What We Do

Mission

The Hunger to Health Collaboratory (H2HC) catalyzes integrated solutions to food, nutrition, and health inequities by

- engaging cross-sector leaders,
- uplifting innovative models, and
- educating stakeholders,

all through a focus on the social drivers of health.

Values

H2HC believes that everyone deserves access to sufficient nutritious food and equitable healthcare. H2HC strives to include diverse voices in its work to address food, nutrition, and health inequities.
Who We Are

Leadership Council Members

Advisory Council Members

Partners
Become part of a national, cross-sector catalyst for change:

- Contribute to thought leadership focused on identifying and uplifting long-term approaches and solutions
- Leverage diverse networks to expand partnerships, educate stakeholders, and drive national change
- Amplify nationally important, innovative work
- Engage in continuous learning and sharing
- Support and celebrate H2HC members’ progress across sectors
The Big Picture 2018-2023

- **$1.2M** to support innovative, community-based models and research
- **1000+** cross-sector participants at in-person and virtual convenings
- **19** funded community-based organizations in CT, MA, and RI
- **10** strategic convenings from 2018-2023
- **8+** food access/health equity research reports funded
- **5** event partners
- **3** comprehensive event reports
Funded Research Highlights 2018-2022

- An Avoidable $2.4 Billion Cost: Food Insecurity and Hunger in Massachusetts (2018)
- Gaps in Food Access During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Massachusetts (2021)
- Addressing the Health Consequences of Hunger Through a Hospital-Based Economic Mobility Pilot (2021)
- Opportunities to Improve Food Equity and Access in Massachusetts (2022)
Organizational Highlights 2021-2022

Internal Development
• Hired first executive director
• Created new governance structure
• Welcomed first national corporate member (Keurig Dr Pepper)
• Launched website (h2hcollaboratory.org) and newsletter (H2HC Connections)

External Partnerships
• National Task Force on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health
  o Task Force is now the Federal Nutrition Advisory Council (FNAC)
• Root Cause Coalition National Advisory Board
• Tufts Friedman School Food and Nutrition Innovation Council
• New England Council
  o Healthcare Committee and Health Equity Subcommittee
Convenings

• The Power of Collaboration (2018)
• Mobilizing Healthcare for a Hunger-Free Massachusetts (2019)
• Hunger to Health Summit: Acting Together to Address Food Insecurity (2020)
• Addressing Community Inequalities During COVID-19 Recovery Townhall (2019)
• Mobilizing Healthcare Grantee Forum (2020)
• Hunger to Health in COVID and Beyond: Food Policy as Health Policy (2020)
• Entrepreneurial Thinking in the Social Sector (2020)
• The Economic and Health Impacts of Food Insecurity: The Business Community as Changemaker (2021)
• H2HC Fall Summit: The Way Forward (2022)
• SDOH: National Context and State-Based Models of Innovation (2023)

Event Partners

• Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce
• Institute for Social Innovation, Babson College
• Mass General Brigham
• Museum of Science
• UMass Chan Medical School
In November 2022, H2HC convened 75+ local, regional, and national public, government, healthcare, academic, and nonprofit leaders at its Fall Summit at the Museum of Science.

The agenda focused on follow-up to the September 2022 White House Conference and next steps.

The resulting report, *The Way Forward: Learnings from the Fall 2022 Summit*, is available on the H2HC website.

To learn more: h2hcollaboratory.org/event/hunger-to-health-collaboratory-fall-summit-2022
In July 2023, H2HC hosted a discussion at Mass General Brigham and virtually on the national landscape and select state-based challenges and successes of addressing the social drivers of health (SDOH).

The day focused on incorporating food access and nutrition services into healthcare to achieve health equity.

H2HC will be releasing a comprehensive event summary report in Fall 2023.

To learn more: h2hcollaboratory.org/event/sdoh-national-context-and-state-based-models-of-innovation
Moving Forward 2023+

• Convene cross-sector strategic events followed by summary reports
• Amplify, share, and leverage innovative work
• Build inaugural national Strategic Advisors Network
• Design and execute inaugural prize-making program developed with expert advisory panel

National anti-hunger champion
Rep. James McGovern (D-MA)
2023 Events To Come: Mark Your Calendar

Fall Summit 2023
Thursday, November 16
WBUR CitySpace, Boston

Keynote by US Assistant Secretary for Health ADM Rachel Levine, discussions with state-based and national leaders