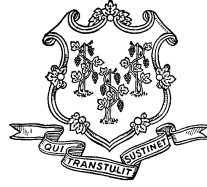


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Representative Jillian Gilchrest

Senator Matt Lesser

Food is Medicine Working Group

1/11/2023 Meeting Minutes – 4:04 p.m. on Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chairwoman Dathan.

The following members were present:

Rep. Lucy Dathan, Rep. Kathy Kennedy, Rep. Gilchrest, Brent Miller, Heather Peracchio, Max Perkins, Melissa Carr, Megan Smith, Brian Cournoyer, Nancy Trout, Dan Giacomi, Jennie Hirsch, Jaime Foster, Michael Werner, David Seifel, Kayleigh Royston, Hilary Felton-Reid, Melanie M. Flaherty, Megan Baker, Judy Dowd

The following members were not present:

Brad Richards, Claire Botnick, Erin Winham, Laura Morris, Tina Hyde, Jenn Vinci, Jannett Haughton, Zani Imetovski, Heather Ferguson-Hull, Caudio Gualtieri, Sally Mancini, Loneke Blackman Carr, Kathleen Duffany, Rafael Perez-Escamilla, Steven Hernandez, Brent Ling, Katina Gionteris, Sofia Segura-Perez

Chairwoman Dathan introduced Rep. Kennedy to offer any remarks and/or comments. Rep. Kennedy expressed her condolences regarding Rep. Williams and how she is looking forward to continuing to work in the group. Chairwoman Dathan acknowledge Rep. Gilchrest was present at this meeting and offer opportunity for Rep. Gilchrest to speak to the group. Rep. Gilchrest stated she was looking forwards for the opportunity to learn more about the group topic. Chairwoman Dathan gave other members the opportunity to introduce themselves prior to starting discussions. Each member discussed their individual purpose of participating within the group, backgrounds and various topics that will be addressed in this work group.

Co-Chair Rep. Foster discussed the sample legislations and the various ideas that they had brought up as a committee. After the review of past minute and previous meetings, it was determined that there were various opportunities. Members discussed their options of utilizing 4 example bills from other states

(California, North Carolina, Virginia and Massachusetts) to use as a reference for Connecticut residents. The question was whether to utilize 1115 waivers or seek separate appropriations. Members voiced their concerns about which would be appropriate for Connecticut residents, medical tailored meal options versus a prescription food programs. Rep. Foster asked for members to give on these 4 bill examples via email. A presentation was given by Max Perkins from Unite Us titled "Leveraging Digital Social Care Infrastructure to Facilitate Access to Food & Nutrition Services." Members were given the opportunity to give further input regarding topic and presentation.

Co-Chair Rep. Foster adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.