



# Agricultural Worker Wellness Committee Updates

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# AWWC Membership

- EO establishes 15 AWWC Members
  - Four State Agency Representatives
  - Two Local/Regional Representatives
  - Two Worker Representatives
  - Three Employer Representatives
  - Four Community Representatives
- Two current vacancies in process of being filled
  - Designee of Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
  - Community Representative – SMIRLS
- EO remains in place for 90 days after Governor leaves office

# Survey Results

- Eight AWWC Members responded
  - All 8 are willing to continue service
- Ideas regarding AWWC work for this year
  - Continue focus on worker safety
  - Safe, affordable, and accessible housing
  - Find ways to ensure employer engagement and input
  - Work toward potential solutions not dependent on legislation

# Agency Level Recommendations

Multiple Departments	Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
Information for anyone with complaints or problems regarding safety and wellbeing	Ensure that employers are communicating information about workplace safety, worker rights, and where to get help in all languages spoken by workers
Registration process for employer provided housing units	Competitive recognition program
Coordinated, proactive, annual housing inspection protocols	Formal alliance between DLI and worker advocacy groups
Analysis of existing housing regulations to identify agencies' jurisdictions overlap and gaps	Identify need for additional MNOSHA emphasis programs within the various subsectors of the industry to increase number of proactive inspections

- Prioritizing the work moving forward
  - Continue focus on worker safety
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- Timeline for Committee work
  - Monthly meetings through Dec 2022
  - Employer sessions and/or working group
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# Root Cause Coalition

- Co-founded by AARP Foundation and ProMedica in 2015
- Nonprofit, member-driven organization – more than 90 members
- Common goal – to achieve health equity for every American
- National Summit on the Social Determinants of Health
  - October 2-4 in Minneapolis
- Presentation – Health Equity in Rural Communities – Lessons of COVID-19's Impact on Food System Workers