

USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement & Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships
Strengthening Partnerships across the Food and Healthcare System to Improve Food and Nutrition Security

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

1:00-3:00pm ET - [Register here](#)

1:00 - 1:03 pm

Introduction and Welcome

Alex Córdova, Program Lead, Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships

1:03 - 1:10 pm

Leadership Remarks

Lisa Ramírez, EdD, Director, USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement

1:10 – 1:50 pm

Strengthening Partnerships across the Food and Healthcare System to Improve Food and Nutrition Security

Mallory M. Koenings, PhD, RDN, National Program Leader, National Institute for Food and Agriculture

Erica Christensen Raml, Director of Technical Assistance & Innovation at the Nutrition Incentive Hub, Fair Food Network

Erin Smith, LMSW, Program Director - Double Up Food Bucks Mississippi, Jackson Medical Mall Foundation

Sam Hoeffler, Program Manager, Reinvestment Partners

1:50 – 2:05 pm

Questions and Answers

2:05 – 2:10 pm

Break

2:10 - 2:45 pm

Federal Presentations

Introduced and moderated by Bill Ashton, Director, Strategic Initiatives Division, USDA OPPE

Anne Utech, PhD, RDN, LD, National Director, Nutrition and Food Services, Veterans Health Administration

Christine Going, EdD, MPA, RD, FACHE, Executive Officer, Assistant Under Secretary for Health, Clinical Service, Department of Veterans Affairs - Central Office

Megan Bowman, MS, RDN, Assistant Chief of Nutrition and Food Services and Clinical Nutrition Manager, VA Salt Lake City Health Care System

Traci Pole, Assistant Regional Administrator – Region 8, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Gina O’Brian, Regional Lead Nutritionist – Mountain Plains Regional Office, USDA Food and Nutrition Service

Torey Powell, National Outreach Coordinator, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

2:45 – 2:55 pm

Questions and Discussion

2:55 – 3:00 pm

Closing