

## 2025 09 24 Transcript Food Community Advisory Board

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Great. Well, welcome, everyone. Thank you again. Some familiar faces, and I think...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: maybe some new faces for the Community Advisory Board. We are,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: My name is Rita Higgins, I'm with the Marion Institute, and I'm going to ask everyone, if they can, to

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: change their, Zoom names so that you've got your name, and I'm gonna do it myself right now, Marion Institute. Well, don't put Marion Institute. You can put your organization. So that we get a feeling for who's here.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: I, have been focusing on this CARET project with the Marion Institute, and working with Joanne.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: and Frank and their teams, and today, we're going to be focusing on theme two, which is community health and well-being. So I think with the number of people that we have in here, and just a few new faces.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And I know for those that were on the steering committee, this is a little bit repetitive, but I think it's always good to, when we can, get a feel for who's here. If everyone wants to give just a brief introduction,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: who they are, if you're with an organization, call it out. And Joanne, we'll start with, start with you as a project partner here.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: passed away.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Hey folks, Joanne Zygmunt with Old Colony Planning Council. I am the project manager for this Food Action Plan Initiative. Welcome!

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And then we'll kick it to Bill... Bill, you're here? You're with Old, he's with Old Colony Planning Council as well?

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bill napolitano, OCPC: Yes, I am. Bill Napolitano, I'm a Resiliency and sustainability planner with Old Colony Planning Council. I'm working with Joanne and Rita on this project.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Great, and then Frank.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: Basler, Plymouth County Administrator, supporting, and happy to work with OCPC and the Marion Institute on this important project.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Right, all right, I'm just gonna go across my screen now. So, Tim O'Neill, you're next.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: That's fantastic.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Hi, Tim O'Neill from Wellness Croft. I'm also behind the Plymouth Food and Energy Hub.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: economic development project here that we're sponsors of. And I will be speaking next week at the Cape Cod Technology Council about the food and energy nexus, if you're interested next week, but I was asked to volunteer by the Plymouth Foundation for Economic Development because they see a lot of the work I'm doing in food and energy.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Great.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Thank you. Rob May.

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Rob May (he/him)- Brockton: Hi, Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development for the City of Brockton.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Thank you. Megan.

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Rob May (he/him)- Brockton: different.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: Hi everyone, my name's Megan, and I'm the Senior Program Director of Healthy Living with the Old Colony YMCA. I know my colleague Lauren Bartell has been on these calls before, but I'm here representing us today, excited to hear from everybody.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Great, thank you. Marisol.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Hi, good morning again! Marista Torres, Program Director for the BAMC Helpline, currently having funding for the over 60 community with utilities and oil assistance.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And, BEMSI, Brockton area...

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Helpline.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Goodbye.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Oh, but what does BAMSI stand for?

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Brockson Area Multi-Service Incorporated.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Beautiful.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: We have 140 group homes, we are WIC, COPE, Early Intervention. I'm just the helpline portion of it. And I believe I'm replacing Kathy Anderson. I believe she was a part of this team prior, so I'm brand new, first meeting.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Great, excellent. Well, thank you so much for joining.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Thank you.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Molly.

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: Good morning, everyone. Molly Vollmer, Plymouth County Extension. I work closely with the 4-H program and our overall county agriculture community.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Great, thank you. Howard.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Good morning, Howard Randall, Central Plymouth County Water District.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Chair, and, Bo Colony Y, and... 30 years of public... Life.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Wonderful, thank you. Brian Wick.

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Brian Wick, MA Cranberries: Hi, Brian Wick with Massachusetts Cranberries. We represent cranberry growers in Massachusetts.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Thank you.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: No, she's never...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: John Fay?

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John Fay, Brockton Planning: Hi everybody, I'm John Fay, Senior Planner for the City of Brockton.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: You know, Facebook.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Thanks, and Alyssa.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: No.

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Alyssa Papantonakis, OCPC: Hi everyone, Alyssa Popintanakis, I'm an associate planner with OCPC.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Thank you. Liz?

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Quick intro.

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Liz Wiley, Marion Institute: Gotta get to that mute button. Hi everyone, I'm Liz Wiley, I'm the Executive Director at the Marion Institute, and thrilled to be here with you.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Thanks, and we've got Charlie, Charlie Brandon.

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Charlie Brandon, Boys and Girls Club: Hello, I'm the Urban Farming Director for the Boys and Girls Club of Metro South, so I oversee our three hydroponic farms, our food rescue, and our food distribution program.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Beautiful, thank you. And... Meg Riley.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Hey, can you guys hear me? I'm Meg Riley, I'm the Agricultural Extension Educator for Plymouth County, and so I work with, people, and I work with farmers.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Great, thank you all so much. So, I'm gonna share a few slides. Just a couple... for those of you that were here last time, Joanne and I were talking, and we're going to change up the way that we're, taking notes, within the meeting. So, I'm gonna do a few introductory slides, and then, if you remember, last two meetings, we've been working through the spreadsheet.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: We're gonna try working in a... instead more of a Google Doc, I think, or just a document.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: To try and make it a little more engaging, a little bit easier to see, and Joanne and I will both be taking...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: notes in the background. I'll still be, reading them off, but, Joanne will be sort of simplifying the notes and hopefully, making it a little bit easier to see where we're at and what we're doing. So, just a note on that. I will...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Oh, I just sent a request there, Joanne or Frank, to share my screen. And I'll just run through a couple slides so that I can give, particularly anyone who's joining us for the first time, an overview of the project, what we're doing, who is... what is the Community Advisory Board, and then how the meeting will work.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Alright, let me get into presentation mode here.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Whoops.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So... Oh gosh, how did I get?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Oh my gosh, sorry guys.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Alright, so, as,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: as you may have heard in the prior meeting, or you may know, that this CARET project is part of this larger MVP project that Old Colony Planning Council and Plymouth County are working on, which is building a climate-resilient food system in Plymouth County.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So, this is the carrot portion of that project, which is the Community and Agriculture Resilience Audit Tool, and our meeting today will be about community health.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Theme 2 of the community health and well-being.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So quick agenda, we did some introductions. I'm hoping that we might do a little icebreaker in the chat. We finished off Theme 1, it took us two meetings.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: But we finished off Theme 1, and the theme was about natural resources, management, preservation, use, specifically ecosystems and...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: farms. So... just asking, following up on that, asking everyone to pop their favorite Plymouth County natural resource in the chat.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So you can get a feel for what everyone's enjoying out there. We're gonna, again, chat quickly about why we're here, how the meeting will work, just a few meeting guidelines, and then we'll launch into Theme 2.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So if you haven't had a chance already, if you could change your Zoom screen name... screen name, first and last name, and then your organization, if you're here with an organization.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And if you can find yourself in this food system graphic that we have, adding that in to the chat is also great, so we get a sense again of who's here.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: We did our introductions there, so again, the leads on this project are, Plymouth County, Old Colony Planning Council, and then the Marion Institute.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And this is sort of the general, this is the general mission and vision of this larger project.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So what we're doing with the Carrot is a form of asset mapping, and the Carrot is really a tool that has been developed

