



Time: 10:00-11:00 am

Date: March 18th, 2026

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

Council Members in Attendance: Natalie Loots, Kimberly Loveland, Natalie McHale, Kristin Hoch (EFNEP), Rachel Bowman, Lea Palmer, Nisay Lao, Gina Cornia, Aubree Thomas, Cassidy Draganat

Council Members Absent: Frank Vega, Ashley Butler, Kamile Tripp-Harris, Sierra Govett, James Toledo

Total number of attendees: 44

Agenda Items	Discussion Items	Actions/Suggestions
Welcome Palak Gupta		
Roll Palak Gupta		
Approve Previous Meeting Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	Vote to approve: Natalie McHale Second the motion: Lea Palmer
Discussion item- Gina Cornia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Legislative action updates- Group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HB100 Food Security Amendments (school meals)- Lindsay Butrum ○ SB 217- Local food amendments ○ HB 88 (Public Assistance Amendments) ○ HB403 (SNAP Soda Restriction) ○ SB320 (School-Based Food Pantry Amendments). ○ Any other? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gina shared a presentation on the legislative updates including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appropriations ○ House Bills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HB 569 SNAP Fund Amendments: held in Committee ▪ HB 88 Public Assistance Amendment: circled and returned to Rules ▪ HB 248 Family Law Modification: Passed & Funded ▪ HB 471 Social Services Amendments: Passed ▪ HB 179 Milk Amendments: Passed ▪ SB 217 Local Food Amendments: Passed ▪ SB 320 School-based Food

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pantry Amendments: Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SB 180 School Nutrition Amendments: House, but unfunded • Presentation shared by Lindsay Butrum from the Policy Project focused on student hunger related policy updates (HB100)
Discussion item- Lea Palmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Security and Hunger Solutions Symposium- Opportunities for collaboration and partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the Date: Create Better Health Conference & Food Security and Hunger Solutions Symposium will be held December 1-3; location TBD • Brainstormed around activities, discussion, locations, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Topic/Activities ideas - food and hunger related policy trainings, networking opportunities, poster sessions and lightning rounds, Experiential Learning ○ Locations – Wheeler Farms, Extension Offices, Statewide Campuses ○ Additional ideas, please send to Lea Palmer
Sub-committees updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications Frank Vega • Mapping Lea Palmer • Policy Gina Cornia • Local Food Promotion Natalie McHale • Food Recovery Carrie Durward • NourishCommunities Lea Palmer • Evaluation Palak Gupta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication: No Updates • Mapping: No Updates • Policy: Updates shared above • Local Food Promotion: been using that time to review and give feedback for the local food system study • Food Recovery: No Updates • NourishCommunities: first meeting is next week (Wednesday at 11am) • Evaluation: No Updates
Open discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBH and HSI Hub in Action- Social media share- Kelsey • Molina Health resource fair- April 17th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for a highlight on the CBH/HSI social media page
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting April 15th • 	

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
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*: **Heidi LeBlanc**
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
11. Member who represents an advocacy group that addresses federal nutrition program: **Gina Cornia**, Utah's 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/ Aubrey Thomas**, Utah Farm Bureau
15. One member who represents a tribal government in the state: **James Toledo**, Utah Division of Indian Affairs