

# FOOD POLICY FORUM

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**Friday, December 11: 12-2:30pm**

Webinar

## Agenda

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- 12:00 PM**      **Getting Settled, Roll Call, and Agenda Overview (10 min)**
- 12:10 PM**      **Reminder on Forum’s framework for joint learning and general agreements (5 min)**  
Ross Strategic Facilitators
- 12:15 PM**      **Introduction to Using an Equity Lens (60 min.)**
- Equity at Washington State: Enterprise Tools and Activities**  
Cheryl Sullivan-Colglazier, OFM  
Overview of current and anticipated Washington State efforts on commitments to develop and apply Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) tools. We’ll take a closer look at the development of the DEI glossary as a foundation for shared language across the enterprise. We will review some key foundational terms the State has defined for the Forum to consider.
- What Does it Mean to Apply an Equity Approach in Policy and Practice?**  
Caitlin Lang, SBOH, Lindsay Herendeen, SBOH  
Overview of the Health Impact Review tool as a detailed example of one equity tool used within Washington State. We’ll discuss populations considered in our analyses of quantitative and qualitative data as well as the limitations of data. We’ll identify key questions that can help guide those applying an equity lens.
- 1:15 PM**      **Equity Frameworks in Action: Presentations by food system organizations that incorporate an equity framework/lens (40 min)**  
*Begin shared learning of how food system organizations that are part of the Forum use equity frameworks/lenses into their work. Forum presenters:*
1. Christina Wong, Northwest Harvest
  2. Aaron Czyzewski, Food Lifeline
- 1:55 PM**      **Forum Discussion (30 min)**
1. Reflections on what you heard today and how it could apply to the Forum’s work.
  2. What resources do you need to continue your participation in equity conversations and working towards applying an equity lens within the Forum?
- 2:25 PM**      **Closing remarks and wrap-up (5 min)**
- 2:30 PM**      **Adjourn**

Equity paragraph in Early Action Implementation Report for reference:

Many of the actions the Forum has developed seek to address food system vulnerabilities, some of which have disproportionate impacts on different populations and industry sectors. Existing disparities in Washington's food system have been exacerbated by COVID-19. Following guidance from the Governor, which directs state agencies to develop budget proposals using an equity lens, in the 2021 fiscal year the Forum will do the same in its own work, by identifying how actions and recommendations of the Forum impact equitable outcomes for Washingtonians. Since its inception, the Forum has taken a systems approach to the challenges and opportunities in our food system; the Forum recognizes that this includes analysis of potentially disparate effects on the diversity of geographic and demographic communities as we work to achieve a food system that provides healthy food for all people in Washington.

In pursuing an equity lens, the Forum will consider a number of questions, including:

1. How has COVID-19 exacerbated racial/ethnic disparities in the elements of the food system identified in the report?
2. How are individuals and families who are facing economic insecurity in the food system impacted by COVID-19?
3. In what ways might the actions of this report be employed to reduce inequities based on racial, ethnic, or economic disparity?
4. What perspectives does the Forum need to engage with to inform an equity approach to implementation of the actions contained in this report?