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: by North American Food Systems Network and Indiana University that is a community-led, so a much more participatory way of understanding the assets that a community has

related to the food system. So this part is really discovering the assets.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Throughout the project, we're going to work on discovering the assets and then connecting them together with the ultimate goal, as Joanne has mentioned, of developing this Local Food Action Plan for Plymouth County.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And where we're really identifying gaps and opportunities to mobilize our assets and increase our impact and increase our ability to collaborate on food system projects.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: For the Marion Institute, this is part of a larger project for us, which is the update of our 2026 food system assessment. And so we are conducting carrots in each of the six counties in southeastern Massachusetts.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: We are well on our way with Bristol, and we're getting ready to score. We've just started our,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: carrot work in Barnstable County, and we're here in Plymouth, charging into Theme 2, and the islands in Norfolk are coming soon.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: The Community Advisory Board. So, the Community Advisory Board has been formed specifically for this project, so that we can work as a group to go through each of the 101 indicators that are included in the CART.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: We're really trying to get as diverse a cross-section of people as possible, and I know Joanna said it, and I say it.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: everyone really is welcome at this table. That's a big task, and so, you know, having 16 of us here today is amazing, and we're hoping that, again, as we do this, we're bringing in as many voices as possible. And I really want to say thank you to some of

the new faces that are here. It's really, really important to have, again, as wide a cross-section as possible.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And the role really is to just share knowledge and insights related to each indicator.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: We don't expect everyone to know, a lot about all of the indicators, and we're not going to specifically call on anyone once we get into looking at the indicators.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: When you know something, you know, raise your hand, throw it in the chat, chime in, whatever way feels most comfortable. But there's a lot of value, we have found a lot of value in the conversations, the questions, and even just listening. So we know that not everyone will have, expertise on specific indicators, and that's okay. We really appreciate you all being here.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: This is, again, just speaking to who's been here, who's showed interest initially, and finding a good balance in, who is contributing is the ultimate goal.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And we've broken it out by, sectors, so that you can kind of, again, see who's here. We've, really benefited from having a lot of policy for Theme 1 to help us understand some of the assets that are in Plymouth County, but we were missing farmers, so we're really glad that you're here.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: now, and we may loop back to some of those Theme 1 questions with you at some point.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So, as we mentioned, we finished up the natural resource management use, conservation, and preservation of ecosystems and farmland in our first two meetings, and we're moving on to the community health and well-being.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: We will be going through indicators for Theme 2, and they're going to look a little bit like this. I'll be reading them off, and sort of leading the discussion on them, and Joanne

will be taking notes that everyone can see. I'll be taking notes in the background.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Once we've finished a theme, we're cleaning up the notes, and we'll be producing, sort of an inventory of all the different programs, policies, projects that came up in the conversation.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And these ultimately will be used, for scoring. So once we've gone through all the themes, identified all the assets, confirmed them, we'll be coming back together as a community advisory board to score them using the CARET scoring system, which is really looking at, are these, assets here? Are they funded? Are they in place?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And once we have each indicator scored, that will add up into a final score that gives us the baseline resiliency for Plymouth.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: We have a few guidelines. I think general Zoom guidelines, but, really making sure that everyone has a chance to contribute.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And, really, you know, just making sure that we are, chiming in when we have some information, all opinions, all feedback. We want to hear it all, but again, just making sure that everyone has a chance and that there's space for people to add.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: their comments as well. To the extent you can, minimize multitasking. This is a community Zoom room, and some of the conversations can be hard, and we most definitely will have some differing opinions on these, so just keeping it cordial, being open to other perspectives.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: opinions conversation. And, you know, just kind of work through some of these. This is, you know.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: one of the reasons we like the carrot, is because it gets people talking, and it gets people talking that don't get a chance to be in the same room together. That can be scary, and that can be hard, but we kind of just have to keep talking, because it is the collective expertise that is really going to help us figure out

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: what are the gaps, what are the opportunities, and what are the solutions that are really going to drive local food, local food economies, and resilience in Plymouth County? If you can, camera on, mic muted if you have lots of background noise, and again.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: contribute any way that feels comfortable. Chime in, raise your hand, add comments to the chat, whenever you have information.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So with that...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: I'm going to stop sharing. This is... these are the two sub-themes for Theme 2. You've got one last chance to get your favorite Plymouth County Natural Resource into the chat.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: But I just want to open it up for any questions before we get started on answering, the theme two indicators.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPD: Rita, Tim had a question, how do we... how do we validate we are in the right segment? I am an example of a food processor. Tim, what do you mean by that?

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yeah, I saw the pie chart, and I thought there was one segment for... I just want to make sure that, you know, we're in the right box, because I think when I introduced myself, it was as an entrepreneur, but I do own a food processing company, and that's my perspective, so I just want to see if there's a way we can validate that our information is falling into the right pie chart segment.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yeah, you know, that's something that we will come back to. We have sort of had a first go at seeing, at sort of

assigning people. We've looked at it through two different sort of sector lenses. One is food-specific.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And then one is more, are you government, are you business, are you non-profit?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: That's something that, we will come back to all of you to validate, so... I'll just close it off.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yeah. Yeah, we're... I just want to say that, because of the way we think about it is our license is for Massachusetts as a food processor, so I guess that grounds it out from our perspective, right?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yeah, and so for the pie charts that we have so far, and I'm actually thinking we might move to bar charts, because it does a better job of showing us who's not here.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: is, you know, we have you down for business, and then we have you down for food processing. And we'll be coming back to all of you to validate all of that information, and it's something that we'll be tracking over time, sharing, and again, that's how we're going to figure out who do we not have in the room? Who do we need to make sure is involved, and, you know.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Where else do we need to get some answers from?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Any other questions?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: All right, sounds good. So, oh, one other note, sorry, Joanne, I think the only problem is now I can't remember if we said it in the other meeting or this meeting, but,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Theme 1 did take us two meetings. It was 21 indicators, and again, there's a lot of resources in Plymouth, there

was some great conversation. Joanne and I were talking what we think we're going to do going forward, so that people can really make sure that they're at the meetings that they would

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: like to be at, based on their expertise or their interests, is

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: If we don't finish a theme, we will just sort of take note of that, and we'll have a meeting at some point that is, pulling together any of the indicators that we missed.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So that each of the subsequent meetings, you know what theme we are going to be focusing on. We thought we would finish up the last meeting in Theme 1 a little bit early, and get to Theme 2, and we didn't do that. We know we had some,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: sort of health, health experts in the room, so we just wanted to make it a little bit easier to understand exactly what we're going to be focusing on.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: And I'll just off the back of that, quickly say that Rena and I have also been chatting around ways that we can

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: continue to work on the Carrot tool outside of just these monthly meetings, whether that's some sort of spreadsheet that we share with you all on a website.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: or something else, Rita has a lot of ideas, she's mentioned, I think, a few, but if you guys have ideas for how best to kind of keep this conversation going in between meetings, we welcome those as well.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: So with that, all right, you ready for me to share the screen, Rita?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yep.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Alright.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: There we go. How is the size? Can everybody see that okay?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yeah, second there, okay.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: All right, so... oh, yes, we're recording. Alright, so this is the Subtheme A of Community Health and Wellbeing, where we're looking at improving citizen wellness through enhanced access to nutritious, affordable, and culturally appropriate foods. Sorry, one more thing I wanted to add, is that...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: we are... also, this is a work in progress. So, as we're going through these, if anyone has any suggestions for edits, language change, new indicators, something that feels like it's missing from the caret, or doesn't quite capture

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Plymouth County food system, we are all ears. So, you know, again, as we go through these, if there's something you feel is missing related to these themes and sub-themes.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Definitely let us know.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, do... in Plymouth County, are there opportunities for leadership, collaboration, and connections with socially disadvantaged groups to foster equity and inclusion?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: in... Community, professional, and grassroots contexts.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: I also want to add as well that, sometimes there are no answers to some of these,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: some of the indicators. So, if...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: We're silent, we can't think of something, sometimes they just don't exist.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So, anyone know of any organizations working on, providing leadership opportunities?

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: Plymouth County 4-H, we do for, anyone under 18, or even potentially older with, you know, any,

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: developmental... Delays or educational challenges.

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: We also work very closely with the Center for Active Living in Plymouth.

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: Mentoring with our... our teams.

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: Cool.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And so the... the 4H, the Opportunities for Under-18s, is a specific program, or is it just sort of practices to try and make it as inclusive as possible?

