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PLANNING COUNCIL

## Plymouth County Food System Action Plan: Community Advisory Board (CAB)

### Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/NaRRxNA9RaueRoFr7NPNvQ>

Dial-in: 1-646-876-9923 (Meeting ID: 889 4338 7171; Passcode 148867)

Open to board members and the public

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions (Rita Higgins, Marion Institute)
2. Project Update (Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC)
3. Discuss **Theme 6: Food Sovereignty and Equity** (Rita and Joanne)
  - Brief Theme Introduction
  - Assessment of Theme 6 Indicators (see paper that follows)
4. Review confirming draft findings (Rita)
5. Update on Public Survey (Joanne)
6. Closing, Meeting Feedback, and Next Meeting (Rita)

**Next Meeting:** March 25, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. (virtual)

Final theme: Place-based Economics that Enhance Local Control, Local Food System Resource Ownership, and Ability of Local People to Participate Fully in Food System Work

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## Paper 1

### Instructions

We're using the Community and Agriculture Resilience Audit Tool (CARAT) (<https://carattool.org/>) as a collaborative platform to bring together community stakeholders for a self-assessment of our local food system. The results will inform the development of a Plymouth County Food System Action Plan.

The theme of this meeting will be **Food Sovereignty and Equity**. We will discuss each of the 'indicators' numbered below to assess our region's performance.

If you would like to explore what other places are doing, please see the "Resource Archive" at <https://carattool.org/guide/introduction> (located in the left menu).

### Indicators we'll cover at this meeting

To what extent, if at all, do we do or have the following? Please consider related policies, practices, programs, and projects, as well as the individuals and organizations involved.

SD44. We publicly acknowledge systemic barriers for small-scale, BIPOC, and Indigenous fishers.

SD45. We engage impacted seafood workers in shaping policy and programs.

SD46. We address housing, permits, healthcare, and immigration barriers in the seafood workforce.

CA80. In our community, inequities, injustice, and barriers in the local food system are commonly and publicly identified and acknowledged at the leadership level

CA81. In our community, planning and implementation steps to correct inequities in the food system that are based on information from adversely affected stakeholders obtained during

CA82. We address the social determinants of health and root causes of inequities in the food system for historically disadvantaged community members.

CA83. We empower individuals and organizations from historically disadvantaged backgrounds to collaborate and create

SD47. We have a policy goal to reduce unemployment among BIPOC/youth by connecting them to seafood jobs.

CA84. We have an explicit policy goal to reduce the BIPOC unemployment rate (especially among youth) /identifying and job matching potential opportunities within local food system