



# Food Security Council

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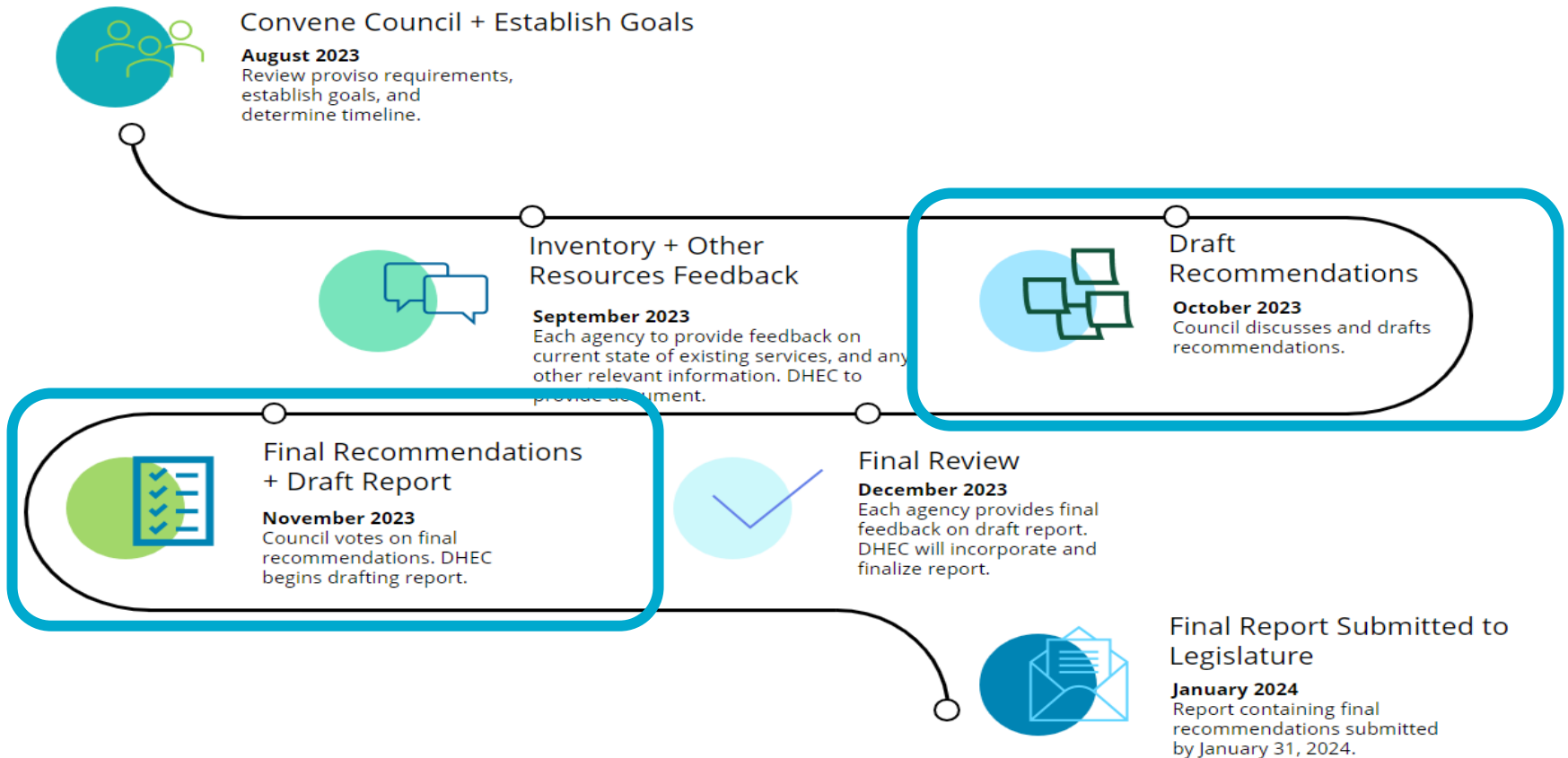
# Welcome

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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Progress Update
- States' Initiatives
- Council Matters
- Recommendations
- Discussion
- Next Steps

# Progress Update





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# A Snapshot of Food Security Across the Nation

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# Council Matters

- Proviso Language
- Inventory
- Recommendations
- Drafting of report
- Deadlines



# Proviso

34.70. (DHEC: Food Security Council) (A) For Fiscal Year 2023-24, there is created the Food Security Council to be housed in the Department of Health and Environmental Control. The purpose of the Council shall be to:

- (1) examine all state agency programs that address food insecurity in the State by providing monetary benefits or meal services that cover infants through senior citizens;
- (2) identify gaps in service, particularly for the most vulnerable populations; and
- (3) make recommendations on improvements to services and additional programs that can address the gaps in services.

(B) The Council shall be composed of one member representing each agency and appointed by the agency's director as follows:

- (1) the Department on Aging;
- (2) the Department of Agriculture;
- (3) the Department of Education;
- (4) the Department of Health and Environmental Control;
- (5) the Department of Social Services;
- (6) the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (7) Clemson University PSA; and
- (8) South Carolina State PSA.

(C) Any administrative services or support for the Council shall be provided by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

(D) The Council shall provide a report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on its findings and recommendations on the issues contained in this provision by January 31, 2024. Upon submission of the report, the Council shall be dissolved.

# Inventory

- What have we gathered so far?
- What are we still missing?
- How can we best gather any remaining gaps?
- When can we finalize it?



# Recommendations

- Stakeholder input
- Initial council recommendations
- Recommendation template
- Deadlines

# Stakeholder Input

- Program expansion
- Transportation
- Health care
- Food infrastructure
- Capacity-building

# Initial Council Recommendations

- Dept. of Agriculture – expanding ChangeSC pilot

# Deadlines

- Week of November 20<sup>th</sup> – draft recommendations completed using template
- Week of December 4<sup>th</sup> – recommendations finalized using template
- Week of December 18<sup>th</sup> – draft report sent to Council
- Week of January 8<sup>th</sup> – final draft report
- Week of January 22<sup>nd</sup> – report finalized
- January 31<sup>st</sup> – DHEC submits report to legislature

# Next Steps

- **Proposed remaining meetings:**
  - November 30<sup>th</sup> – in-person
  - December 20<sup>th</sup> – hybrid
  - January 3<sup>rd</sup> – in-person
  - January 22<sup>nd</sup> – in-person



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