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: We welcome anyone, yeah, just as inclusive as possible.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Cool.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: Yeah, Reeder, Nikki's not on, on this call. She was on the steering committee, Nikki Yalibus, from, South Shore, CAC, the Community Action

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: Committee. They are all about, collaboration and connections with many groups, and I know Plymouth County supports that organization, the Commissioner's vote to, fund some,

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: programs, like, you know, tax completion, food pantry backpack programs, and other programs, you know, for reach out, including, fuel assistance, etc. I know, like, BAMZ does, too.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: For BAMSI, it's also, WIC. WIC provides,

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: many nutritional different things. Angela Brown is the contact over at WIC that, does the food programs and

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Just access, all the way around.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: At the Old Colony Y, we do have a mentor program as well that is for individuals under the age of 18. There's one-on-one mentor opportunities as well as group mentoring as well.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Just also adding for BAMC, BAMC has a pantry,

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: That assist with HIV management, so they have a pantry for their HIV clients that we're trying to make bigger. We're trying to get a bigger situation going, so we can help more people.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Sorry, one more thing. Young Adult Access Center. Sorry. The Young Adult Access Center at All Things Possible, provides food.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: To young adults.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: At a very low barrier.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Is that... I thought I heard of that. Is that region-wide, or is that in a specific town?

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Well, Young Adult Access is region-wide, and BAMSI has it at the All Things Possible building, so there are many young adult access centers, right. They're DMH, funded, so ours is at All Things Possible.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Gotcha.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Is anybody aware of any programs

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Or organizations or individuals who are trying to get

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: New people in our region interested in farming?

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: We're growing food.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: I mean, I guess, I mean, I would say in...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: I think... I don't know, do we have.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: There's a new venture up, in the North Shore.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: That does training every year. I'm trying to, I don't know if.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Do they have a footprint... do they have a footprint down here on the South Shore?

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Not that I know of, but that's where a lot of the South Shore folks I know end up going to to get their farmer training.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: There's not, like, the...

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: SEMA doesn't have a Southeastern Massachusetts agricultural program. They don't have the same kind of training.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: It's a CMAP, I think.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Oh, yeah.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yep.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, so CMAP does do a regional conference every year, so... and there is, like, a specific track for trying to, like, educate and engage new farmers.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Land for Good, which tries to connect, like, new farmers, like, land opportunities. Dee Levanti, she is a representative for Southeastern Massachusetts,

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yeah, land for good's a good one.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, there's also, the CRAFT program, so there's the Eastern Mass CRAFT program, which is all of Eastern Mass, which is the collaborative regional... I don't even know what they all stand for, but, like, farming, which does, like, specifically, like, once a month, like, trainings, like, for farmers across Eastern Massachusetts, so...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: And then, you know, there, there is the new farmers program that you were talking about that,

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: it's run through MDAR, too, so MDAR does, like, a Zoom program specifically for, like, the new farming... like, a new farmer dream Zoom program.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Is that through... affiliation with the CMAP Regional Conference?

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: That's the one in Ipswich. That's the... the new venture, I think, was the one in Ipswich.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: That's a new entry, yeah, new entry is based out of Ipswich, yeah, but they, but they'll, but they do, like, they, they partner with MDAR, so that it's like a, it's like a Zoom, it's like a multi... I think it's like a 3-month program for, for new farmers to do, like, a farm planning course.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Exactly, yeah, so you can pull my new venture off. That was actually new entry.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: How about Bristol County Aggie?

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Agricultural.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, Bristol County Aggies also, right now, they're in the process of, like, pulling together a group to do,

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: like, a community, like, agricultural education institute, but that's, like, really in, like, the very beginning planning phases, but obviously, I mean, right now, they're... they have a student body of, you know, kids up through high school.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: I don't know whether any of the other vocational schools in the area, have agricultural programs, but...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, Norfolk... Norfolk Ag, which is out of, you know, Walpole, you know, they have a... they also have a program for high school age students, but Bristol Aggie, I mean, the... that conference that CMAP puts on, they put on at Bristol Aggie. Now the statewide apiary is at Bristol Aggie also,

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: So, they're trying to do more to kind of, like, move into the space of, you know, educating, like, beyond high school students, and then start educating, like, new farmers, and even, like, providing resources to current farmers in our area.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: The availability of land has... has been a real setback.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: I know, I... I...

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: searched for a time to find, farmers to... farms and property that I was managing, and I... I had no takers, so,

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: I think the cost of land is... is very prohibitive.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Great news, how much.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Definitely.

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Brian Wick, MA Cranberries: There's also some government funding programs.

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Brian Wick, MA Cranberries: designed for new farmers. USDA has, through the Farm Service Agency, And Rural Development has programs.

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Brian Wick, MA Cranberries: And Mass Department of Ag also has some grant funding

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Brian Wick, MA Cranberries: opportunities, I don't remember off the top of my head, MAGA, Mega, something like that, sounds right.

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Brian Wick, MA Cranberries: But...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Mega Grant.

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Brian Wick, MA Cranberries: Mega Grad, thank you, Mick.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Yeah, and I would say the APR program,

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: I know of one instance in Middleboro where,

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: We're in protecting the property, it included a set-aside for active farming.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Oh, gosh.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: I believe is a requirement of the APR funding.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: The Just Roots Farmers out of Greenfield, Mass, they were, that...

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Up until last year, they were delivering,

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Fresh farmed goods to houses based on insurance, and that program has been... Cut.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: And, like, Digger Foods. Digger Foods was also another one that provided,

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Fresh food from the farm that has been cut.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: But my brother's Keeper is also picking up the slack on that. They're working on picking up the slack on both what Digger Foods and Just Roots was doing.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: Sheriff McDonald, I know, is, through the aquaponics.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: Program is bringing, fresh protein, like tilapia, and then, Fresh, lettuce and vegetables.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: To, underserved.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPD: That's at the sheriff's, farm, right?

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: Yep.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: the county farm.

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: In addition to what Frank just said, they, told us the other day that their,

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: Graduating their first Class of inmates who received the official certification program.

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: on hydroponics.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: So that's basically a certificate in hydroponics that they get?

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: Yep, that they can either go on and, you know, find a job in that industry after they are released, or, you know, again, just fostering new opportunities for them.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Is that Sheriff's Farm? Is that the farm at the Plymouth County? Is that the Plymouth... in the Plymouth County? Okay.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: So that would be Jeff Smith.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: Yeah, it's actually... it actually is called a county farm, run by the farm, so...

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Thank you.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Awesome.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: But the program is run by Sheriff McDonald and his team.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Okay, anybody else have any thoughts on this, so we can move on to the next one?

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Brian Wick, MA Cranberries: American Farmland Trust, I don't know if they have programs

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Brian Wick, MA Cranberries: With this enough, it won't be something to...

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Brian Wick, MA Cranberries: Check out as well, before we lose that thought.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: That's a good suggestion.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Okay.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: All right, Rita, you want to move us along?

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Do you still have Rita?

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Oh, you're here, yes.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Oh, we can't hear you.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: You're unmuted, but we can't... oh, I... it just worked. Try it again.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, how about now?

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: You're good.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: You can... okay, great. Okay, that was fantastic. Sorry, I was kind of...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: chatting along there to myself, let me pull up my notes again. So, just one moment to just expand it out a little bit more, so the... the sub-theme again is access to healthy, affordable, culturally meaningful food, but

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Are there ways, even beyond food, but sort of in the food system, connected, like, health.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Health organizations or other organizations, youth organizations,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: that are providing ways for people from marginalized groups to take leadership roles, and working together to making sure that they're included and heard in some of these. One last, one last go on...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Question one, just expanding it out a little bit.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: I'm speaking without having the experience, but I think, from what, Melissa Ferretti told me of their food project with the Herring Pond Tribe, I think they're trying to get young people into doing more local food growing of their own, like, on a homestead kind of basis.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: So there might be some leadership development there, I'm not entirely sure, but we can follow up on that.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yeah.

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bill napolitano, OCPC: That sounds great. Yeah, I think so, Joanne.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Yeah.

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bill napolitano, OCPC: Yeah.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Perfect. I'd just jump into, like, working with CMAP, so we have, I believe, 2 growers that, as an organization.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: like, we're trying to support who are, like, one man is from, like, Africa, and then another man is from, like, I can't honestly remember what country, but as far as, like, growing, like, culturally appropriate foods, and then also, like, CMAP's trying to support those guys with, like.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: grant writing and grant access, you know, since English, like, is a barrier, and just also, like, representation, so...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: You know, that's an organization that's doing some of that work as well.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Fantastic.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Great. Okay.

