

how? What role, if any, does financing or financial markets play in any of the issues addressed above? Please provide examples for concerns raised.

#### Information Resources

(17) Do you believe farmers, breeders and other stakeholders have appropriate access to information, education, and support services around seeds and other agricultural inputs, including information on IP protection and IP-related risks covering seeds they buy and the varietal identity of those seeds? If not, what are the most effective means for improving access to such information? What about other agricultural inputs?

(18) Do farmers, breeders, and other stakeholders have access to adequate information on new applications for plant IP, prior to the award of plant patents, plant variety protection certificates or utility patents to the applicants? Are there improvements that could be made to information accessibility for applications prior to the granting of IP protection? What about for other agricultural inputs?

(19) Please comment on any concerns or challenges related to data—e.g., collection, privacy, accessibility, control, market power, or any other aspect—as it affects competition in seeds or other agricultural inputs. To what extent does the expanded application of site-specific crop management using data from sensors, climate readings, or mechanical systems in agriculture impact competition and farmers' access to seeds and other inputs? What mechanisms would safeguard a farmer's control of data and enhance competition and fair access, while appropriately promoting the effective use of new technologies and data analytics? Are there relevant changes to the IP system that would facilitate innovation, competition, and fair access to data? Please comment on any benefits and opportunities for farmers relating to data and consolidation, as appropriate.

#### Additional Matters

(20) Please share any information relevant to regional needs, tribal and underserved communities, climate concerns, and product-specific matters, such as organic seeds, in relation to any of the concerns raised above.

(21) Please comment on any international policy or risk implications related to any of the above matters. Do one or more of the currently available IP forms of protecting plant-related technologies have particular challenges or benefits in the international context in terms of ensuring fair competition

and providing farmers access to improved varieties, and quality, affordable seeds? What about for other agricultural inputs?

#### Policy, Programs, and Solutions

(22) Please comment on the strengths, weaknesses, effectiveness, and gaps in current USDA policies and programs to facilitate access to affordable seeds and other agricultural inputs for farmers, plant breeders, ranchers, and other stakeholders. Are information services, grow out services, and access to seed varieties that are not subject to IP protections sufficiently available? Do farmers, plant breeders, ranchers, and other stakeholders have sufficient voice within relevant agency decision-making, and if not, how could it be improved? How could labeling practices be improved? Please suggest actionable steps that USDA could take to help address any identified concerns.

(23) How could the IP system be improved to address any concerns highlighted?

(24) How could Federal or state antitrust enforcement better address any concerns highlighted?

(25) What other policy changes, tools, investments, or programs could USDA or other agencies deploy to enhance the competitiveness of seeds and other agricultural input markets in relation to any of the concerns highlighted by your responses to the aforementioned questions?

### III. Requirements for Written Comments

The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website allows users to provide comments by filling in a "Type Comment" field or by attaching a document using an "Upload File" field. USDA prefers that comments be provided in an attached document. USDA prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc files) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf files). If the submission is in an application format other than Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat, please indicate the name of the application in the "Type Comment" field. Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter within the comments. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the same file, so that the submission consists of one file instead of multiple files. Comments (both public comments and non-confidential versions of comments containing business confidential information) will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection. Comments may be viewed on <http://www.regulations.gov>

by entering docket number AMS-AMS-22-0025 in the search field on the home page. All filers should name their files using the name of the person or entity submitting the comments. Anonymous comments are also accepted. Communications from agencies of the United States Government will not be made available for public inspection. Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion at the time of submission, file a statement justifying nondisclosure and referring to the specific legal authority claimed, and provide a non-confidential version of the submission. The nonconfidential version of the submission will be placed in the public file on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). For comments submitted electronically containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC." Any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" on the top of that page. The non-confidential version must be clearly marked "PUBLIC." The file name of the nonconfidential version should begin with the character "P." The "BC" and "P" should be followed by the name of the person or entity submitting the comments or rebuttal comments. If a public hearing is held in support of this supply chain assessment, a separate **Federal Register** notice will be published providing the date and information about the hearing.

