

# Food Security Council Meeting

## Notes



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

**Date:** August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

**Members Attending:** Heidi LeBlanc, Paul Birkbeck, Rachel Bowman, Katie Mazzie, Caroline Hargreaves, Laura Holtrop Kohl, Aubree Thomas, James Toledo, Gina Cornia

**Members Absent:** Sarah Adams, Brad Belnap, Kathleen Britton, Vinnetta Golphin-Wilkerson, Justen Smith, Paula Scott

**Other members present:** Kristin Hoch, LaCee Jimenez, Steven Prater, Bernettarae Clah, Casey Slater, Lily, Lea Palmer, Palak Gupta, Arie Van De Graaff, Kurt Clodfelter, Tom Hogan, Nelda Ault-Dyslin, Karlee Walker, Temis Taylor, Nasser Sarareh, Natalie McHale, Rosa Alveno, Jocelin Gibson, Hannah Goggin, Sean Damitz, Hannah Martin, Morgan Hadden, Natalie Loots, Leticia Goodman, JB Ili, Jacob Fitisemanu, Ellie Brownstein, Jeremy Taylor, Steve Bass

**Total number of attendees:** 38

**Meeting Recording:** <https://usu.box.com/s/a6lqi8jhnoxgmzjopp3r9xesy8p1wifj>

Agenda Items	Discussion Items	Actions/Suggestions
Welcome and Introductions		
Meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve to pass</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion to Accept: Katie Mazzie, Heidi LeBlanc (2<sup>nd</sup>)</li></ul>
Food security council by laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gina will present the updated by-laws</li><li>• Approve to pass</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No additional work on the bylaws</li></ul>
Presentation from Utah Department of Veterans Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Steven Prater will present</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Link to Slide</a></li><li>• 50-70 veterans during the soft-opening (December-November); 215 veterans a month using it by July</li><li>• Moving towards being a Food Hub and bring food to the different CBOC across the servicing area</li><li>• Addressing Hierarchy of Needs</li><li>• Efforts to make the food healthy? Try and highlight the healthier foods; small budget to purchase the healthier foods for the pantry as needed; donations of fresh fruits and vegetables; work with the dietitians; wrap around services</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is SNAP participation so low with veterans? Stigma (misunderstanding of qualifications)</li> </ul>
Working group update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mapping working group- Lea</li> <li>Communications- Paul</li> <li>Policy working group- Gina</li> <li>Homelessness working group- discussion on creating it- Lea and Kurt</li> <li>Food waste/ food gleaning working group- Nelda/ Sean will discuss idea of a new working group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mapping: research on methods for categorize mapping; meet together and discussion with an infographic</li> <li><b>Communication:</b> first meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>; looked at three audiences that FSC would communicate with (Legislature, State Agencies, Those In Need); one-page infographic for legislature; communicating via email, website, recognizable motto, links to FSC on each organization's webpage, common social media; direct outreach in the community; information available in different languages; FSC Press Release highlighting food rescue; next meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September; <b>send summary of organization's accomplishments and action items to include</b></li> <li>Policy: policy matrix; look for email on second meeting; working with Clancy on universal free meal efforts; may need further sub-groups</li> <li>Homelessness: no update; Boulder Way Forward (Susan Madsen)</li> <li>Food waste/food gleaning: shared history of USU gleaning program; any interest in this work group?</li> </ul>
Presentation on Healthcare Access Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karlee Walker will present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Link to Slides</a></li> </ul>
Questions/ comments/ sharing work		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UAH – community forum on impact of Food insecurity on health on the 29<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
Monthly presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September: Sarah Elizabeth, U od U Basic Needs Collective</li> <li>September: Dana Williamsen, Wasteless Solutions</li> <li>October- any volunteers who would like to share their work</li> </ul>	
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023</li> </ul>	

Minutes approved by Laura Holtrop Kohl, seconded by Lea Palmer (on behalf of Heidi LeBlanc), on September 20<sup>th</sup>