

**Missouri Food Security Task Force**  
Organizational Virtual Meeting Minutes  
January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone on to the call. He then noted that all members all the call would be noted by roll call done by the Missouri Department of Agriculture staff.

**II. Roll Call:**

**Task Force Members Present by Phone:**

Dr. Kristen Alley	Bill McKelvey
Maile Auterson	Trina Ragain
Scott Baker, Chair	Blake Rollins
Carmen Berry	Senator Washington, Vice Chair
Lorin Fahrmeier	Christine Woody
Representative Gregory	Director Chinn
Emily Ibach	Kaitlyn Thomas
Stephen Latson	Jennifer Tidball
Representative Mackey	Barbara Shaw

**Task Force Members Absent:**

Ricky Anderson  
Senator Bean  
Bill Coe  
Ashley McCarty  
Valerie Nicholson-Watson  
Stephen Westbrook

**Staff Participating in Call:**

Chris Klenklen, Deputy Director  
Kristi Naught, General Counsel  
Danyelle High, Legislative Liaison  
Davin Althoff, Agriculture Business Development Director  
Christi Miller, Communications Director

**III. Sunshine Law Guidance**

Staff from the Office of the Attorney General gave an overview on Missouri's sunshine law. They provided guidance on the proper way to conduct meetings. This included an overview on different types of meetings, notice requirements, and general rules of thumb regarding sunshine law.

#### **IV. Main discussion**

##### **a. Intro**

Chairman Baker started discussion by outlining the five areas of focus within the Task Force. This meeting was focused on the first area; Healthy Food Access.

##### **b. Definitions of “healthy foods”**

Ms. Berry gave a brief overview of what healthy foods look like from a nutrition standpoint. Healthy foods are essential to managing food insecurity diseases and illnesses. There are many research initiatives and federal programs working to face food insecurity.

##### **c. Discussion questions**

Mr. McKelvey, with the Interdisciplinary Center for Food Security at the University of Missouri, gave an overview of food access challenges people in Missouri face.

The Task Force members had discussion on the different challenges people face in Missouri and across the country with food insecurity.

##### **d. Success stories**

The Task Force members briefly shared success stories across the state that helps address food insecurity.

Ms. Alley mentioned institutions across the state that help students through social work. Ms. Woody mentioned KC Healthy Foods Network program. Representative Mackey mentioned the Red Circle program and extension on programs that allow SNAP at farmers markets.

##### **e. Where are the gaps?**

The Task Force discussed where the gaps are in food security. They agreed on mobile distributions, school pantries, and other creative ways to address those in need.

##### **f. Next steps**

- i. The members of the Task Force discussed ways to be most efficient and effective with their time. They plan to break into smaller focus groups to work on different tasks. Guidance from the Department of Agriculture will ensure the Task Force is in compliance with state sunshine laws.

#### **V. Other Business**

#### **VI. Adjournment**

The open meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.