



# NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Food Service Task Force Committee Regular Meeting Minutes July 12, 2023

### Meeting held Zoom

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**I. Call to Order:** The meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Dr. Yarborough III.

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**Attendees:** Dr. Orlando Yarborough III, Chair; Mr. Baron Young, Food Service Director; Mr. Thomas Lamb, Ms. Susan Harris, Ms. Latha Swamy, Ms. Maria Karas, Ms. Kimberly Acosta and Mr. Mike Degen, Community Impact Manager with United Way of Greater New Haven.

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**II. Introductions:** The collective went around and introduced themselves and titles to the group.

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**III. Food Allergy Plan Review:** Mr. Lamb states that he has just returned from Vacation and needs to circle back to all the parties that he had reviewing the current policy and he needs to collect the feedback from those personnel to provide an update.

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**IV. Update on Plan for Expanding Access to Locally-Grown, Healthy, Sustainable Food, Decreasing Packaging waste, and increasing opportunities for food donation, food rescue, and composting:**

Mr. Lamb states that he has begun discussing this with Michelle Martinelli who the districts Energy & Sustainability Manager and there was discussion of grant funds. But the next step is to get both Ms. Martinelli to bring Mr. Young up to date on then they collectively can provide an update and start working on a plan.

Ms. Swamy states that there currently there is a baseline assessment that is being conducted by their department on NHPS Procurement practices which was launched early May. She touches on the metric changes that were recently released. This is also a regional push not just local.

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**V. Updates from Food Gap Subgroup:** Ms. Harris provides an update that there are other food drives available during the food gap from when summer meals ends and when school starts back up. She inquired if that information can be blasted out to the community and families so they have the information on locations for food pick up.

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**VI. Other Business:** None

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**Adjournment:** On the Motion by Dr. Yarborough to adjourn, at 5:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Salina Manning*

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