

Catskill Advisory Group, Meeting #17

October 7, 2021

Attendees, DEC staff: Katie Petronis, Mikaela Hameline, Peter Frank, Sara Hart, Sean Mahar

Attendees, CAG members: Adam Bosch, Adrienne Larys, Cathy Pedler, David Kukle, Jeff Senterman, Lisa M. Lyons, Markly Wilson, Melissa Abramson, Michelle Yost, Ramsay Adams, Ross Levi, Warren Hart

Guest participants: Cheryl Amrani, Mamie A. Parker

Welcome and introductions:

- Round robin introductions/ reviewed agenda

Brief address from Sean Mahar, DEC Chief of Staff regarding

- DEC is grateful for the CAG's work, including on DEIJ issues, and excited about the engagement with Dr. Mamie Parker and Cheryl Amrani.
- Importance of exploring how we all use the Catskills (and as a society, how we use this planet), importance of planning for protection and public use of the Catskill's resources.
- Continued importance of the CAG's final report under the new administration.

Reviewed timeline for final report:

- Target completion date is May 2022.

Worked with Mamie and Cheri:

- Reviewed decision-making process and alternate member participation.
- Members agreed to strive for consensus.
- Reviewed survey results. Four survey questions were flagged by respondents as needing further discussion.
- Ran two break-out sessions to discuss DEIJ language in interim report.
- Had two report-out sessions following break-out groups.

Next steps/Homework:

- Send in notetakers' notes from break-out sessions.
- Form writing groups to revise DEIJ language in Interim Report. Instructions and deadlines will be discussed in follow-up email(s).