



**MPHA Breakfast Forum  
March 4, 2022**

**Local and Global—What can we learn from each other about challenges in food & nutrition?**

Registration and Breakfast	7:45am
Welcome	8:00am
Elizabeth Moe	
Moderator Remarks	8:05am
Annie Halland	
Introduction of Panelists	8:10am
Annie Halland	
Opening Commentary	8:15am
Katie Bull	
Tina England	
Sophia Lenarz-Coy	
Panelist Discussion	8:30am
Table Discussion	8:45am
Discussion Table Questions	9:00am
Summary Remarks	9:20am
Annie Halland	
Closing Remarks	9:25am
Elizabeth Moe	

## Panelist Bios

**Katie Bull** is the Program Manager for Foundation for Essential Needs (FFEN), an entrepreneurial, innovative, and nimble nonprofit focused on increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of local food shelves. In this role, she is responsible for leading the current programming and service development of FFEN's work with food shelves across the state of Minnesota. FFEN engages skilled, pro-bono volunteers to offer pragmatic, no-cost consultation and equipment improvements to food shelves adapting to meet the changing needs of their community, and is committed to creating a statewide hunger relief sector that ensures equitable access to healthy food through a welcoming and dignified experience for those who receive it. Prior to joining FFEN, Katie held multiple positions in hunger relief at two food banks in Minnesota, Second Harvest Heartland and Northern Lakes Food Bank in Duluth, building food shelf capacity and managing food rescue relationships.



**Tina England** has personally experienced poverty and utilized SNAP. After serving 4 years in the Navy, she moved to Minnesota to attend college, graduating with a degree in English and Women's Studies. She was the Executive Director of a small innovative nonprofit operating food shelf, thrift store and diversity outreach programs to Spanish and Somali speaking community members. In her current role, she conducts outreach, provides application assistance, and co-supervises the Second Harvest Heartland SNAP Outreach Team. Tina comes at this topic with a unique 360° view and a wide range of experience.

**Sophia Lenarz-Coy** is the Executive Director of The Food Group. She loves her job as it gives her the ability to think creatively, collaborate with amazing community partners, and bring good, culturally connected food where it's needed most. Her passion is to work collaboratively to create a more just, equitable food system for all. That possibility is what brings Sophia to work each day. She has worked in hunger relief her entire career, having re-joined The Food Group as director of programs and operations in 2018. In that role, she embedded equity and systems change, created new strategies for community engagement, and clarified long-term organizational outcomes. Prior to that, she served as associate director at Hunger Solutions Minnesota, where she worked on federal and state public policy and expanded cross-sector partnerships with healthcare, policy makers, and farmers markets. She also served as a leader for The Food Group's programs team from 2008 to 2015.



## Moderator Bio



**Annie Halland** started her career at Health Care for the Homeless in St. Paul, then received her MPH at Boston University with a focus on Health Policy & Management in 2007. Annie began work in building bridges between health plans and public health/social services with a small health plan in Massachusetts, and in her current role as County, Tribal and Public Health Manager at UCare. Annie has been a proud member of Minnesota Public Health Association since 2011 and previously co-chaired the Policy & Advocacy Committee.