

# Food Security Council Meeting



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

**Date:** March 15, 2023

**Place:** Davis County Extension Office, Room 133 and 135

**Members Attending:** Gina Cornia (Chair, Utahns Against Hunger), Heidi LeBlanc (SNAP-Ed), Paul Birkbeck (DWS), Kathleen Britton (Utah State Board of Education), Laura Holtrup Kohl (Utah Community Health Workers Association), Brad Belnap (DHHS), Caroline Hargraves (UDOA), Sarah Adams (IRC), Katie Mazzie (Utah System of Higher Education), Chris Bernard (rep. WIC), Aubree Thomas (rep. Farm Bureau)

**Members Absent:** Paula Scott (EFNEP), Justen Smith (USU Extension), member from Tribal Government, Vinnetta Golphin-Wilkerson

**Others present:** Palak Gupta (Utah State University), Hannah Martin (DHHS), Natalie Loots (DHHS), Ashley Sullivan (USU), Tom Hogan (Community Action Coalition Utah), Darlene Christensen (USU Extension), Kaylie Lake (Utah County Health Department), Kurt Clodfelter (Community Member), Habiba Nur (USU), Lea Palmer (USU), Jocelin Gibson (USU), Maria Schwarz (SLC Sustainability), Tyler Goddard (DHHS), Ellie Brownstein (University of Utah), Kristin Hoch (USU), LaCee Jimenez (USU), Betty Grant, Chris Bernard (WIC), Devynne Andrews (Get Healthy Utah)

**Total number of attendees: 28**

| Agenda Items   | Discussion Items   | Actions/Suggestions  |
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| Welcome  |  |  |
| Meeting minutes (2 minutes)                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve to pass</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from February 15th – Passed</li> </ul>  |
| Food security council by laws (3 minutes)                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ask for volunteers to draft by-laws.</li> <li>Include role of chair</li> <li>use legislation as a template</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heidi - Use some of SNAC and the use of the bill as a kickoff</li> <li>Gina is happy to lead out on that and help Heidi and Palak to get started</li> <li><b>Work on bylaws</b></li> </ul>  |
| Presentation on food insecurity situation in Utah (10 minutes) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Palak will present</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">See slides (Link Slides)</a></li> <li>Weber State Study has shown that college students in Utah experience a higher percentage of hunger compared to other populations. <a href="#">Link.</a></li> </ul>  |
| Draft survey (25 minutes)                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the questions</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define Food Sovereignty. <u>Definitions</u> will be a good point of reference.</li> <li>Gina – Food sovereignty is happening a lot with tribal communities.</li> <li>Heidi - Add Partnerships to question 11. “What are the existing food security</li> </ul> |

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|                               |  | <p>programs your organization works on or partnerships?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add a text box for a description of each priority for question 14.</li> <li>• Add a question about mapping resources.</li> <li>• Include the expected time length of the survey at the beginning (or in the email out)</li> <li>• What will be the next step with the survey results?</li> <li>• Palak – Create working groups based on the results and work on initiatives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Survey Results</b> – Who could work on it? Cris Meier and Lendel Narine could help.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Survey Working Group - Gina Cornia, Paul Birkbeck, Laura Holtrup Kohl</b></li> </ul>   |
| Grant discussion (15 minutes) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• REACH grant (geared more toward Resource Mapping and developing mapping sub-committee)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">See slides</a></li> <li>• Mapping can be helpful in public health and provide user-friendly data.</li> <li>• Proposes to use a current condition map (Utah Healthy Places Index) bridged with a Resource Map.</li> <li>• Gina – The University of Utah (individual at mapping of resources), UTA, and Salt Lake County have done mapping. Recommends looking at existing maps.</li> <li>• Lea – The working group will help to make a collaborative view of resources and maps that are currently used or being developed.</li> <li>• Heidi – Feed Utah is another resource.</li> <li>• Lea- Let’s bring all the resources together.</li> <li>• Palak recommends looking at Hunger Solution Institute (HIS) at Auburn University’s map.</li> <li>• Goals of the Mapping Working Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Data gatherers &amp; Organizers</li> <li>○ Gather resource information and organize in a comprehensive system</li> <li>○ Gather information on the food security needs of the state</li> <li>○ Provide recommendations to the Food Security Council on focus areas based off need throughout the state</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have a working resource map on HIS/FSC website by Fall 2023</li> <li>● <b>Map Working Group - Katie Mazzie, Kaylie Lake, Hannah Martin, Lea Palmer</b><br/><b>If interested in being a part of the group: please email lea.palmer@usu.edu</b></li> <li>● Gina shared a resource from Utahns Against Utah. <a href="https://uah.org/get-help/emergency-food">https://uah.org/get-help/emergency-food</a></li> <li>● <b>REACH Grant</b> – Lea is taking time to step back and recommends applying next year. The council would apply. Laura Holtrup Kohl at DHHS is working on an application with HEAL and Health Disparities. The council can support DHHS.</li> </ul>       |
| Brainstorm activity sheet for the meeting (15 minutes) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If time permits, will work on it, else keep it for the next meeting</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will work on it next time</li> </ul>   |
| Questions/ comments/ sharing work (10 minutes)         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Add agenda items for each working group to report on their progress each meeting.</li> <li>● <b>Report Working Group: Heidi LeBlanc, LaCee Jimenez</b><br/>Paul recommends gathering baseline data.</li> <li>● <b>Communication (Public Relations) Work Group: Caroline Hargraves?</b></li> <li>● List working group on the website.</li> <li>● Mental Healthcare for Agriculture partnership with Utah State University Extension. Please share QR code to resources</li> <li>● Palak recommends each committee member sharing a 10-minute presentation on the organization they represent.</li> </ul> <p>Heidi LeBlanc - Create Better Health<br/>Natalie Loots – DHHS</p> |
| Next Meeting   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● April 19, 2023</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>   |

*Meeting minutes approved: 4/19/2023 by Heidi LeBlanc, second by Caroline Hargraves.*