships and Networks
- k. Portfolio of Work
- l. Urban Agriculture Growth and Development Portfolio
- m. Urban Agriculture Master Plan
- n. Guiding Values
- o. Community Advisory Board



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- p. Goals
 - q. Thematic Pathways
 - r. Planning Process
 - s. Equitable Food-Oriented Development
 - t. Procurement
 - u. Public School Food Spending Snapshot
 - v. Good Food Purchasing Program
 - w. Exploring Partnerships
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IV. Update on Sustainability and Environmental Consciousness Related to Food Service:

There are no updates at this time. This topic will remain on the agenda for future meetings.

V. Update on Food Gap Subgroup:

Planning for the June 25, 2022 Summer Blitz is near completion. Summer meals will start on June 27, 2022. Connecticut Food Share will not be doing pop-up pantries this summer. The next project will be planning for the August food gap.

VI. Update on Food Policies:

Dr. Yarborough has received and is reviewing the policy information. There are no additional updates at this time. This topic will remain on the agenda for future meetings.

VII. Other Business:

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2022. Agenda items are due to the Chair (Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III) by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2022.

Adjournment:

On the Motion by Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III to adjourn at 6:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Myers

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Central Kitchen Clerk