

# Food Security Council Meeting

## Notes



**Time:** 10:00-11:30 am

**Date:** January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Place:** [Virtual](#) (zoom)

**Members Attending:** Paul Birkbeck, Rachel Bowman, Kathleen Britton, Craig Buttars (Caroline Hargraves), Laura Holtrop Kohl, Heidi LeBlanc, Paula Scott,

**Members Absent:** Sarah Adams, Brad Belnap, Gina Cornia, Spencer Gibbons, Vinnetta Golphin-Wilkerson, Katie Mазzie, Justen Smith, James Toledo

**Other members present:** Carrie Durward, Kurt Clodfelter, Jocelin Gibson, Sean Damitz, Habiba Nur, Lea Palmer, Matthew Anderson, Kristin Hoch, Casey Coombs, Ashley Sullivan, Abiodun Atoloye, Gene Smith, Sarah Elizabeth Garza-Levitt, Michelle Peterson, Melissa Yack Hall, Arie Van DeGraaff, Kaylie Lake, LaCee Jimenez, Maria Schwarz, Jeff Taylor, Jennifer Bateman, Darlene Christensen, Natalie Loots, Genevieve Daly, Natalie McHale, Temis Taylor, Alysia Ducuara, Hannah Goggin, Peggy Green, Mia Barth, Jaclyn St. John, Ashley Butler, Ellen Mussler Maxfield, Gabby Elledge, Heather Crockett, Kelsey Hall, Leticia Goodman,

**Total number of attendees:** 44

Agenda Items	Discussion Items	Actions/Suggestions
Welcome and Introductions		
Meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Approve to pass</b> (for November)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Laura Holtrop Kohl move to approve. Heidi LeBlanc approved.</li></ul>
Review working group documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council will review subcommittee documents and approve to pass for website addition.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Subcommittees update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mapping (Lea Palmer)</li><li>• Communications (Paul Birkbeck)</li><li>• Policy (Gina Cornia)</li><li>• Recovery (Laura Holtrop Kohl, Sean Damitz, Carrie Durward)</li><li>• Homelessness (Lea Palmer, Peggy Green)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mapping Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. All welcome to join and contribute.</li><li>• Communications Meet monthly; day before FSC meeting. Current focus is improvements for FSC public website. Updates include: new page for subcommittee, renaming food waste to food recovery, plan to have individual page webpage for each subcommittee to highlight work and share</li></ul>

		<p>materials, added <i>Utah211.org</i> and <i>Feedut.org</i> to the Help section. Open to feedback from FSC on accessibility and useability of website.</p> <p>Next meeting will discuss the option of hosting possible fundraising and food security events on the site (how to screen and where to post). Would like to highlight worthwhile and appropriate events and opportunities on the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Recovery This is shaping up to be a dynamic and engaged group. Would love to have more members. Would also like to find more industry/commercial food members join. Sean has some possible collaboration ideas and even potential grant funding.</li> <li>• Homelessness No meeting last month, instead the subcommittee is spending time reading, <i>Reinventing Food Banks and Food Pantries</i> by Katie Martin. This will help shape their future conversations and help define their goals. They welcome new members to their subcommittee.</li> </ul>
First year evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spend time to finish evaluation <a href="#">Link</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowed five minutes for people to complete this important survey on FSC progress.</li> </ul>
NourishEd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intro to Program (Ashley Sullivan)</li> <li>• Opportunities for collaboration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A competition hosted by USU Hunger Solutions Institute that allowed student teams to develop solutions to food insecurity. A panel of judges chose winners and awarded a cash prize along with the chance to enact their proposal. NourishEd was the 2023 winner. This initiative involves collection foodstuffs, recipes, education, and assembling meal kits to distribute to families in need. Initial site will be the Provo Utah School</li> </ul>

		<p>District, where the CTE department will assist with marketing, assembling the meal kits, finding food trucks, etc. Create Better Health (Utah SNAP-Ed) will provide training and teach the CTE students on nutrition, food safety, etc. NourishEd is eager to partner and welcomes anyone who might have ideas or resources to help make this a successful venture. Please contact Ashley Sullivan or Palak Gupta.</p>
<p>Discussion by Dairy West and Utah Food Bank</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dairy West (Jaclyn St. John) and Utah Food Bank (Matthew Anderson)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dairy West exists to enrich the Utah and Idaho communities by offering valuable nutrition resources and improve reach and impact across the two states. They seek to bring agencies together and aide partnerships. They are a type of marketing agency for farmers, providing resources and information to help increase access. They help provide refrigeration to food sites; they offer backpack programs (materials and education); disseminate nutrition information; and they provide continuing education events for professionals.</li> </ul> <p>Utah Food Bank currently operates a great number and variety of programs for adults and children. They seek to help other agencies achieve their food distribution goals and are eager to provide guidance, insight, instruction, and resources. They hope to move new ideas into established systems/spaces rather than build new. It is important to utilize existing tools before making new or duplicating effort. Utah Food Bank has a variety of primary programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pantry network (over 260 pantries)</li> <li>Mobile pantries</li> <li>Food drop sites</li> </ul>

		<p>Mobile school pantries (72 schools) Food recovery Senior box program (CFFP)</p> <p>They are now working to expand into more rural areas and seek a more equitable approach to food distribution across the state.</p> <p>Carrie D would like to work with Utah Food Bank on more effective and efficient food recovery efforts to minimize loss of produce.</p> <p>Utah Food Bank does not decide pantry sites, but rather respond to need and work to fill gaps. They are hoping to better refine their developmental efforts to meet the needs of more desperate areas and provide a more equity focused program in the hard-to-reach areas. They are working toward more brick and mortar pantries in vulnerable need areas.</p> <p><b>Common Work Potential:</b> Utah Food Bank is looking for improved data and better real time information on food needs. They seek data on need tracker, new clients versus greater need. They hope to “right size” the food delivery to pantries to meet the need and optimize and allocate food to the right places. Smaller pantries aren’t most efficient, and pop up sites don’t always maximize reach.</p> <p>CAI (Center for Anticipatory Intelligence) at USU may provide opportunities to work on this goal of real time need and improved data. They work on complex problems with data collection/integration, mapping, and modeling.</p>
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Upcoming Event by USU CAAS and CAI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heidi Kuhn, World Food Prize 2023 Winner (Rose Judd-Murray)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote speaker at the end of the semester. She's an international food security advocate. April 17, 3-4pm. Her work is titled <i>Roots for Peace</i>.</li> </ul>
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024</li> <li>• Hybrid meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hybrid setting (online and in person)</li> </ul>

*Minutes approved by Paul Birkbeck, seconded by Caroline Hargraves, on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.*