

FOOD IS MEDICINE SOUTH CAROLINA

A Committee of the South Carolina Food Policy Council

PURPOSE

The purpose of convening Food is Medicine SC is to improve the coordination among organizations working to advance healthy food access within health care settings and to identify and facilitate the adoption of state-level food is medicine policy and system changes.

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued to bring together partners and grow to over 100 members.
- Convened 110 participants for our first in-person annual meeting on December 1, 2023. Thank you to LiveWell Greenville for hosting us this year!
- Conducted 1) a state-wide Food is Medicine (FiM) Landscape Assessment by engaging healthcare, food-based, and state-level organizations to understand where FiM interventions are currently taking place and what is needed to scale and sustain interventions state-wide; and 2) an evaluation of existing produce prescription programs. This work was led by the University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health with funding from the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation to support the goals of Diabetes Free SC.
- Developed a flyer promoting 2 CME opportunities to assist providers in learning more about FiM, including the benefits and how to get connected. The flyer was sent to more than 21 healthcare organizations with an estimated reach of more than 5,000 people.
- Secured SNAP-Ed funding to cover the initial costs of a FiM mapping project to replicate an established food insecurity index developed by Furman who will partner with Openfields. Additionally, Openfields secured funding through a John Hopkins grant to fund an insight tracker to share FiM news and research.
- Worked with the South Carolina Food Policy Council's Committee to Strengthen Nutrition Assistance Programs, Planning and Transportation Committee, and general members to submit preliminary policy recommendations to the new state Food Security Council legislatively appointed and convened by DHEC.
- Members presented on FiM work at multiple local, state, and national meetings, conferences, and convenings, as well as participated in learning opportunities through conferences and/or associations.



MEMBERS

We are a multi-sector collaboration of representatives from state government, nonprofit organizations, higher education, health systems, and health care providers.



SUBCOMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

<p>Food Insecurity Screenings & Referrals <u>Joey Current & Zack King</u> <i>Meets every month on the third Monday from 12-1pm</i></p>	<p>Food is Medicine Map <u>Sabrina Smith</u> <i>Meets every month on the first Thursday from 3-4pm</i></p>
<p>Nutrition Education for Health Professionals <u>KC Head & Dana Mitchel</u> <i>Meets every other month on the second Wednesday from 9-10am</i></p>	<p>Produce Prescription Community of Practice <u>Zack King</u> <i>Meets every month on the third Friday from 12-1pm</i></p>



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024

WE WILL MEET QUARTERLY AS A FULL COMMITTEE
Virtually, from 12:00-1:30 PM

March 12

June 11

September 12

Our annual meeting will take place in-person in November 2024 (date and location will be announced in the new year).



GOALS

- Continue to convene and bring together new members to enhance FiM efforts in the state.
- Disseminate findings from the FiM Landscape Assessment and Shared Produce Prescription Evaluation.
- Pursue funding and other opportunities to apply findings from the FiM Landscape Assessment, especially related to developing and offering training and technical assistance to scale and sustain FiM interventions.
- Explore ways to align with new guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on coverage pathways for services and supports to address health-related social needs (HRSN) services.
- Complete the initial FiM mapping project.
- Continue to gather and share continuing education as well as scientific papers supporting FiM with a desire to develop a web-based tool to easily access food and nutrition educational resources.
- Develop continuing education materials and presentations on behalf of FiMSC including, but not limited to, a resource guide and opportunities for receiving continuing education credits.
- Continue to convene the Produce Prescription Community of Practice, recruit new members, and help scale and evaluate produce prescription programs across the state.



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