

Food Security Council Meeting

Notes



Time: 10:00-11:30 am

Date: September 20th, 2023

Place: [Virtual](#) (zoom)

Members Attending: Heidi LeBlanc, Gina Cornia, Katie Mazzie, Laura Holtrop-Kohl, Caroline Hargraves, Paul Birkbeck, Rachel Bowman, James Toledo, Sarah Adams

Members Absent: Brad Belnap, Kathleen Britton, Vinnetta Golphin-Wilkerson, Paula Scott, Justen Smith, Spencer Gibbons/Clayton Beckstead

Other members present: Palak Gupta, Lea Palmer, Habiba Nur, Steven Prather, Kristin Hoch, Kurt Clodfelter, Michelle Vanfleet, Jonathon Walters, Sarah Elizabeth Garza-Levitt, LaCee Jimenez, Maria Schwarz, Peggy Green, Natalie McHale, Natalie Loots, Jocelin Gibson, Ashley Sullivan, Hannah Martin, Sean Damitz, Leticia Goodman, Jennifer Bateman, Arie Van De Graaff, Alysia Ducuara, Nasser Sharareh, Abidoun Atoloye, Rose Judd-Murray, Ellie Brownstein

Total number of attendees: 35

Agenda Items	Discussion Items	Actions/Suggestions
Welcome and Introductions		
Meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve to pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move to accept by Laura Holtrop-Kohl• Seconded by Lea Palmer
Food security council by laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gina will present the updated by-laws• Approve to pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No updates at the moment
Working group update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mapping working group- Lea• Communications- Paul• Policy working group- Gina• Food waste/ food gleaning working group- thought from the council.• Homelessness working group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mapping: shared draft of the community food systems infographic• Communication: began working on draft of the legislative report (due 10/1); send feedback to Paul by 21st at 5pm; final version is due 27th<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Recommendations/Changes: include recommendation on how the state should address food insecurity (explicitly say we are working on these recommendations); add House Rep Ryan Wilcox as a sponsor with Senator Escamilla; change the “Highlights” section from yellow coloring to blue (or darker color);• Policy: Representative Clancy is working on language for universal lunch program

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Waste/Gleaning: update name to be Food Rescue or Food Utilization; Carrie Durward, Laura Holtrop-Kohl, and Sean Damitz have offered to co-chair • Homelessness: Gina Cornia, Katie Mazzie have expressed interest in the group; finalizing date/time of first meeting
Presentation on Basic Needs collective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Elizabeth, U od U Basic Needs Collective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to Slides
NourishTank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palak will share • Invite council to attend it 	
Questions/ comments/ sharing work		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utahns Against Hunger – final community forum is next Tuesday • USHE – hosted the Annual Food Summit last Friday at SUU • VA – facilitated panel at White House Summit on food insecurity among Veterans; pantry attendances increased significantly in August (215 to 406) • HSI – almost finished with the information sheets and will share out shortly • Extension – Hiring in Iron County and Sevier County • WIC funding is potentially in jeopardy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sign On Support ▪ Help Us Strengthen WIC Budget for FY2024 • Utah Homeless Conference is Monday, October 16th here is a link to information: https://jobs.utah.gov/homelessness/conference.html • Get Healthy Utah has our annual event on October 4th https://gethealthyutah.org/events/stakeholder-retreats/get-healthy-utah-2023-stakeholder-retreat
Monthly presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October- Sarah Hodgson of UDHHS on the Healthy Places Index • Any other volunteers? 	
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 18th, 2023 	