

## GOALS

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1. Establish a clear and shared understanding of board's role and its opportunities for impact/system change
2. Rally the board around a set of recommendations with clear deliverables
3. Give everyone a voice in establishing the board's priorities

## FACILITATORS

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## NOTES

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### *Welcome*

Rachel Coff provided a quick overview of goals, roles, and agenda.

### *Board Role*

Edwin Marty provided brief overview of Board's Role ([see presentation](#))

### *What is a recommendation?*

*The board brainstormed a list of what constitutes a "recommendation". What are the things the board can do or create, or ways that it can act, that constitutes a recommendation?*

- Resolution
- Budget Input Process
- Council Committee Agenda Request
- Opposition/Position
- Informational Presentation
- Sharing of resources, models, knowledge
- Request for information from department staff
- Research and data
- Organized ask

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- Citizen communication
- Present to other City boards and commission
- Present to Commissioners Court as an agenda item
- Community organizing

*Discussion around Divergence to Convergence*

- What if, what else > turn corner > what/when how to do something
- Divergent thinkers (Larry, Karen, Andrea)
- Convergent thinkers (Dr. M, Lisa, Mark, Sari, Joi, Kacey)
- Group was asked to pair with someone who compliments their skills

*Brainstorming Recommendations*

- Generate ideas for the board for your two focus areas as determined by the pre-work prioritization exercise completed by the board in advance of the meeting.
  - Improved Food Access for People in Need
  - Improved Emergency Preparedness, Including Support for Resilience Hubs
- Bring forward each other's best thinking and planning. Help one another tie your ideas to the board's role and scope.








## GROUP 1 – Increase DUFB

<p>What is your idea?</p> <p>Increase DUFB Access Points throughout Austin/Travis County</p>	<p>What specific form would this rec take? What would be the specific deliverable?</p> <p>Budget Recommendation</p> <p>Redirecting state funds to support actions/benefits</p>
<p>What resources are needed to make this recommendation happen?</p> <p>Increase grocery relationships and retailers who take DUFB</p>	<p>What do you envision the timeline would look like for this rec?</p> <p>1-2 years</p>

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## GROUP 2 – Food as Medicine

What is your idea?	What specific form would this rec take? What would be the specific deliverable?
Food as Medicine	Budget Recommendation Policy Recommendation
What resources are needed to make this recommendation happen?	What do you envision the timeline would look like for this rec?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support for strong collaboration between leaders of orgs to determine how it works</li> <li>- Medical directors               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Austin Public Health</li> <li>o Travis County</li> <li>o Health system medical staff</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2-5 years

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### GROUP 3 – Improve Food & Water Appendix and Emergency Operations Plan (with additional HUMAN CAPACITIES activity)

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<p>What is your idea?</p> <p>Improve Food &amp; Water Appendix and Emergency Operations Plan</p>	<p>What specific form would this rec take? What would be the specific deliverable?</p> <p>Budget Recommendation ➤ 2 FTE</p> <p>Position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- HSEM Advisory Committee</li><li>- Assess &amp; map pub/priv partners</li><li>- Establish vendor emergency pre-status (procurement)</li></ul>
<p>What resources are needed to make this recommendation happen?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- WG begin to pull advisory group together</li><li>- WG write recommendation</li><li>- Meet with HSEM</li><li>- Research funding request, \$ for FTE &amp; community, standing HSEM advisory</li></ul>	<p>What do you envision the timeline would look like for this rec?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- WG convene ASAP (Sept. - March)</li><li>- Board vote on recommendation for budget timeline (Feb-March)</li><li>- Advocacy with city/county through budget development &amp; adoption</li></ul>

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**Board members were then asked to capture individual skills, time, resources that they can offer to support (such as: time, skills, connections, etc.)**

