



**Food  
Health**  
LIVE

# AGENDA

**NASHVILLE, TN**

**APRIL 29 - 30 2026**

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# Food Health LIVE

## DAY 1

04.29.2026

9:00 AM -  
12:00 PM

### Pre-Event Workshop - The 'How to' Food Health Innovation Lab

Participants will leave with a clearer sense of their role in the ecosystem, what capabilities they need to build or partner for, and connections with others driving sustainable models with measurable health outcomes and aligned payment.

**Ellen Brown**, Founder, **Healthcare Actually**

**Carter Williams**, CEO & Managing Principal, **iSelect Fund**

12:30 PM

### Registration, Refreshments & Networking

1:30 PM

### Chair's Opener

1:40 PM

### Making Food in Healthcare Pay Off

This session shows how to unlock reimbursement and prove ROI. Learn how to pitch nutrition programs to payers, employers, and investors and get them to say yes.

**Lisa Porter**, Director of Medicare Market Solutions, **Humana**

**Anna Lin-Schweitzer**, Associate Director, Feeding Change, **Milken Institute**

**Haleta Belai**, VP, Enterprise Health Equity, **Centene Corporation**

2:20 PM

### Balancing Nutrition in the Age of Ozempic

GLP-1 is here to stay... and it's not going anywhere. Discover how health and food sectors can align with this shift, support long-term outcomes, and adjust as consumer behavior evolves. What framework needs to be in place to keep patients safe and maintain their nutrient requirements. A must for anyone navigating this disruption.

**Stephen Lupe**, Head of Behavioral Health, **Cleveland Clinic**

**Tara Schmidt**, Lead Dietitian, **Mayo Clinic**

**Deedra Geniesse**, Director of Clinical Nutrition, **Stanford**

**Bruno Didier**, Head of B2B, **Cook Unity**

3:00 PM

### Refreshments & Networking

3:40 PM

### Delivering Health in Every Basket

Retailers and CPGs are transforming how health shows up in everyday life, on shelves, in carts, and at checkout. Explore how these players are driving measurable impact by embedding wellness into the shopping experience and turning consumer demand into better health outcomes.

**Mandy Katz**, Director of Healthy Living, **Giant Food**

**Kristen Campos**, VP, Corporate Affairs, Food & Nutrition, **Mars**

**Steven Jennings**, Health Partnerships & Stakeholder Engagement Health & Sustainability, **Ahold Delhaize**



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4:10 PM

### Bridging the Food Health Ecosystem

From the rise of Food is Medicine programs to the broader shift toward preventative food health approaches that encompass lifestyle and even environmental factors. What role does policy play in taking this movement to that next level? Learn on emerging trends and the biggest opportunities and challenges for each stakeholder. How do we link the chain?

**Steve Brazeel**, CEO & Founder, **Project Foodbox** | Fruit & Veg Advisory Committee, **USDA**

**Naima Gardner**, Director Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, **Indiana Department of Health**

**Amanda Ryan**, Deputy Director, State and Population Health Group, **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid**

**Dion Dawson**, President, **Dion's Chicago Dream**

5:20 PM

Chair's Closer

5:30 PM

Food Health LIVE Awards & Drinks Reception

6:30 PM

End of Day 1

## DAY 2

04.30.2026

7:30 AM

Morning Yoga

8:00 AM

Breakfast & Networking

9:00 AM

Chair's Opener

9:10 AM

### School Food: Myths, Misunderstandings, Models, & Opportunities

School meals are a secret weapon. Learn how top programs are fighting disease, boosting academic outcomes, and transforming communities despite stigma and funding myths. See what's possible when school food gets the spotlight.

**Spence Medford**, SVP & Chief Advancement Officer, **The Henry Ford**

**Alexandra DeSorbo Quinn**, Executive Director, **Pilot Light**

**Katie Wilson**, Executive Director, **Urban School Food Alliance**

**Kris De la Torre**, Director of Sustainability and School Food, **Academy for Global Citizenship/Cultivate Collective**



# Food Health LIVE

**DAY 2**

**04.30.2026**

**9:50 AM**

## **We all Deserve Healthy Food**

What is being done to tackle food insecurity? Over 47 million Americans lack access to healthy food driving preventable disease and deepening health gaps. Discover how innovative programs and partnerships are scaling nutrition access through prescriptions, tech, and community-led solutions that deliver real impact where it's needed most.