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Liz Wiley, Marion Institute: That, that farm that you're talking about, Meg, is on, is in.

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bill napolitano, OCPC: Lakeville, Middleborough, right? Just...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, they're renting that land by the state, so it's in Lakeville.

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Liz Wiley, Marion Institute: Yeah, yeah, near the, train station, just so you know.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And I see Tim added the Western Mass Food Processing Center, so they might have some... I'm... I'm thinking they might have some, leadership opportunities there as well.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, that's a great, a great list right there. So, we'll move on to 23.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Which is...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Are there, in Plymouth County, are there organizations regularly monitoring public health indicators to assess food system-related

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: community health.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Our local health officials Keeping track of how food is affecting people's health in the community. Hospital organizations.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: So, I know that we've just made a lot of regulatory changes here in Massachusetts. I was with Senator Fernandez's team last night, and our state AG, and they talked about how we now have changed in the last, say, 6 months in the state of Massachusetts around things like

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: inoculation and health... and public health, so there may be some new changes that we're not aware of. For instance, the problem with the federal government around CDC, Massachusetts has formed the first group of, multi-states doing that right now. So there are major changes in how we regulate health.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: where it used to be a lot of federal support right now, but according to our senators and AG, that's stopped with the Trump administration, so right now we're having to be responsible for those ourselves now, and putting out our own recommendations. So, I think that's something that would need to be looked in a little bit more deeply.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: For the current time we're in.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Hmm.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And... Are there any organizations that come to mind that are, sort of a good source for...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: For those kinds of programs in general, but especially as things might be changing.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: from my perspective, it's just the Massachusetts Public Health.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Right, Dom?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So, state level.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yeah, state level.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yep.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: This is one, Joanne, I don't know at all, this is a question mark, but I'm wondering if maybe Nikki might have some thoughts on this? I'm not sure if this would be...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: in the South Shore Community Action Council's wheelhouse at all.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Yeah, probably. I mean, I'm familiar with a few. I'm trying not to speak so everybody else can speak, but I know, the Tufts Foundation through, the Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative does some,

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: what's the word I'm looking for? Aggregating of data around community health that we use in our age-friendly plans. So there are potentially

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: a resource for a higher level info. I think at our steering committee earlier today, we talked a few... about a few places that might carry this information as well, too.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: I think there are veterans organizations, Joanne. There's two. There's one on the Cape, there's one... I met one gentleman from the Plymouth last night. I know that they're tracking veterans' issues of homelessness and food, so there may well be tie-ins there for veterans organizations that are tracking these issues, for veterans in particular.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Yep.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Oh, you know, one that came up in Bristol County,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Liz is still here. I think it was the Housing Authority in New Bedford.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: They...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: were looking at. It was kind of a new aspect that they were adding to the various things that they were considering, but, bringing food into that conversation around health, mental health.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So I don't know if there's, if that's a possible source of information.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Who was that, Rita?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: It's the New Bedford Housing Authority, so that might...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Authority.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yep.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: OCUI is a part of the Health-Related Social Needs Program, with WellSense and MassHealth. Our current ACO is Signature Healthcare, but

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: That involves working with individuals who are at the... have the highest, needs, as well as an additional, health condition, and we work with them to support the basic needs of food, as well as housing, to help, in turn.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: lower ER visits, really looking at their overall health at a lens of meeting those,

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: Health-related social needs before we can even meet their actual needs.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Megan, who is that? So that's the why in partnership with who?

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: So it's a program through MassHealth, WellSense is our, direct connection to that, and our current ACO is, Signature Healthcare, but we are expanding.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Okay.

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Liz Wiley, Marion Institute: I... I don't know who we have on here from the education K-12 programs, too, but I know... does anybody know if there are wellness programs in the schools? Some of the work that we've done with our Grow Education program has

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Liz Wiley, Marion Institute: you know, allowed us to work with the school districts to create their wellness plans, so I think more and more schools are doing that, so if anybody has any info there, that would be helpful.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Hmm.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: just a note, too, and sort of to your comment as well, Tim, that in the steering committee meeting, we did talk about how... or it was brought up that funding has been pulled for measuring food insecurity in communities, and that's where

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Figuring out who are the local organizations that are doing this work, is going to... going to be more important to understand, food insecurity at the community scale.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: Reader, just one more. I know the town of Plymouth is in the middle of doing a health, assessment for the town, that is looking at

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: A whole host of characters include food system-related health,

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: So, that might be something that, we can... I know,

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: Derek Brandisi and, the whole, Director of Health, team.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Michelle Braddy.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: ratty as well.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yep, we can follow up with her.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yeah, that's a good call.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, great. Alright, we will, move on to 24. I do just want to throw it in there, too. Feel free, if you think of something, we can go back to an indicator, so it's never too late.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, so, 24.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Are we enabling farm-to-institution procurement programs for schools, daycare facilities, hospitals, or correctional facilities?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So, to what extent are there any programs that are helping schools, hospitals, daycares?

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: So...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Bye.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: There is a grant.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: So, the Mass, we're applying for it October 20th, so Mass Innovate, from MassCEC.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: is allowing for innovative and disruptive projects, and we're going for a farm-to-institution project ourselves using that MassInnovate. And so, there's also a Mass Amplify.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Project that people can work, and these... these are the ideas that they,

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: It's all economic development stuff. It's all funded under the economic development policies here in Massachusetts.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Gotcha.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And you are, so you'll be going into schools, then?

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yeah, so our project, I actually have Boston School Systems.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Plymouth School Systems and Massachusetts Maritime working with me. They require customers for the grant so that the customers can define what their purchasing requirements are as an institution here, because they don't.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Right now, as an example, Boston only acquires 18% of local produce this year, and that's, like, amazing, but only 18%. So, companies like mine are trying to figure out ways to get, how about 80% of local in, but that mass CEC grant stuff is all economic development stuff and focused on these ideas of getting

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Produce.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Into institutions.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Obviously, MDAR and stuff have other ones, right? MDAR's got a good one going. The USDA had one last year, but they canceled it, so MDAR's also another area where they're doing grants for small food processors, grants for farms, grants for energy, so MDAR helps a lot there in preparing the farmers to be able to compete.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Yeah. You know, whether they can or not is a different story.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Exactly.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: I know that.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Mass Farm to School.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Mass Farm to School, yep. And do they do that through grants? Do you know, Meg?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Or...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, so they're primarily grant-funded, so, I mean, I don't know what their, like, landscape looks like for next year. I mean, I know Bristol Aggie got a grant from them last year to do more locally sourced food in the school.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yeah, make sure we put fine up there, too, because that's their whole, I'm on their cohort for food processors and food hubs, but Farm to Institution New England.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: fine, that's what they do. And they do annual, they just actually has had an annual, meetup at Food Connects in Vermont, but Farm to Institution New England is one area where I see a lot of major players in food, trying to solve the same problem of getting stuff into institutions.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: So, I would call out the Carver Public School Food Service Program.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: So they were recognized this year by the USDA, for, bringing healthier meals, meals.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: To the kids. They have a fork farm. They have a fork farm, vertical farm.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yeah. Really smart stuff.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: And it's grant-funded and program funded. Teresa Vernazaro.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: That's fantastic.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: So, so Plymouth... Plymouth does also have similar.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: You're the director.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yeah.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, South Shore Vo-Tech has a freight farm. They're not at full capacity yet, but the greens that they're growing...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: our... In their dining common, and then also in, like, the restaurant that they run.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Plymouth High School has a program manager that worked... used to work for Pat, who's left. I'm about to meet the new food manager, but they... they have, Fork Farms as well. They do a, kind of a vo-tech-like light, if you will, from the Plymouth school systems. They hired a program manager last year, a full-timer, on it, so...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Sorry, Tim, I'm not quite catching what you're saying. You're saying... Sport Farms?

