

# FOOD IS MEDICINE SOUTH CAROLINA

*A Committee of the South Carolina Food Policy Council*

## PURPOSE

The purpose of convening is to improve coordination among organizations working on healthy eating initiatives in health care settings as well as to identify and facilitate the adoption of state-level nutrition policy, systems, and environmental change strategies.

## SNAPSHOT OF 2021

### INITIAL GOALS

- Provide resources for health care and community partners.
- Create a consistent brand for Food is Medicine South Carolina messaging for all member partners to use.
- Develop and deliver educational information to health care staff and patients.
- Encourage and facilitate the scaling up of food insecurity screenings and referrals statewide, with an emphasis on rural and under-resourced communities.
- Commit to health equity by addressing structural barriers that inhibit healthy food access.
- Develop a sustainability plan for Food is Medicine South Carolina.



### REACHING CONSENSUS

- We convened for 7 meetings.
- Members participated in 3 surveys.
- 6 stakeholder interviews were conducted.
- Members participated in a strategic planning session on October 14, 2021, that was led by the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation, Harvard Law School, contracted through funding support from Diabetes Free SC.
- We developed 7 subcommittees.
- We have 55 members to date and growing.
  - Our members represent different sectors including, state government, nonprofit organizations, higher education, and health care providers.

# LOOKING AHEAD TO 2022

## GOALS

We plan to:

- Update subcommittee purposes and objectives
- Develop short- and long-term strategies to carry out our objectives
- Continue to expand membership



## WE WILL MEET QUARTERLY AS A FULL COMMITTEE

*Virtually, at 1:00 PM*

February 24

May 26

August 25

December 13

## SUBCOMMITTEES

*Each subcommittee has a leader or co-leaders and has developed a reoccurring meeting time beginning in January 2022.*

