



Time: 10:00-11:00 am

Date: March 19th, 2025

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

Council Members in Attendance: Natalie Loots, Frank Vega, Dani Perez (*representing Kimberly Loveland*), Cassidy Dragnaut, Natalie McHale, Ashley Butler (*representing Justen Smith*), Kristin Hoch (*representing Paula Scott*), Rachel Bowman, Lea Palmer, Nisay Lao, Gina Cornia, Sierra Govett, Aubree Thomas (*representing Spencer Gibbons*)

Council Members Absent: Kamalie Tripp-Harris, James Toledo

Total number of attendees: 44

Agenda Items	Discussion Items	Actions/Suggestions
Welcome Palak Gupta		
Roll Palak Gupta		
Approve Previous Meeting Notes	•	Vote to approve: Gina Cornia Second the motion: Natalie Loots
Sub-committee updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications Frank Vega • Mapping Lea Palmer • Policy Gina Cornia • Local Food Promotion Natalie McHale • Food Recovery Sean Damitz, Carrie Durward • Evaluation Palak Gupta • NourishCommunities Lea Palmer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication – Highlighting the podcast more from the last available podcast; S-EBT (SUN Bucks) has been solidified and approved. Frank shared a few flyers on SUN Bucks. • Mapping – Discussing next steps. Developed a toolkit on those interested in getting involved with Food Security. Looking at collaborative work between different agencies. Starting two mini lit reviews on scoring food security levels and relevant needs assessments in SLC. Hopes this will help address gaps in certain areas to bring this to the council. • Policy – No updates. • Local Food Promotion – Encourages other sub-committees to reach out if there is a connection or need a local food lens. • Food Recovery – Reviewing the sub-committee objectives and indicators and the implementation timeline. UCC has had one of the USDA programs completely cancelled. • Evaluation – Worked on a tool for partnership and collaboration and is under IRB right now. Waiting on approval before sending out. • NourishCommunities – Next meeting in the next month. Quarterly community meeting. Smaller segment meetings (housing insecurity, refugee, Spanish-speaking, etc. focuses).

		<p>Ideas on member engagement and participation: Revisit committee structure. How does that subject areas in that subcommittees differ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discuss more at the next month's meeting</i> <p>Enhancing member engagement and participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council member required to be part of one committee. - Our community member base is active- ways to have time meaningfully involved.
Shared work presentation (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wasatch Cooperative Market- Adelaide Corey-Disch (Board member) 	<p>Adelaide, a board member for the Wasatch Cooperative Market, discussed the need for a cooperative grocery store in the Liberty Wells neighborhood (416 E 900 S). The store, which aims to open in the fall, will focus on affordable and locally sourced food, prioritizing affordability and food access over profit. The store will be a consumer-owned cooperative, with 1,207 member owners and a 10-member Board of Directors. Adelaide also mentioned a program called the LIME program, which will provide underwritten member ownership for those who cannot afford the membership cost. Individuals can donate specifically to the LIME program by visiting the coop website and noting that the donation is for the LIME program. The store plans to source 20 to 25% of its inventory locally, increasing food access in the neighborhood and administering food incentive programs. Adelaide discussed the progress of their community-owned food cooperative, which is currently in the fundraising stage. They have raised about a million dollars but still need 2.5 million to complete construction and open by November.</p>
Legislative updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 100: Food Security Amendments- Gina Cornia/Neil Rickard • HB 403: SNAP Funds Amendments- Gina Cornia/Neil Rickard 	<p>Gina shared an overview of recent legislative updates regarding HB100 and HB403. For more information, please reach out to Gina Cornia.</p>
Food Security and Hunger Solutions Symposium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lea Palmer • Application for the booth • Sponsor or partner registration • Poster session- open for students and professionals 	<p>The Hunger Solutions Institute and the Center for Anticipatory Intelligence at Utah State University will be hosting the Food Security and Hunger Solutions Symposium on April 17th on the USU-Logan Campus. It is free to attend. If you are interested in hosting a booth or sponsoring, please visit the website.</p>
Partner updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UDHHS (Natalie Loots) 	<p>Natalie Loots with the Utah Department of Health and Human Services shared an update on funding for the LFPA program in Utah. It was slated to receive \$2.7 million, but due to the changes in the federal government, that funding has since been cancelled.</p> <p>She shared about a Community of Practice that focuses on Farm to Food Assistance and specifically LFPA. To join those meeting, please register at the</p>

		following link . Meetings will be held on March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 19.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSC Website Agency Highlights (Frank Vega) 	The FSC website agency highlight information was shared during the Communication sub-committee update above.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rocky Mountain Meat Summit (Jocelin Gibson)- flyer 	Jocelin introduced the 1 st Annual Rocky Mountain Meat Summit held in Logan, UT. It is free to attend. The flyer has also been shared via email and encourages individuals to share out with those interested.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared work (Palak Gupta) 	Palak invited attendees to share their work during a Food Security Council Meeting. To sign up, please visit the Google document .
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunger Solutions Podcast 	Podcast episodes will be released on a weekly basis. Delays have occurred due to previous host leaving her position. If you are interested in joining the podcast to talk about your food security-related work, please reach out to Lea Palmer or Palak Gupta for more information.
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 16th, 2025 	Sierra Govett with the New Roots Program proposed a partnership for a food pantry at the Sunnyvale Farmers market due to limited capacity of employees, and Matt Anderson from Utah Food Bank expressed interest in assisting with this initiative.

Approved by Frank Vega, Seconded by Rachel Bowman, 5/21/2025

Roll call for members (or designee)

1. The Executive director of 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 (representative: Dani Perez)
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**
6. Member representing USU Extension: Justen Smith, *Representative*: **Ashley Butler**
7. Member who represents Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program: Paula Scott, *Representative*: **Kristin Hoch**
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, (for this meeting: Unavailable)
11. Member who represents an advocacy group that addresses federal nutrition program: **Gina Cornia**, Utahns 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: **Sierra Govett**, 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