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Fork. As in, not a spoon, but a fork.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Pork. Okay.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Fork Farms, sorry. Yeah, fork farms, yeah.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: It's like something from...

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Minecraft.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: by, Carver.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Right now, and that's also... Plymouth was looking at that technology as well. It's a great little trainer system for vertical.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Perfect.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Gotcha. And my understanding is that... I think, did Freight Farms go... is it Freight Farms that maybe went out of business?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Oh, Tim, you're on...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Yes.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: But fork farms would be similar to freight farms.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yeah, Freight Farm did go bankrupt. I've met with some of the folks looking for work. So, unfortunately.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Unfortunately, but Fork Farms would be similar.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: So, Brockton Public Schools, I know, has a freight farm, as far as I'm aware. I don't know.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: with Rob, or...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Anybody else from Brockton might know better. I don't think it's active.

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Rob May (he/him)- Brockton: I do know...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: I do know they...

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Rob May (he/him)- Brockton: not know. Last I heard, it was inactive. There's also one with the,

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Rob May (he/him)- Brockton: Boys and Girls Club. Boys and Girls Club.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Yep.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: So, Fork Farms is a standalone, doesn't need a special thing, can put it in your classroom. A freight farm is a freight, like a big cargo box that comes like a...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: They have.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yeah, they're different, yeah.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Yeah, that's what Brockton has, is the freight farm that's inactive.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Not active in Brockton. Inactive, yep. Not active in Brockton.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: unfortunately, I know too many people with inactive freight farms right now. Yeah.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: There's quite a few. I do know they also..

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: There's also one in Plymouth, that's run by... what's it, Three Hearts Farm?

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: And that's, sold, you know, for money to go back to veterans, but that one is active.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yeah, he's a going concern.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: at the schools?

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: No, no, it's his own company.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Oh, okay.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yep.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: He's an active farmer with a freight farm.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Gotcha.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: I put it in my own notes, so I'm gonna look into it. It's not even in Plymouth County, it's in Rhode Island, but, one of the... I haven't heard yet in Bristol... we didn't come across any daycare facilities in Bristol that were doing it, but in Rhode Island.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: my... because we were in Westport, so we were right on the border with Rhode Island, and his play school is actually in Rhode Island.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And in the classrooms, they had little towers, like plant towers, and they were putting lettuces and carrots and cucumbers in there, and the kids were having a blast.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So I just made a note, you know, one of the things we'll be doing, too, is collecting resources from other... other counties, other areas, to give us some inspiration for, you know, not reinventing the wheel, is always a bonus, but yeah, getting some inspiration from other areas that we might be able to implement or suggest, incorporate in an action plan.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: So I think Farm Fresh Short Island is a great example of that, Rita, right? They've got a program, right? They're working with people, it's Jesse and team, wonderful. They built a \$20 million facility years ago. It's just really great people.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yeah.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yep.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Anyone know of any hospitals that are purchasing? I'm gonna, and maybe even with a correctional facility with Plymouth.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: County, Frank, is that... I mean, do they fall in under this one?

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPD: Do they use what they grow, Frank?

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: They actually, donate most of their food, at the farm, grown at the farm, to SSCAC.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: So, I do know that the sheriff and his team try to get healthier food for the inmates, but I think that's procured, and that the food grown is brought across the street, to use in the food pantries and the SSCAC.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: They have to be licensed farm in order to actually use it for the prisoners, and that's something that they don't usually go through, alright? So they can donate it, but they can't use it in their own procurement, because it has to be a known good source, and they're not licensed, so it's a weird conundrum.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yeah, so BDIC.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: you know, Beth Israel, they do have, like, a wellness coordinator. She's part of the advisory committee with Molly and I.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: And so, for example, like, next weekend, I think it is, they're doing, like, the Sheriff's County Farm has, like, an open house, and then they have, like, a wellness fair. And so, it sounds like they do some sort of, like, mobile market, like, outreach, so some of the produce from the Sheriff's Department does go to that, like, when it's, like, in season and they have availability.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: But I don't believe that any of the food that comes from the Sheriff's Department farm is, like, served in the hospital, but it sounds like they do, like, a wellness, like, outreach, like, mobile situation, but again, like, I don't know if it's, like, consistent or not.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Now, I think this is a question we need to ask to some of the larger farmers in the region, who they may be wholesaling to.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Or donating.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Yeah. I know Stonehill College...

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: I was just gonna add, I know Stonehill College, Sodexo used to be their caterers, would use some of the...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: food from Stonehill College's farm in the meals at the school, but that farm is no longer functioning.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yes.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: And also, Sobexo's not there, yeah.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yeah, they run all Providence school system, it's a Sodexo, so I don't know if it's tangential, but that would be interesting to understand if there's others other than Sodexo who really do help, you know, get farms to institutions.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: I've not seen anything other than Sodexo at large scale, and it's, again, very small scale here in Massachusetts right now.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: No, the Council on Aging,

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: I don't know, I'm not sure where they're getting their food from, though. I don't know what farm, but there is a farm that is donating to the Council on Aging in Brockton, and the Neighborhood Health Center works with Vicente to get...

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Cultural, appropriate, and, Fresh food out to... person served.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Or lower income.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: It's probably, Social Community Action Center, because they're basically, like, the biggest, like, food hub that we have right now, so...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: like, most, like, the Council on Aging's, and, you know, other small food pantries come to South Shore Community Action. You know, they work with Greater Boston, Greater Boston delivers to South Shore Community Action, and then they get it out to, like, smaller pantries, and, like,

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: And, like, I know, for example, in the meeting that we were just in, you know, Molly and I last week, like, the, sheriff's department farm, like, totally inundated them with, like, too many cucumbers, for example, and, like, they couldn't even, like, handle the amount that was, like, coming in all at one time, you know what I mean? So...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: that's another issue as well, is just, like, the management process of, you know, you go through really dry times, then you have, like, times when, like, you're absolutely overwhelmed by, like, one specific crop, you know what I mean? So, that's another thing to take into consideration.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yeah, another one. We're going to be starting the care out on Nantucket soon, and it's funny, because cucumbers are hard, because they don't freeze well, they don't... I mean, you can do cold cucumber soup, maybe you can do warm cucumber soup, but Nantucket is doing a soup program.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So they'll be just working with a local commissary kitchen and a local chef to just take all the excess and either freeze it, turn it into soup later, or turn it into soup now and then get it into some of the

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Programs, emergency food relief programs, as a way to try and take care of some of that excess.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: When I worked for We Are River Farm, and we had our CSA program, we brought food directly to, Quincy and Brockton to,

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: father bills, because they were the only ones that could really kind of, like, handle that capacity. They had, like, a kitchen that they were actually producing, like, on-site with meals and stuff like that.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: And they would take mostly anything, but, you know, one time you had, like, an overwhelmingly great kohlrabi crop, and, like, nobody wanted it, so...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: But they're missing out. Kohlrabi's the best.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Oh.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: So I think a Coastal Food Shed might be one you want to add. If they don't get to large institutions, but they do work with schools and daycares and stuff, they're a hub, food hub down in, that we support out of, Fall River.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: New Bedford, but they do get.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: I'm sorry, yeah, I'm sorry, New Bedford, you're right, I'm sorry, it's New Bedford. New Bedford exit.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And the other one, I don't know if anyone knows if, I know they're doing a little less local food now, but Sid Weiner's out of New Bedford, but I would imagine they... they are coming through Plymouth County, so.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Who are they, Rita?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Sid Weiner, S-I-D-W-A-I-N-E-R, and they might be a good one to follow up with. They're a locally owned smaller...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: big for our area, but smaller on the grand scheme, food producer, or distributor, and they do work with local farms, and support... so it would be interesting. We might follow up with them and see if there's anyone in Plymouth County that they're delivering, they're wholesaling to.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So, there is a.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: a fresh cut company on the Cape, but my experience with most of the fresh cut companies is they don't source locally. In fact, I can't find one that sources locally. I wonder if Sid Wainers does, actually, that'd be awesome.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Is Fresh Cut a distributor?

