

Food Security Council Meeting

Notes



Time: 10:00-11:30 am

Date: February 21th, 2024

Place: Hybrid (in person and [Virtual](#))

Members Attending: Palak Gupta, Caroline Hargraves, Heidi LeBlanc, Paul Birkbeck, Sarah Adams, Rachel Bowman, Katie Mazzie

Members Absent: Brad Belnap, Gina Cornia, Kathleen Britton, Clayton Beckstead, Vinnetta Golphin-Wilkerson, Laura Holtrop Kohl, Paula Scott, Justen Smith, James Toledo.

Other members present: Lisa Thomas, Mia Barth, Heather Crockett, Kurt Clodfelter, Steve Prater, Habiba Nur, Lea Palmer, Jocelin Gibson, Sarah Elizabeth Garza-Levitt, Casey Slater, Melissa Hall, Sean Damitz, Rose Judd-Murray, Leticia Goodman, Peggy Green, Aubree Thomas, Frank Vega, Rachel Bowman, Kaylie Lake, Natalie McHale, Arie Van De Graaff, Ashley Butler, Jennifer Bateman.

Total number of attendees:

Agenda Items	Discussion Items	Actions/Suggestions
Welcome and Introductions		Welcome by Palak
Meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Approve to pass (for January)	Approved by Paul Birkbeck Second by Caroline Hargraves
Review working group documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Council will review working group documents and approve to pass for website addition.	Notes below
Working group update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mapping working group- Lea PalmerCommunications- Paul BirkbeckPolicy working group- GinaFood Recovery working group- Sean DamitzHomelessness working group- Lea Palmer, Peggy Green	<p>Mapping Subcommittee: Working on a toolkit. End goal is to map out state resources, facilitate collaborative work by showing what is available and where there are gaps. Hope to provide recommendations to council on ways to fill gaps.</p> <p>Toolkit lays out five primary food system categories: Production, Processing, Distribution, Consumption, Conservation & Resilience</p> <p>Toolkit should be completed within next month or two. Will provide a type of <i>funnel</i> approach where people can decipher where and how to get involved.</p> <p>Communications Subcommittee:</p>

Paul will be retiring soon, and his seat will be filled by Frank Vega. This team is focused on disseminating the Food Security Council's goals and initiatives to our audience (the legislature, community and government groups, and those in need of food) in a clear, impactful and timely manner.

Current projects include, Food Security Council website redesign, Food Security Council Social Media posts, Quarterly press releases, Yearly Report to the Legislature

Recently created a press release sending Utah public to the website so they can see what s happening and what resources are there.

Next, hope to create incentives for people to come back time and again.

Policy Subcommittee:
Next time.

Food Recovery Subcommittee:
Working on language to describe their four goal areas: collaborate to prevent food waste and fight food insecurity, share best practices for food waste reduction, maximize and leverage council member expertise, collaborate as a statewide coalition with partners to be more competitive in large scale funding opportunities.

Carrie D is working on a Peace Program at USU. A system where they are gleaning apples post harvest for apple sauce.

Currently discussing the EPA Community Change grant that is a viable grant. Sean will send a Qualtrics survey to share how interested people are to be a part of this grant. It's due next November, but the committee is willing to submit a first version, make improvements, and then resubmit. But the money would be useful to fight food insecurity in a variety of forms.

		<p>Next Food Recovery Subcommittee Meeting: March 7 at 1pm. https://meet.google.com/nuz-wxyo-suo?hs=224</p> <p>Homelessness Subcommittee: Last meeting was a discussion of three main goals: identify, connect to, and collaborate with stakeholders and programs involved with nutrition support & housing to overlap promotion of resources to individuals experiencing housing and nutrition insecurity; build competency in understanding the experiences of, and the best points of contact for individuals experiencing housing and nutrition insecurity. This will lead to developing meaningful insight and initiative recommendations to the food security council; explore policies, systems, and environmental examples improving nutrition security among unhoused individuals or individuals with housing insecurity to adopt and implement into other segments (example- CAP/ food bank systems implemented in student SNAC pantry, etc.)</p>
First year evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palak will share results 	See slides below.
Discuss evaluation matrix development for council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion with group to brainstorm plan to evaluate council. 	<p>Future Council Goal Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop goals and messaging for nutrition education. Coordinate statewide efforts to address food security. Provide consistent and coordinated messaging to state programs. Promote programs and activities that contribute to healthy eating and active lifestyles. Promote programs and activities that advance Utah food products. Disseminate the statewide goals and messaging. <p>For each goal statement consider: Subcommittee alignment? How to evaluate? Projects to pursue?</p> <p>These brainstorming questions will be sent over email in the form of a working document. This will help</p>

		facilitate a more in-depth conversation next meeting.
Questions/ comments		
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 20th, 2024• Virtual meeting	