**Daniel Riff**, Head of Government & Nonprofit Operations, **DoorDash**

**Stephanie Christensen**, Head of Community Health Food Systems Strategy, **Virginia Mason Franciscan Health**

**10:30 AM**

## **Refreshments & Networking**

**11:10 AM**

## **This is How We Do it! Integrating Food as Medicine into Mainstream Healthcare**

Moving from pilot to standard care is hard. This session unpacks real-world strategies from leaders who've made it work, covering workflow, payer partnerships, and clinical impact. Learn what it really takes to integrate nutrition into healthcare systems.

**Speaker TBA**, **Advocate Health**

**Zelda Council**, Chief of Nutrition, **U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs**

**11:50 AM**

## **The Role of Food Banks in Food Is Medicine: Driving Food Security & Health Impact Through Healthcare Collaboration**

How are food banks and healthcare systems joining forces to advance Food Is Medicine? Across the country, new models are proving that integrating food access into clinical care can improve dignity, access, and health outcomes for families facing diet-related disease. Discover how innovative partnerships and neighbor-centered design are transforming food banks into critical health partners delivering measurable impact where it's needed most.

**Daphne Briggs-Clark**, Vice President, Health Impact Innovation, **Feeding America**

**Chris Frost**, SVP, Chief Medical Officer & Chief Quality Officer, **Lifepoint Health**

**Amy Qazi**, Director, Innovation & Programs, **Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee**

**Eric Cooper**, President & CEO, **San Antonio Food Bank**



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**DAY 2****04.30.2026****12:35 PM****Lunch & Live Cooking Demo****1:50 PM****Closing Care Gaps with Grocery Bags: MCO Innovations in Food Supports**

Managed Care Organizations are increasingly using food supports such as grocery bags or boxes, medically tailored meals, produce prescriptions, and benefits enrollment help to close care gaps tied to chronic disease and missed preventive care. Coverage will include how plans identify members most in need, deliver food efficiently through community partners, and measure impact on health outcomes and quality scores.

**Speaker TBA, UnitedHealthcare****Speaker TBA, UnitedHealthcare****2:20 PM****Nutrition for Your Workforce**

The Fastest Lever for Energy, Focus, and ROI. Corporate wellness is where food and health become business strategy, not just perks. This session shows how employers are using nutrition to cut healthcare costs, lift productivity, and keep talent thriving, with real examples of what's working now. If you want wellbeing that employees actually use and leaders can measure, this is your playbook.

**Anna Threadcraft**, Delta Food Policy Strategy and Development, **Delta Airlines****3:00 PM****Smarter Systems Make Healthier Outcomes: The ROI of AI-Powered Nutrition**

AI is turning nutrition into a scalable, data-driven tool for better health. See how smarter systems are driving outcomes, lowering costs, and delivering ROI for payers, providers, and programs. Learn why investing in this tech is no longer optional.

**Gbemi Ogunyomi**, Managing Partner, **Precision VC | Former LG Electronics****Shaan Chaturvedi**, Director, Product innovation, **Samsung****Kristen Valdes**, Founder & CEO, **b.well Connected Health****Mory Bahar**, CEO & Co-Founder, **Personal Remedies****3:40 PM****Refreshments & Networking**



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**4:10 PM**

## **Engaging Consumers in Dietary Shifts: Insights from State and Local Leaders**

To address the rising chronic disease burdens, state and local governments, public health departments, and health systems are implementing a range of novel food-as-medicine strategies. This session will feature new case studies from public health departments, health systems, and state-based strategies that demonstrate the potential to engage and shift consumer preferences, as well as improve health outcomes.

**Martin Tull**, Chief Impact Officer, **American College of Lifestyle Medicine**

**Panelists TBA**

**4:40 PM**

## **What Keeps the Food Health Community Up at Night?**

What are the risks, roadblocks, and realities no one wants to say out loud? Hear raw, unfiltered insights from leaders navigating the tension between ambition and execution, and walk away with hard-won lessons on what it really takes to drive change in food and health

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**Carter Williams**, CEO & Managing Principal, **iSelect Fund**

**Krista Yoder**, COO & Co-Founder, **FoodHealth Collective**

**5:20 PM**

## **Chair's Closer**

**5:30 PM**

## **End of Food Health LIVE 2026**

**COMING SOON**

## **The Party**