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- Larry Franklin: As best as I can support!
- Andrea Abel:
  - I will review the current food and water appendix
  - I will do advocacy on any recommendations with city & county officials
  - I will meet with HSEM
- Joi Chevalier:
  - Positioning
  - Advocacy
  - Convene w/ HSEM and staff
  - Align with City departments and processes
  - Advisory development
  - Capacity development on procurement
  - Network of pub/private orgs
- Lisa Barden:
  - Experience providing food and water to communities affected by disasters
  - Network of food providers/sources
  - Knowledge of obstacles and roadblocks getting food to communities
- Karen Magid: Connect to Food Planning work (specifically cross cutting themes and strategy evaluation)
- Kacey Hanson (when needed):
  - I can meet with city/county officials
  - I can review the current food and water appendix
- Mark Bethell:
  - Happy to be a member of Advisory Council
  - Meet with HSEM
  - Happy to use network of stakeholders to increase attention to plan
  - Look for funders
- Dr. Murillo
  - Positions (?)
  - Collect data

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- Advocacy
- Experience with Food/Water Access
- Look for funding.

## GROUP 4





<p>What is your idea?</p> <p>Elevate role of food &amp; food access in all city/county decision-making processes (i.e., embed food into all departments)</p>	<p>What specific form would this rec take? What would be the specific deliverable?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Present to other boards &amp; commissions</li> <li>- Research &amp; data</li> <li>- Council committee agenda request</li> <li>- Present a county court agenda item</li> <li>- Budget Item for oversight, evaluation, &amp; training</li> </ul>
<p>What resources are needed to make this recommendation happen?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Food Access Issue Area Group</li> <li>- Research &amp; data</li> <li>- City &amp; County staff</li> <li>- Contacts for all B&amp;C</li> <li>- Other local examples of cross dept. tools</li> </ul>	<p>What do you envision the timeline would look like for this rec?</p> <p>Multiple years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 1:</li> <li>- Yr 2:</li> </ul>

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## GROUP 5

<p>What is your idea?</p> <p>Food Hub &amp; Financial Mentoring Assistance to Entrepreneurs</p>	<p>What specific form would this rec take? What would be the specific deliverable?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Budget Recommendation with Partnership Recommendation</li> <li>- Request for info</li> <li>- \$50 million</li> <li>- Coalition letter from other B&amp;Cs</li> <li>- Equity Policy</li> </ul>
<p>What resources are needed to make this recommendation happen?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Money</li> <li>- People</li> <li>- Connections</li> <li>- Peer city research</li> <li>- Past history</li> </ul>	<p>What do you envision the timeline would look like for this rec?</p> <p>Short term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research</li> <li>- Provide supporting evidence</li> <li>- Pilot in year 1               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Mentorship</li> <li>o Proof of concept food hub</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Present to other allied B&amp;C's</li> </ul>

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## DECISION MAKING

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- Food as Medicine – we know it's impactful but what would that look like for the board
- Coalescing around Group 3: Improve Disaster Food and Water Appendix & Emergency Operations Plan
  - Use of a working group
  - Met objective of activity
  - Huge impact
  - Is in our scope
  - Would open possibility for all other ideas
- Should we take time to flush out some of the other ideas?
- NEXT STEPS
  - Consider the remaining four ideas at next meeting
    - Fill out ideas further
    - Spend time analyzing each idea
    - Make a final decision for second area of focus
  - Agreement to move forward with Food and Water Appendix & Emergency Ops Plan

## PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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### Podcasts:

- Stuff the British Stole
- If Books Could Kill
- Conversations with People Who Hate Me
- KUT's Growth Machine Podcast

### DO:

- Go to Alaska
- Never stop learning
- Go to Alienated Majesty Books

## PLUS / DELTA FEEDBACK

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The tools/materials were great  Thanks for pre-work  We did it!	Need more time, which is no surprise
Good dialogue and creative ideas and the group works well together	I am at my best during the day. I would have liked to have this as part of my day not at the end of my day.
Everyone kept an open mind  Process went well with doing homework ahead	Extend it to 4 hours?
Narrowing ahead of time!!  4-box sheet  Idea and dots exercise  Appreciations/hope	Quicker through review  Getting through all group panels
Great facilitation	[Nothing shared here]
Everything went well	We need a 4-5 hour time slot
Great rating activity	Starting instructions needed clarification