



**Douglas County Food Policy Council Annual Retreat**  
**Monday, January 27, 2025 5:30PM**  
Virtual and In-Person at the Douglas County Fairground 4-H Building  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present (In-Person and Virtual):** Shelby Ostrom, Tyler Lindquist, Ben Sikes, Quinlan Carttar, Natalya Lowther, Emily Lysen

**Members Absent:** Suzy Mooney, Lee Meisel, Mackie Moore

**Staff:** Connie Fitzpatrick, Kim Criner Ritchie

**Presenters:** Mallory Lutz, Eileen Horn, Haley Kottler, Ginny Barnard

**Community members:** Grant Misse

A. Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was reviewed.
- *A motion was made by Ben Sikes and seconded by Quinlan Carttar to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.*

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
  - The minutes of the December 2024 meeting were reviewed.
  - *A motion was made by Quinlan Carttar and seconded by Ben Sikes to approve the December 16, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.*

C. Regular Agenda Items

1. Recap of DCFPC 2024 Report Draft and Overview of Structural Updates:
  - Staff presented an overview of the draft report for 2024 and highlighted key structural updates to the Council's processes.
  - ACTION: No action required.
2. Douglas County Legislative Priorities Presentation:
  - Updates were provided on legislative priorities relevant to the Council's work. Presented by Mallory Lutz, LGR
  - ACTION: No action required.
3. Kansas Food Action Network Presentation:

- Updates and insights were shared on statewide food systems initiatives, including the 2025 KFAN Advocacy Day. Presented by Eileen Horn, KFAN.
- ACTION: No action required.
- 4. Kansas Appleseed Presentation:
  - Kansas Appleseed representatives presented their advocacy work to expand Healthy Meals for All and related policy initiatives. Presented by Haley Kottler, Campaign Director, Kansas Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
  - ACTION: No action required.
- 5. Douglas County Community Health Improvement Plan (DCHIP) Overview on Food Security:
  - Presenters Shelby Ostrom, Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health and Ginny Barnard, LiveWell Lawrence shared updates on DCHIP's food security progress and goals for 2025.
  - ACTION: No action required.

#### D. Work Session

1. 2025 Initiatives and DCFPC Membership Participation:
  - Chair Tyler Lindquist and staff outlined known initiatives for 2025 and shared updates from working groups. A discussion followed on expected roles and participation.
  - ACTION: No action required.
2. 2025 DCFPC Meeting Schedule and Content Planning:
  - The Council discussed focus areas and established the 2025 meeting calendar.
  - ACTION: No action required.

#### E. Next Meeting

- Date: Monday, February 24, 2025
- Time: 6:30–8:30 PM
- Location: Virtual and In-Person at Douglas County Sustainability Office, 1006 New Hampshire St, Lawrence, KS

Meeting Adjourned.