

## Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Date & Location: Wednesday, September 18, 2024; United Way of Greater Knoxville

Type of Meeting: Voting & Educational

Recorder: Brett Foster

<p>Attending Appointed (Voting) Members <b>Bolded names in attendance</b></p>	<p><b>Bruce Crabtree</b> <b>Femeika Elliott</b> <b>Bailey Foster</b> <b>Brett Foster</b> <b>Laura Deubler</b> <b>Sara Keel</b> <b>Marisa Moazen</b> <b>Jen Russomanno</b> <b>Rylan Thompson</b> Lauren Woods Donna Wright</p>
<p>Attending Associated (Non-voting) Members <b>Bolded names in attendance</b></p>	<p>Chris Battle Kat Bike Beth Brown <b>Jasmine Bryant</b> <b>Adam Caraco</b> <b>Sarah DeWitt</b> Nicole Gross <b>Travis Henderson</b> Juanita Jones Ross Jones <b>Hailey Lewis</b> Marissa McKeague Judith Pelot Porschia Pickett <b>Charlotte Rodina</b> Wade Seifert Marsha Spence <b>Caesar Stair</b> <b>Erin Sweeney</b> Sandra Wairimu Tiara-Lady Wilson</p>
<p>Other Attendees (all names listed were in attendance)</p>	<p><b><u>Staff Support:</u></b> Kimberly Pettigrew—United Way Greater Knoxville Madelyn Howe—Knox County Health Department Jessie Hillman—Knoxville-Knox County Planning Fiona McAnally—City of Knoxville</p> <p><b><u>Other Attendees:</u></b> Christina Cáceres—Centro Hispano</p>

	<p>Deedee Chism—KAUL          Khann Chov—United Way, Community Schools          Becky Hooper—Nourish Knoxville          Russ Jensen—CSI 311/211          Amanda McHale—Presenter          Cade Mullins—Real Good Kitchen Foundation/CAC          Parker Owens—AmeriCorps, KCDC          Barbara Price—Beardsley          Nolan Sherrill—Central Creamery          Amanda Spangler—UT Plant Sciences          Allison Stokoe—Second Harvest</p>
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1.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions: Bailey Foster</b></p> <p>a. Meeting Minutes Approval if Quorum (Feb-Aug)          Motion to Approve: Marisa Moazen          Second: Rylan Thompson          Approved unanimously</p>
2.	<p><b>How Small Farms Weather the Storm: Amanda McHale and Jennifer Russomanno</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilot study with UT Extension to identify rural counties impacted by extreme weather events: Blount, Fentress, Grainger, Loudon, and Roane</li> <li>• One Health Approach for framework: human, environmental, and animal health blended together</li> <li>• How do small family farmers in East TN <b>prepare for</b> and <b>respond to</b> extreme weather events? What are the impacts of managing extreme weather events on the <b>physical, mental, and financial health</b> of small family farmers?</li> <li>• 18 participating farms and 20 participating farmers             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 14 male/6 female</li> <li>○ Experience ranged from 2-50+ years</li> <li>○ 39% legacy farms</li> <li>○ Median farm size—38 acres</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Human Health             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Physical: fatigue, injuries, weight fluctuations</li> <li>○ Mental: anxiety, fear, depression</li> <li>○ Financial: operating costs, crop/livestock loss, rebuild and repair</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Environmental Health             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Damage: crops, soil erosion, water scarcity, increased pests, loss of trees and vegetation</li> <li>○ Changes: stronger winds, drier climates, more heavy rain, increase in flooding, increased tornado threats</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Animal Health</li> </ul>

- Major Impacts: heat and drought causing food shortage; extreme cold impacting water sources; storm and flood-induced injury; extreme cold hindering body temperature regulation; death by extreme weather
- Recommendations
  - More localized weather forecasts
  - Increased awareness of disaster aid programs
  - More easily accessible disaster aid programs
  - Reconsider thresholds for federal disaster assistance
  - Alternative funding to help rebuild and recover
- Next Steps
  - Presentations at TN Public Health Association, International Association of Emergency Managers, NACCHO—Preparedness Summit
  - Develop manuscript
- Future Directions
  - Expand research and explore different regions
  - Gain comprehensive understanding
  - Inform better response policy, strategies, and practices to support small family farmers and their communities

3. **Organizational Updates and Announcements**  
**CAC:** October 26<sup>th</sup>—Harvest Festival; November 7<sup>th</sup>—60 year celebration; commodity distributions next week (more information forthcoming); will be hiring employee to help with commodity distribution soon  
**Center at Montgomery Village:** Shifting model to socio-economic changes in Vestal area  
**Centro Hispano:** moving to Central Methodist, program launch of maternal health with Cherokee Health this week  
**Community Garden Alliance:** September 24<sup>th</sup>—membership meeting; group meets at the Sustainable Future Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 11 AM  
**KAUL:** October 10<sup>th</sup>—gala at Convention Center; sign up on website  
**KCDC:** partnering with health provider and childcare provider to look at building a space in Montgomery Village (shop with dignity)  
**KEMA:** FPC will have opportunity to be involved in emergency management on a permanent basis. The Emergency Response Team will oversee Food and Water. This will be from a very high perspective, but plan on hearing from Kimberly over the next month to confirm roles and responsibilities.  
**Knoxville Botanical Garden:** Oct 27<sup>th</sup>—fall festival; a few spots available for non-profit groups (interactive activity for children is requested)  
**People’s Food Plan Coalition:** Sign-ups are open to be involved; group will take responsibility for Monitoring and Evaluation. The work is community-owned with support from UWGK. First meeting is September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am at Knox Pride. Link to sign-up: <https://forms.office.com/r/TiH3M0pXN5>  
**Real Good Kitchen:** September 21<sup>st</sup>—Food Business 101 at United Way ; registration cost is \$35—willing to offer scholarships, if needed; December 15<sup>th</sup>—volunteers needed for community meal (a few days before for prep and day of distribution); fundraising party at Knoxville Botanical Garden on November 21<sup>st</sup>

	<p><b><u>Rooted East Knoxville:</u></b> recording 4 part series for Black History Month; pilot with home garden participants with cashless food market (hopefully open to public eventually); composting class September 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM; team going to international conference in Italy (Slow Food)</p> <p><b><u>Second Harvest:</u></b> SNAP Outreach Coordinator will be hired soon; November 20<sup>th</sup>—Thanksgiving distribution at Redemption Church (off Western Avenue)</p> <p><b><u>TSU:</u></b> Feb 18<sup>th</sup>—Jubilee Event Center for anyone interested in getting involved in agriculture; new farming training is being explored</p> <p><b><u>United Way:</u></b> Story Map resource for child nutrition programs to be made available</p> <p><a href="#">Feeding Kids Final Report</a>; Esri hub being built for The Community Food Insecurity Assessment <a href="#">ESRI Data Hub for Food Systems</a></p>
5.	<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 16, 2024: Youth Homelessness Grant; Mutual Aid and Mental Health Programming
- October 25, 2024: People’s Food Plan Coalition Launch, 9-11 AM
- November 20, 2024: Nominations/Bylaws/2025 Planning, United Way of Greater Knoxville 8:30-10:00 AM