

Full Council Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2025

Attendees: Jared Barnett (Oakland Connects), Eric Candela (Forgotten Harvest), Rhyan Frost (Micah 6 Community), Melanie Grund (Welcome Oakland), Chloe Halprin (United Community Family Service), Angelya Higginbottom (OCHD), Emily Hubbard (OCHD), Theresa Krell (Trinity Health Oakland), Kelsey Merz (OCHD), Kelsey Monks Carry (The Farm at Trinity Health), Kelly Rogers Victor (Detroit News), Breanna Schroeder (Lighthouse), Chad Techner (Metro Food Rescue), Ginnie Uhley (OU William Beaumont School of Medicine), Joann Wrobel (OCHD), Amanda Woods (OC HHS)

Welcome & Partner Updates

- Rhyan F: Webster Community Center will have a food hub, including a market and incubator kitchen.
- Melissa G: Gleaners is working on rebuilding their Nutrition Education team after SNAP-Ed was defunded.
- Joanna W: Baby Café is available in downtown Pontiac, offers lactation support (see attached flyer).
- Kelly Rogers Victor: Launched consulting group, Upstream Health, focused on health literacy and pediatric nutrition.
- Kelsey Monks Carrey: Trinity Health was approved for ILOS and will be reimbursed for Farm Shares. Trinity Health was recently awarded MHEF funding to serve as an intermediary for ILOS providers.
- Kelsey M: HOP market days were successful. 700 coupons were distributed at 4 events totaling \$3500.00
- Theresa K: Recently announced as the Interim Community Health Manager at Trinity Health Oakland
- Chad T: Metro Food Rescue received Michigan Health Endowment Funding to offer food hubs in low-income and/or senior housing complexes in low access communities
- Melanie G: Offered up to make connections to community groups that serve new Americans and recent immigrants
- Breanna S: Delivery program is restarting but has a large waitlist

Workgroup Updates: No Updates

Federal and State Policy Updates

- State: State budget talks are stalling, little success in negotiations. Its looking more like a possible state shutdown.
- Federal: [Federal judge granted a preliminary injunction](#) that blocks Trump administration aim to restrict federal programs (i.e. Head Start, food banks, community health enters) to certain categories of immigrants. Oakland County will be hosting a community conversation about the SNAP cuts – will share details once finalized.

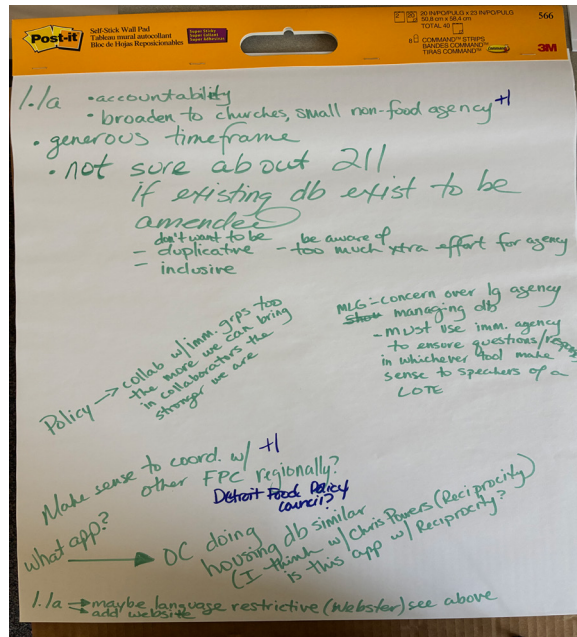
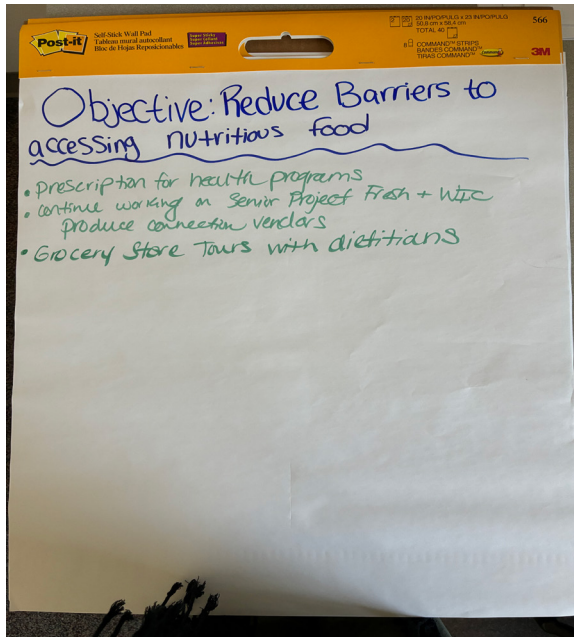
Food Landscape Study Updates

Amanda reviewed the origin for the Food Landscape study, in partnership with a community coalition led by Public Sector Consultants. Public Sector Consultants prepared an action plan based on the three goals detailed in the Food Landscape. The Action plan includes Goals 1 and 2 with Goal 3 intertwined. Member's reviewed Goal 1 and began to identify action items OCFPC can lead. Breanna created a Menti poll that measures impact and effort for each objective to identify up to two action items to focus on in 2026. Results of poll are below.

Rank effort & impact for the following objectives under Goal 1: Improve access to nutritious, local, culturally appropriate food for all OC residents.



Attendees then broke into small workgroups to answer questions specific to Goal 1, objective 1.1 and corresponding action items. See sticky note for member feedback.



Next Meeting

The feedback will be used to guide the November meeting, will continue work on Goal 1, objective 1.1. **November 16, 2025, 9-10:30 AM, virtual.**

