



Time: 10:00-11:00 am

Date: February 19, 2025

Place: [Virtual](#) (Zoom video conference)

Council Members in Attendance: Natalie Loots, Frank Vega, Cassidy Dragnaut, Allison Ross (representing Natalie McHale), Kristin Hoch (representing Paula Scott), Rachel Bowman, Lea Palmer, Kamaile Tripp-Harris, Sarah Adams,

Council Members Absent: Kimberly Loveland, Justen Smith, Nisay Lao, Gina Cornia, Clayton Beckstead/Aubree Thomas, James Toledo

Total number of attendees: 46

Link to Meeting Recording: [Link](#)

Agenda Items	Discussion Items	Actions/Suggestions
Welcome Palak Gupta		
Roll Palak Gupta		
Approve Previous Meeting Notes		Vote to approve: Heather Crockett Second the motion: Natalie Loots
Shared work presentation	Food Environment Working Group: Davis County (Amberly Lambertsen and Emma Parkhurst)	<p>Amberly Lambertsen and Emma Parkhurst shared about the Food Environment Working Group in Davis County (also known as FEWG). The group originated in 2017/2018, and continued until COVID paused the meeting, and regained momentum in 2021/2022 in a virtual method. Amberly and Emma soon took over conducting meeting monthly in person at the USU Extension – Davis County office. This group conducted a Davis County Food Assessment.</p> <p><i>The vision of FEWG is... All Davis County residents' needs and desires are at the heart of food systems and policies. Residents have access to and know how to utilize nutrient-dense, affordable, and culturally appropriate food for every meal.</i></p> <p><i>The mission of FEWG is... We improve food access in Davis County by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing community needs • Building partnerships • Eliminating barriers to nutrient-dense, affordable and culturally-appropriate food, especially for the underserved • Promoting and implementing best practices • Supporting a safe, healthy food supply

		<p>Additionally, Amberly and Emma shared about current organizations involved and their 2024 wins (for more information, please see the PowerPoint)</p> <p>Link to Presentation (FEWG)</p>
	Community Health Workers (Kamaile Tripp)	<p>Kamaile introduced the Community Health Workers program, describing what they are, how they work and their purpose.</p> <p>For more information on what Community Health Workers are, visit the PowerPoint and view the video on slide 3.</p> <p>Community Health Workers work to connect individuals to resources, provide education and skill building, advocacy work, provide cultural sensitivity to provide tailored interventions to meet specific cultural and dietary needs, and address root causes.</p> <p>Link to Presentation (Community Health Workers)</p>
Partner updates	Every Kid Counts- SNAP	<p>Frank Vega shared about Every Kid Counts which allows SNAP recipients to show their SNAP Horizon card at any Thanksgiving Point and attend for special pricing. \$5 admission per adult; all dependent children (ages 3-12) are free.</p> <p>Link to flyer (EKC)</p>
	Shared work presentations	Interested in sharing about your work at a Food Security Council Meeting? Sign up at this link (Google document).
	Hunger Solutions Podcast- Sign up	Interested in joining the Hunger Solutions Institute podcast? Contact Lea Palmer (lea.palmer@usu.edu)
Subcommittee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications Frank Vega • Food Recovery Sean Damitz, Carrie Durward • Nourished Communities Lea Palmer • Mapping Lea Palmer • Policy Gina Cornia • Local Food Promotion Natalie McHale • Evaluation Palak Gupta 	No subcommittee updates were shared due to limited time.
Next Meeting	March 19, 2025 (Virtual only)	

Approved by Gina Cornia, Seconded by Natalie Loots, March 19, 2025

Roll call for members (or designee)

1. The Executive director of the Department of Health and Human Services or designee: **Natalie Loots**
2. The executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or designee: **Frank Vega**
3. The state superintendent or designee: **Kimberly Loveland**, USBE
4. The commissioner or designee: **Cassidy Dragunat**, Utah System of Higher Education
5. The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food or designee: Natalie McHale, *Representative: Allison Ross*
6. Member representing USU Extension: Justen Smith, *Representative: Ashley Butler*
7. Member who represents Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program: **Paula Scott**
8. Member who represents the Utah Women, Infants, and Children Program: **Rachel H. Bowman**
9. Member who represents the Utah SNAP-Ed program: **Lea Palmer**
10. Member who represents a food assistance organization: **Nisay Lao**, Granger Community Christian Church
11. Member who represents an advocacy group that addresses federal nutrition program: **Gina Cornia**, Utah's Against Hunger
12. Member who represents an organization that promotes healthy eating and active lifestyles in the state: **Kamaile Tripp-Harris**, University of Utah School of Medicine, Community Health Workers Program
13. Member who represents an organization that provides refugee resettlement services in the state: **Sarah Adams**, International Rescue Committee
14. One member who represents the Utah Farm Bureau Federation: Spencer Gibbons, *Representative: Clayton Beckstead/Aubree Thomas*, Utah Farm Bureau
15. One member who represents a tribal government in the state: **James Toledo**, Utah Division of Indian Affairs