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: It's, Ring Brothers is the fresh cut, company.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: it done.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: So, Ring Brothers, they have... there's a lot of fresh cut there. There's also, Boston does a fresh cut, just like Western Mass Food Processing Center does some fresh cut. And there's also the Commonwealth Kitchens,

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: which does work, like this, your soup project, they did a great one on squash. So they had a... so they had a surplus of squash to know what to do with it. They all got together. The big problem

is we don't have automation for peeling the squash, but they did a big squash soup.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Deal last year with Commonwealth Kitchen, so these are... I don't know if you want to put food hubs on there, but I know that Boston Food Hub Ties is working diligently every day to get large institutions access, and Annie Broad that runs that division is just an amazing player.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, well, yeah, no, we'll follow up, because again, these, you know, they very well may, particularly when it comes down to distribution, be getting into institutions and, you know, we don't know about it, so we'll follow up with them.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, that's another great list here. I think, again, anything comes to mind, we'll come back to it, but we can move on to 25.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Who in Plymouth County is promoting retailing healthful local foods? They might be doing demonstration projects, pilot projects, marketing campaigns, point-of-sale signage, social media, any other way of distinguishing

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: healthy foods, local foods, so this is kind of that retail point. Retail point...

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: There's a buy local program that, if you get into it, there's some... there's some modicum of grants under \$50,000.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: There are also centers of excellence that just came up in the last 6 months that just got a bunch of grants. For instance, Farm to Institution New England became one of them, and these are about promoting local, about helping local producers, you know, gain, you know, some benefit in marketing experience and expertise, so there's a couple that I know of that try to help.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: support by local. And these are MDAR-related, grants, I'm pretty sure.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, CMAP is our official, bi-local, so they're the ones that receive, our state grant funding, so they cover Plymouth County.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: And they cover Bristol County.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Healthy Appetites in Plymouth, which is a retail outlet, they...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: We do a lot with local farmers,

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Homestead Harvest, which is located in Whitman. They, aggregate from local farmers, and then they deliver

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: to folks with, like, hip, that's another one as well.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Anyone doing any kind of, sort of, nutrition? You know, sometimes at farmer's market, but cooking demonstrations, any grocery stores? I know Vicente's come up a bit, like.

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: UMass Extension has nutrition educators. Their office right now is in Raynham. I know they... they used to be centered in Brockton, and I think still do a lot in more of the city-based communities.

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Rob May (he/him)- Brockton: And they, they do, attend the Brockton Farmers Market and do demonstrations on Fridays.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: WIC. WIC does demonstrations.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, Plymouth Farmers Market used to have, like, that, twice a month from different organizations would come in, so whether it be, like, a non-profit or... but I don't... I don't know if they still do that anymore with their new location.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Hmm.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: I know several Council on Aging's do nutrition programs as well, too.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Throughout our region.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: UMass Extension also does, food, safety, training as well, to help make sure people understand that. That's where we got our,

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Food Safety Modernization Act training.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: I don't see why we worked with,

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: Mass General on a Be Well study, where they came out and did some surveys with our pantry attendees, and they had an incentive. They provided a grocery store gift card, but

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: In our pantry, we have foods marked as, green, yellow, and red, so they were able to look at the nutritional values of the food, and then they were asked by this study, you know, did that impact you choosing that food or not? So it was able to provide some education, through that.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: That's an interesting study to have as well, is that, is that something you could share a link to?

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: Let me check with my food access coordinator and see. They, are still conducting it, so I'm not sure if we got.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Gotcha.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: Okay, cool.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: That's how France does food labeling as well, too, is based on color and nutrition value. It's interesting.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Hmm.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: I know based on insurance, pediatricians were providing, clients with

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: nutritionist who would give samples of healthy foods, and also provide you with, well, what was bigger foods and just roots that would give you...

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Fresh food from the farm, so pediatricians were giving people access to nutritionists that would give you better food options.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And was that in Brockton?

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Yes, yes.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, cool.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: So, Marisol, is Digger Foods, like, completely, like.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Like, wrapped up? Like, are they no longer...

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Rob May (he/him)- Brockton: They're... they're gone.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: They're gone, yeah, they're gone.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: So, Just Roots first took the, the brunt of that. So, Just Roots was doing home deliveries, especially to seniors and moms with new babies of, you know, fresh foods from the farm, but now they are not gone, but they're no longer working with, state insurance to provide

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: the food based on insurance paying. Now, it's, it's,

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: It's a cash system, where you could pay for them to deliver

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Fresh, fruits and vegetables to your house.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: Which most low-income people couldn't do to begin with, right? So, it was important for MassHealth to cover that cost, but that... that is completely gone now.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: So, like I said, and My Brother's Keeper is providing more fresh fruits and vegetables in their food boxes that they deliver to people now, because those two programs are gone.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: Would... would Edible Southeast be.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Oh yeah, that's a good one.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: Yeah, they do a lot of promotion, yeah. Yeah.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yep, that's a really good point.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Through you to Megan. Megan, are we still doing a CSA-type thing in Stoughton?

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: We do still have the relationships, but they're not, currently... we don't currently have a farm coming and doing the, CSA through here. We do have Fair Foods, which is a food rescue organization, and they come every Wednesday to our Stoughton branch, where they have.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: produce, priced at \$2 per bag, and it's, like, almost a 12-pound bag of produce that you can get, as well as they have other items for, you know, a dollar. You could... you could spend \$8 and have a whole, you know.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: Bull bag.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPD: Rob, is that the same group that comes into Brockton sometimes and sells bags of...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPD: food... I don't know if that's a food rescue group, or...

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Rob May (he/him)- Brockton: I don't...

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: possible. I know Fair Foods is going to Taunton for one of our Taunton branches as well for a while, and they go

to other places as well. They're a separate organization, so it is possible.

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Marisol Torres, BAMSI: I have to run. Sorry, guys. See you at the next meeting. I look forward to this... continuing this. Thank you.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Thanks, Maria.

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Tim O'Neil Wellness Croft: I'm in the same boat there. I'll follow up as well. Thank you so much for the time.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Thank you.

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bill napolitano, OCPC: Very much, guys.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Great contributions.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yep.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Agreed.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, when... let's head over to 26.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, in Plymouth County, are there policies, practices, or programs that are providing fresh food access for limited resource and limited mobility residents?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So, that could be through a farmer's market.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Produce delivery services, which I think we just heard about a few.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: SNAP and WIC-enabled purchasing, maybe cost-share incentive programs?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So, and this is one, too, the limited mobility, is a big one. Yeah, limited resource, limited mobility.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: sounds like I'm gonna fill in... Marisol, some of the programs Marisol was calling out, the Just Roots, I think, sounds like that would fit in here.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: Yeah, Meals on Wheels with that.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: I don't know how they implement, fresh food into that, but...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Well, I would say the other one, yeah, you're right, the fresh food piece.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Yeah.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: you know, I think it's always good to call it out, because this is one, too, where it's...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: They are an organization that is doing the service, and so it's always good to see where the opportunities to include maybe more fresh food, could they be more of an ally or a partner in this? And I think the other one is nutritious. I think...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: I don't... I can't remember if Meals on Wheels is getting on board, but the idea of medically tailored meals is

being discussed more, or at least low-sodium, some of those... those classics, so...

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: through our HRSN programming, we do, nutritionally appropriate meals, so they are, you know, okayed by a registered dietitian, they're just not medically tailored, and with that, we are able to deliver those to, those individuals who are involved in the program.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: We'd love to get to a place where we can deliver from our general, wide community market, our food pantry, but capacity-wise, we are

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: Making our way there, just slowly.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Hmm.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: I didn't... so, to the point of delivery, Fresh food,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: again, we've got just roots. Were there other ones? I know, Meg, you mentioned, actually, Homestead Harvest?

