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

Meeting Date: 15 October 2020

Meeting Time: 10:30 am– 12:00
pm EST

Meeting Location: Online
(Zoom meeting)

ATTENDANCE

Working Group Member	Title	Organization	Present
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	
Tasheenah Brown	Deputy Executive Director	Operation Fuel	
Dean Caruso	Executive Director, Support Services & Sustainability	Yale New Haven Hospital	Y
Mindy Chambrelli	Sanitarian	Darien Health Department	
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	Y
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	
Christine Kirchhoff	Assistant Professor	University of Connecticut Department of Civil and	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	Y
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	
Dave Murphy	Manager of Water Resources Planning	Milone & MacBroom	Y
Huân Ngô	Educator, Scientist		
Martha Page	Executive Director	Hartford Food System	Y
Michael Pascucilla	Director of Health	East Shore District Health Department	
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	
Steven Wallett	Sanitary Engineer	Connecticut Department of Public Health	Y
Jeri Weiss	Regional Coordinator, Capacity Development	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency New England	
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	
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

- Notes & Updates
 - Waiting for feedback from public comment as it finishes on October 21, 11:59 pm
 - Have not gotten formal instruction on moving forward after public comment
 - Sent out a new set of biweekly meetings was just sent out
 - GC3 Public Comment Period Wrap-up Public Forum is schedule for Monday 19 4:30-6:00 pm
 - Encourage as much public comment as we can through everyone's network
 - AP&I Public comments are in MS Teams Adaptation Planning and Implementation General channel
 - Have not received many specific comments
 - Would appreciate supportive comments (e.g. reiterating/increasing staffing positions)
 - Revision due date?
 - Earlier it was suggested that the revisions for the draft would be due November 6 but this will likely be changed
 - SHIP Coalition involvement in public comment period
 - Using this resource to garner more public comment
 - Options:
 - hold a webinar this evening at 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
 - hold a webinar on Friday, October 16
 - Send announcement of report and request for attendance at wrap-up public forum, Monday October 19
 - This is a very large group of people and it would be beneficial to have its members comment on the GC3 report
- Wrap-up public forum, Monday October 19
 - Encouraging discussion from the adaptation section; adding some discussion prompts
 - Any prompts from the breakout sessions that worked well?
 - Direct impacts of flooding both inland and coastal
 - Stronger stance on getting people out of floodplains or making the homes more resilient if moving isn't possible
- GC3 Public Forum recap
 - Extreme heat/air quality
 - Moderator – Paul Ferrell
 - Recommendations
 - Establish evidence-based standards for local plans
 - More than just putting in cooling centers
 - Policies to protect low-income
 - Evaluate ozone alert education
 - Increase airborne allergen monitoring

- Estimate impacts of climate change on ozone levels in CT
- Many comments from an individual, mainly about the Killingly power plant
- Vector-borne disease
 - No one from the public joined this breakout session
- Extreme events and water-borne illness
 - Highlight of the recommendations
 - Q&A session notes
- Nutrition, food security and food safety & mental health and well-being
 - Food distribution discussion
 - Mental health overlapped with food insecurity
 - Green infrastructure
 - Food pricing
- Themes
 - issue with mitigation and adaptation differences; why both are necessary
 - identify similar recommendations between working groups
 - overlap is a positive theme
- Notes from this public forum will be compiled and shared
 - Then have discussions about the best way to address these comments
 - This was not a public hearing so not every comment has to be directly address, but we want to be as responsive as possible and make sure everyone is heard
- No public comments

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>

Provide comments to DEEP.Climate.Change@ct.gov

Others in Attendance	