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Notice of Public Meeting of the Connecticut Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that the Connecticut Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a fourth briefing via web conference or phone call on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. (ET). The purpose of the web conference is for project planning.

**DATES:** March 30, 2022, Wednesday, at 12:00 p.m. (ET):

Join by web conference: WebEx link: <https://tinyurl.com/u2t5xbas>; password, if needed: USCCR-CT

Join by phone only, dial: 1-800-360-9505; Access Code: 2761 876 7626#

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Barbara Delaviez at [ero@usCCR.gov](mailto:ero@usCCR.gov) or by phone at 202-539-8246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is available to the public through the WebEx link and/or phone number/access code above. If joining only via phone, callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing, may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the call-in number found through registering at the web links provided for these meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Barbara de La Viez at [ero@usCCR.gov](mailto:ero@usCCR.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (202) 539-8246. Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at [www.facadatabase.gov](http://www.facadatabase.gov). Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's website, [www.usCCR.gov](http://www.usCCR.gov), or to contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above phone number or email address.

**Agenda**

Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. (ET)

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Project Planning
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Next Steps
- V. Adjournment

Dated: March 11, 2022.

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Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Agenda and Notice of Public Meetings of the Delaware Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that the Delaware State Advisory Committee to the Commission will hold six, two-hour virtual panel briefings to discuss the COVID-19 medical disparities—testing, infections, treatment, vaccinations and other factors—experienced by people of color in Delaware and the social determinants for such disparities. The six virtual panel presentations are all titled, *COVID-19 Medical Disparities and the Social Determinants for those Disparities that Affect People of Color in Delaware*. There are two two-hour morning and afternoon virtual panel briefings at 11:00 a.m. (ET) and again at 2:00 p.m. ET, respectively, on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, and Monday, March 28, 2022. Two-hour virtual briefings are also scheduled on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. (ET) and Friday, April 1, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. (ET), respectively.

**Dates and How To Join the Meetings**

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. (ET)

- To join by web conference: <https://tinyurl.com/bdzf77mb>
- To join by phone only, dial 1-800-360-9505; Access code: 2764 584 3838#

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. (ET)

- To join by web conference: <https://tinyurl.com/3fexevty>
- To join by phone only, dial 1-800-360-9505; Access code: 2762 497 4740#

Monday, March 28, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. (ET)

- To join by web conference: <https://tinyurl.com/55z58sy8>
- To join by phone only, dial 1-800-360-9505; Access code: 2762 803 0597#

Monday, March 28, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. (ET)

- To join by web conference: <https://tinyurl.com/54utjtw4>

- To join by phone only, dial 1-800-360-9505; Access code: 2763 073 3320#

Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. (ET)

- To join by web conference: <https://tinyurl.com/mr37pmuj>
- To join by phone only, dial 1-800-360-9505; Access code: 2763 511 0806#

Friday, April 1, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. (ET)

- To join by web conference: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8atzaw>
- To join by phone only, dial 1-800-360-9505; Access code: 2763 511 0806#

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ivy Davis at [ero@usCCR.gov](mailto:ero@usCCR.gov) or by phone at (202) 539-8468.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each meeting is available to the public through the WebEx links above and all participants will be asked to register before being admitted into the meeting. Registration is requested so that agency staff can keep registrants informed about the Committee's activities, including its planned report. If joining only via phone, callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing, may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the call-in number found through registering at the web link provided for this meeting.

Immediately after each two-hour panel presentation, members of the public are entitled to make brief comments of approximately five minutes during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the written comments must be emailed to the Eastern Regional Office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to: Ivy Davis at [ero@usCCR.gov](mailto:ero@usCCR.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (202) 539-8468. Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at [www.facadatabase.gov](http://www.facadatabase.gov). Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's website, [www.usCCR.gov](http://www.usCCR.gov), or to contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email address or phone number.