

# Pandemic Food Access Work Group

## **Background**

How does our community access healthy food in a healthy way?

- Work with Public Health and Economic Development on how food retail systems work in a pandemic situation:
  - Farmers Markets
  - Grocers
  - Restaurants
  - Delivery services
  - Etc.
- How do SNAP and WIC recipients access the food they need?
- How do we deal with disruptions in the supply chain?
- Other goals?

## **Roster**

Name
Ben Rush
Alma Horlock
Jamie Bugel
Jess Guffey Calkins
Jumoke Falomo

## **Work Group – Identified Skills**

- Lived experience relying on and using food assistance programs and managing/working closely with clients of food assistance programs
- Upbringing in a diverse family, which imparted unique and personal perspectives of people from different backgrounds
- Passionate about working with and meeting the needs of Madison's most vulnerable community residents
- Using existing social and professional networks to solve issues, connect with experts
- Data analysis and research
- Food generalist vs. specific, honed skills
- Working knowledge of farmers market operations
- Program management - evaluation, communication, project coordination, customer service
- Effective communicator
- Problem-solving and adaptability

## **Next Steps**

- Approve the Work Group roster of MFPC members
- Solicit external experts for Work Group participation
- Identify Work Group Chair/Co-Chair(s)
- Schedule a standing, monthly time for Work Group to meet
- Begin creating work group charter and project lists