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, they were doing, like,

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: hip, like, they were using, utilizing, like, Snap and HIP.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: to do, like, delivery boxes, but they were acting as, like, the aggregate location. I'm trying to think of, like, other... I know that,

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: There's a woman in Middleboro, and I can't think of the name of her farm, and she was doing, like, mobile

deliveries to, Algonquin Heights, kind of same thing, like, based off the SNAP and HIP program.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: I can't think of her name right now. Karen... something?

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Trying to think of other local people, because there was... there was an uptick in that model before,

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: All the hip money got, like, taken aback, like, kind of got pulled back.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: But now, it is reinstated, but I don't know exactly who, like, is gonna get back into that model again.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yeah. And do you have a sense of,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: how many farmers in Plymouth are... except HIP? Do we...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: probably information is out there. So, like, at farmers markets.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Would all of the farmers accept HIP? Would some of them... does anyone know?

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: No, it's not... it's not every single farmer, because initially, like, it was a pilot program, and then, you know, you had to go through, like, a training, you have to get, like, a... like, a point-of-sale system that you, like, accept, like, the SNAP cards into, so...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: And then the program got, like, so overly popular that they were trying to, like, curb the number of farmers who accept it, so it's not...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Like, for example, like, when I was the assistant manager of Plymouth Farmers Market, like, at that point in time, we only had, you know, one vendor, Skinny Dip Farm, who took HIP.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: So they were coming in, but they're based out of, like, Westport slash, like, Little Compton.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yeah, yeah.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: But I'm sure that the state has, like, probably a breakdown of exactly who accepts it at this point in time.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yeah.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: I do just want to add, I remember Joanne, we sent out the theme, the key terms.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Just kidding.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: We did. So yeah, just, that's something that we're gonna do going forward for each theme, but just, if there's anyone that doesn't know what HIP is, it's the Healthy Incentive Program, and it's a state program that

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: anyone who has SNAP, they get additional, dollars to spend with local farms on fresh produce.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: But those kind of terms, one, we're gonna put these key terms together, and you'll have them, in PDF and emails,

but also if there's any terms that aren't familiar, definitely just shout it out.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, let's move on to 27.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, do we know of any, policies, practices, programs, farms that subsidize sliding scale CSA subscriptions? Or do we know of any sliding scale CSA subscriptions?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So, CSA is Community Supported Agriculture, and sometimes it's with one farm, sometimes it's with a farm that's pulling from many farms, and the idea is that you're paying in advance, and then you're picking up a mixed box of vegetables from the farmer.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And sliding scale, you know, pay as you can, or any kind of tiered system. Anyone know of any?

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: The only tiering, if you will, that I've seen is the size of the box, half share, full share, that sort of thing.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Gotcha. But you're paying... and then you're just...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Okay.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Big surprise, yeah.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Yeah, just quantity-based.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: step backwards, but I wonder if the CSAs have any delivery Plans, as well, for... Homebound.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: People.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: sometimes they go hand-in-hand, and I know, to your point, Joanne, Coastal Food Shed, who's based in New Bedford. We'll find out if they get into Plymouth County at all, but they have those shares, so they have a box that you can buy. They think they have a \$20 box.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: \$30 box, and maybe a \$40 box, or some kind of carrying system like that, and that's a box of locally grown.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: But that's based on ability to pay as opposed to quantity.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: That's based...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Produce bills.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: That's... yeah, it's not sliding scale, it's... it is quantity attached to a different price tier.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Yeah.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: We haven't come across many. I think that Susan Murray from CMAP in the Bristol County, she mentioned

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: that there were maybe two farms that had done it, maybe Langwater, maybe Freedom Farm? And I think Langwater's actually in Plymouth County, but .

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Yeah, I get a CSA from Langwater, and I don't think they offer that, unless they maybe offer it

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Not publicly. I don't know. Like, a different marketing mechanism, maybe, I'm not sure.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, they, langwater's in Easton, so technically they're not Plymouth County.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Hmm.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: They're still in our project, though.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Oh, okay.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Because they're part of the Old Colony region, but yeah, weird quirks. Yeah.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: So is Avon and Stone, which I believe are a different county as well.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And thanks, Meg, for that link to HIP Farms there.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: One other one I'll throw out, because again, we... when we started the Barnesville County, we had a really strong representation from the fishing industry, and it reminded me that we used to have a CSF, so Community Supported Fishery, where we did the same thing, and we would get a box of seafood every week, so...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Just gonna throw that out there. Anyone ever heard of anything like that?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Nothing.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: It was amazing, so we should definitely advocate for it.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: That's true.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Alright, let's move on to 28.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Are there any policies, practices, or programs in Plymouth County that are making community-based nutrition education, cooking instruction, and youth education programming widely available?

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Do schools still teach cooking?

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: I don't know.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Is that a thing you learn in school anymore?

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, my daughter, my daughter's at Women Hanson High School, and they do,

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: they do a cooking program, and I'm gonna be going in to speak with their students about

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: locally sourced food. You know, we go into... like, I've worked with Hanover schools, I've worked with the Plymouth schools,

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: you know, so, like, I do some of that as part of my job. I mean, obviously with 4-H, we do have a cooking club in Plymouth County.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Our Careers in Agriculture program, the kids do, typically we will...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Cook or prepare or eat some sort of fresh vegetable, every week. But,

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: I can't think of, like, a specific, like, organization that's, you know, really focused on specifically, like, cooking with local food for kids.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: I think, I can't remember who mentioned it now, but the pediatricians providing nutritionists.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: That might fall under here as well.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: God.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: I think that might have been Mirzel, so we can...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: We can... I can go back to the recording and find out who said that.

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bill napolitano, OCPC: Yeah.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: Bye.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: And Teresa Vernazaro, again, at Carver School Systems.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: would be another connection. I know they do a bunch of public cooking things, and they've incorporated, some cooking into the students.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: And then, hydroponics, into the science rooms.

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: So they're, doing a bunch of great things,

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Frank Basler, Plymouth County: I have... I can, send over Teresa's contact information.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Great.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: That would be fantastic.

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: The... the only thing I can think of, too, is if you're, you know, specifically enrolled in one of the vocational schools, and you do the culinary department, or you're in a health education track, you might

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Molly Vollmer- Ply Cty Extension: Have more of that, but again, you have to be a student in that school.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: That's a good point.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: We also...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPD: Council on Aging, Councils on aging do quite a bit,

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPD: technically, they are open for all ages, generally, most of these Council on Aging programs, but obviously, I think the

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: The folks that they get tend to be older.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And Megan, did you have anything?

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: Yeah, we over the summer, had our food access coordinator, we, on a weekly basis, go out to our camps, and

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: instruct the Food Smarts curriculum, so she would do cooking demos, with the campers, have them be hands-on on it, and it was very nutritious-based meals.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: We also have what's called our Healthy Weight in Your Child program, which does have a nutrition component to it. Parents are required to come to sessions as well, and it includes things like talking with the parents separately about

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: Budgeting as it relates to food, there's a grocery store, tour aspect to it, just overall.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: Nutrition-based as it relates to family health.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Excellent.

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01:16:40.610 --> 01:16:43.069

Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Did you say the Healthy Weight Child Program?

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: It's called Healthy Weight in Your Child, that's its overall name. We are working on a name that's a little bit more approachable.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Gotcha.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Perfect.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, alright, that,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Got this last one for Part A, Subtheme A. So are... do we have policies, programs, practices in place to assist and promote emergency and supplemental food providers, like food banks and food pantries, to source fresh food from local farmers?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Sounds like... I'm just gonna, jump on that one. It does sound like this is part of the relationship between South Shore

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Sscic and the county farm.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So, an emergency and supplemental food providers would be, sort of, yeah, food pantries, food banks, that emergency food relief.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: through our relationship with the Greater Boston Food Bank, which is where we get a majority, about 45,000 pounds of food each month,

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: directly to our food pantry. They also work with enabling us with,

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: more local organizations, so, you know, the Stop and Shop here in Stoughton, All Tom Fresh in Easton, different organizations that can give us their rescue food items, as well as, you know, we've just received from the food bank

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: Some of the boxes we've seen have come from, you know, Ward's Berry Farm, so I know that a lot of local organizations

are connected to the food bank, which then in turn comes back to the community once it makes its way through the food bank.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Great.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: I didn't realize that, that they were also sourcing from local farms.