Minutes approved by Gina Cornia, seconded by Heidi LeBlanc, on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

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Year 1 Evaluation

Goals

- The council aims to coordinate statewide efforts in addressing food security by
 - Developing goals and messaging for nutrition education ensuring consistency in federally funded programs
 - Promoting healthy eating and active lifestyles
 - Advancing Utah food products,
 - Disseminating messaging to state agencies



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Meetings



85 participating members



Meetings: 9

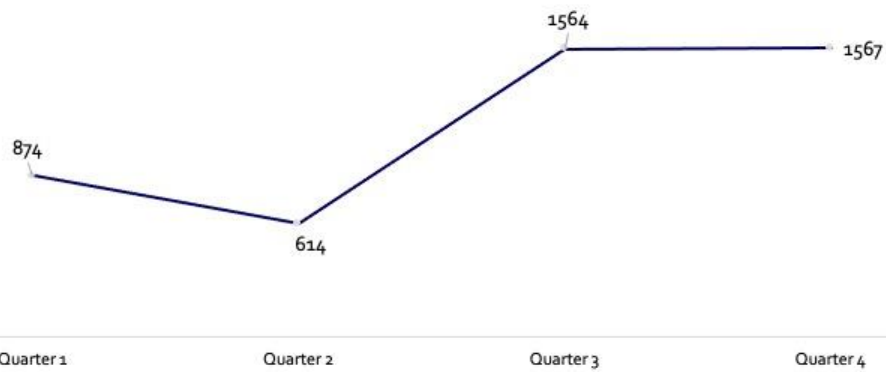


Presentations shared: 9



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Audience Reach- Website



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Audience Reach- Social Media



Facebook: 140 posts with reach of 2,107 people



Instagram: 148 posts with reach of 6,927 people



Twitter: Reach of 5,509 people



Press releases: 2



Fact Sheet: 4



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Survey Results



Responses: 25



Response rate: 29.4%



Organizations represented:

Universities- 48%

State Departments- 28%

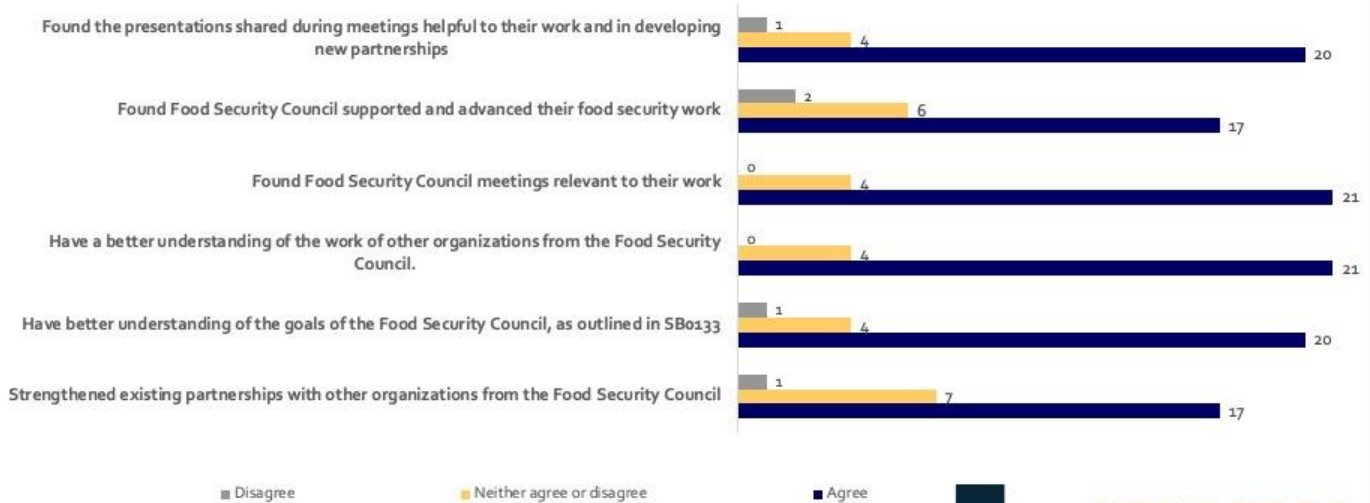
County Departments- 16%

Not-profits- 8%



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Members involvement with FSC



Future Council Work



Training on building community capacity to empowers community



Population focused efforts- like homeless group, higher education workgroup



Focus on food access



Initiatives that identify gaps in food access programs



Policies that influence food access- to increase funding of food pantries



Interest in Future Council Work



Coordinated work between agencies



Need for effective tracking and matrix system to reach goals



Goal setting, planning and follow-up meetings



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