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Meaghan Avery-Old Colony Y: Yeah, we just noticed that from the boxes for some of our produce, but yeah, there has to be a connection on there, and that it's nice to see the community make its way back to us.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yes.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, unfortunately, with, like, the loss of the, what is it, LFP grant, I mean, that was a huge part of, you know, being able to pay

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: farmers, full price, and then, you know, distribute it to food pantries and people in need for either, you know, for free or for reduced cost. So, with the loss of that grant, I know... I know specifically, you know, 3 or 4 farmers who are

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Taking a hit because they had food that was, like, planned to be part of that grant, but now it will not be funded.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: I think that's an interesting difference to... to make, the difference between sourcing from local farmers, and receiving from local farmers, because I'd say without that LFP,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: this is probably a question for each of the pantries. What farms are bringing you food that might otherwise go to waste?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: But the LFP really did facilitate the opportunity to just buy the food from local farms, so I would say it is going to be hard without that.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Okay, that's Theme 1, so... or, sorry, Theme 2, section A, done. So we'll skip right on to Part B, encouraging attention to food production and accessibility in disaster and Emergency Management.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: banning.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: So, do we have, in Plymouth County policies, practices, or programs that specifically address food availability and accessibility in the event of a disaster?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: And I think that this is also... this is, increasing disaster, emergency, you know, a lot of times we're thinking about... so the MVP program that is currently funding this for a while, for up until really last year when they started thinking about

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Food, but they were really focusing on hurricanes, natural disasters,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: You know, other sort of, more sort of, like, weather emergency situations, but...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Covid was another kind of emergency, and now I think what we're seeing, too, is.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: kind of a political funding emergency. So, broadening our thinking around what are the networks in place that are addressing food availability and accessibility in a really broad sense of disaster emergency.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, the one that I was thinking of was, MDAR's FSIG grant, Food Security Infrastructure Grant, and so there is... part of that funding structure is

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Funding and strengthening, like, local infrastructure so local farmers, you know, can support, like, in the event of, like, national disaster or...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: you know, other issues, so I know... I know just for this funding round, like, we worked with Hornstraw, again, to try to strengthen up their access.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: for, like, dairy in Plymouth County, but I don't know who else received that... may have received that funding in our area.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: while it's still kind of fresh in our minds, were there any organizations, like, I know in Bristol County, we had the Dartmouth Y, really stepped in and,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Got people access to food, local food, and then...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: the South Coast Food Policy Council, we acted as sort of an aggregator of emergency food relief partners for weekly meetings around access.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: I know in Barnstable, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension did that during COVID. Are there any organizations that kind of stand out as the organizations that pull people together in the event of an emergency in Plymouth County?

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Every municipality would have

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: you know, usually an EMS response team, either as a separate department or part of their police or fire. All of them do have

hazard mitigation plans as well, too, that address some of these things. Food, unfortunately, is seldom mentioned in those.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: But I know that...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: for example, like in Brockton, when they use certain specific cooling shelters, then they have, you know, provision for water and, you know, snacks or something, but...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Other than that.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: No.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Can we safely add water?

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: To this discussion, where it fits, in the food.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: chain, drought is becoming a... growing concern. There's a new...

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: announcement, I guess, that went out today. I'm operating my shallow well. Plimpton

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Relies on individual wells for...

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: with minor exception for some water that was brought in from, Middleborough to a few homes.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Based on pollution from the mineralsboro dump. But,

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: drought affects farmers, and it also, in the case of Plimpton and me, presently, my well is running out, and .

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Alright.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: I'm managing it.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Daily, hourly, almost.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yeah, that's a really good point, Howard. I hadn't thought about that aspect in how, drought, but also flooding. So in the event of an emergency that... where water.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: is impacted.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: That even in terms of cooking, or cleaning food, or, like, being able to eat in the event of an emergency.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Has that has to do?

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: So...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: the additional consultants that we're hiring, in the RFP specifically, were instructed to look at these kind of more climate-related impacts on the system as well, too, so I think we'll get some really interesting

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Data from them.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Right.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Alright, maybe, Joanne, we tackle one more that's related to this, so we'll see if we've got anything here.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Alright, does anyone know about emergency or disaster plans that are integrated and coordinated with other local or regional emergency relief and food access activities? That's a mouthful.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Yeah, again, is there any sense of organizations that are coordinating, or who's kind of leading the charge in the event of

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Does Plymouth not have any emergencies or disasters, maybe?

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Hmm...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Not yet? They do. Yeah. I mean, the coordination, I think... I think what's popped out here is that one of the people we need to get to know better is the... the first responder community, the folks that are in charge of this stuff, because I think... I know there's currently a big planning effort in Plymouth underway with wildfire.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: But outside of the municipal level, though, I'm not sure how much municipalities coordinate with one another. I know there was some coordination with those communities.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: around the nuclear power plant in Plymouth, and evacuation routes and stuff like that, but...

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Not sure how far it goes beyond that anymore.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Yup.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: We have... Mutual aid, as it relates to police and fire, but .

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Hmm.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Not sure that it extends beyond... Those two.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Yeah.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Another...

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: There is a, there is a coordinated Plymouth County response team.

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Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Yeah.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: you know, it is kind of specifically for horses, but they do also train them on, like, managing, like, larger livestock that, like, could become, like, a safety hazard. So, they are trained in, like, basics of, like, handling, like, again, like, horses, cattle, things like that, but that.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Maybe, like, rescue efforts more?

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: Yeah, they have... they have, like, a name, I can't think.

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bill napolitano, OCPC: It's TURPS, I think, Megan, Technical Emergency Response Programs.

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bill napolitano, OCPC: And there's a few towns that usually get together around a geographic cluster, and they work together. It's mutual aid, and they all train together on things

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bill napolitano, OCPC: Yeah, as I said.

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Meghan Riley, County Ag Extension: They do a whole training program for it, too.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Hmm, okay.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: I'm just gonna throw a couple out there from other towns, one in East Ham on the Cape, so they're sort of starting to look at what are climate resilience hubs, and what are emergency hubs? Like, where do people get their information? Where are people gonna find out who has...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Information in the event of a disaster, and libraries are becoming a key piece of the puzzle, and becoming these resource hubs.

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Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Huh.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: for this kind of information.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: there was another one that I was thinking of. Oh, you know, also what we found in Bristol County was that some of this is quite siloed into organizations, so the... I think it's the Bristol Elders... it's Bristol Elder...

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: or South Coast Elder Services, they have a plan for their clients and sort of their demographic in the event of an emergency, but it's not integrated. So that's something I think, probably, as we work through this, you know, finding out, do food

pantries, do some of the people that are touching on food have plans for this?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: All right, that brings us right to 1.30. Thank you all so, so much for staying on and for listening and contributing. That, again, was, an excellent amount of information collected, so an amazing amount of information collected. So, any questions, especially from,

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Anyone that is joining us for... sorry, I think, Brian, it might just be you, so I'm putting you on the spot. Or no, Megan, as well. Any questions from anyone who's, first meeting?

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: With us.

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Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: All good?

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01:29:08.980 --> 01:29:15.459

Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Great, excellent. Alright, we will be sending out notes and recordings, and we'll be seeing you again in a month.

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01:29:16.890 --> 01:29:17.929

Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC: Thank you, everyone.

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01:29:17.930 --> 01:29:18.350

Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Take care.

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01:29:18.350 --> 01:29:18.670

Howard Randall, CPCWD and Old Colony Y: Thank you.

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01:29:18.670 --> 01:29:19.090

bill napolitano, OCPC: Hi.

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01:29:19.300 --> 01:29:20.020

bill napolitano, OCPC: Nevermind.

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01:29:20.020 --> 01:29:20.680

Rita Higgins, Marion Institute: Bye.

