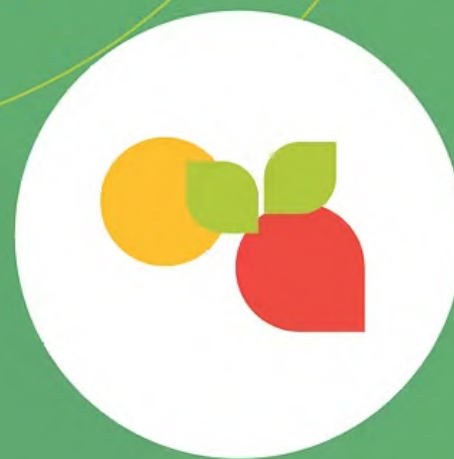


Welcome!

Enjoy a few minutes of music as folks join the Zoom.

LUNCH & LEARN

06.27.2025



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Welcome & Introductions



1. Using the chat, take a moment to share your reason(s) for joining today's lunch & learn.
2. Answer the poll questions to help us all get a sense of who is in the Zoom room.

Goals & Purpose

What we will do:

- Provide preview of the CHCI 2025-26 cohort experience
- Share EHF's process and takeaways learning about our Priorities for Change
- Connect organizations, individuals, collaboratives, and coalitions working on similar issues

What we won't do:

- Preview EHF's next grantmaking cycle; pitch ideas
- Unpack details from EHF's new strategic framework
- Announce issues, ideas, or examples of what EHF intends to fund

Agenda

- 01 Level Setting
- 02 CHCI: FAQ
- 03 EHF + Food & Nutrition Security: 2024 Takeaways
- 04 How to Apply for CHCI + Q&A
- 05 Breakout: Cohort Preview (time permitting)
- 06 What's Next?

Level Setting

EHF Strategic Framework 2025 – 2030

EHF ACTION AREAS

EHF believes that whole-person well-being requires addressing non-medical drivers of health and must include integration between three action areas: accessible health services, healthy communities, and health-promoting policies at all levels.



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change

Working in these **Action Areas**, we believe we can make the greatest strides in reducing preventable health differences by addressing **three priorities for change**:



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Maternal Health

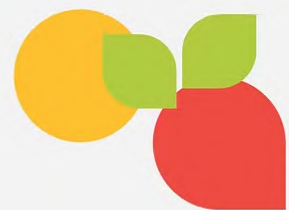


Diabetes Prevention

What is CHCI?

EHF understands that complex health challenges in our communities often can't be solved by one organization alone. We need strong cross-sector collaborative efforts in order to improve health at the population and community levels. For that reason, we have launched CHCI as a **resource to strengthen the effectiveness and impact of existing health-focused collaboratives in our region.**

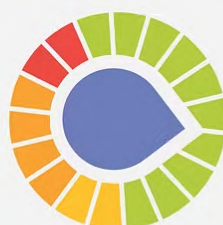
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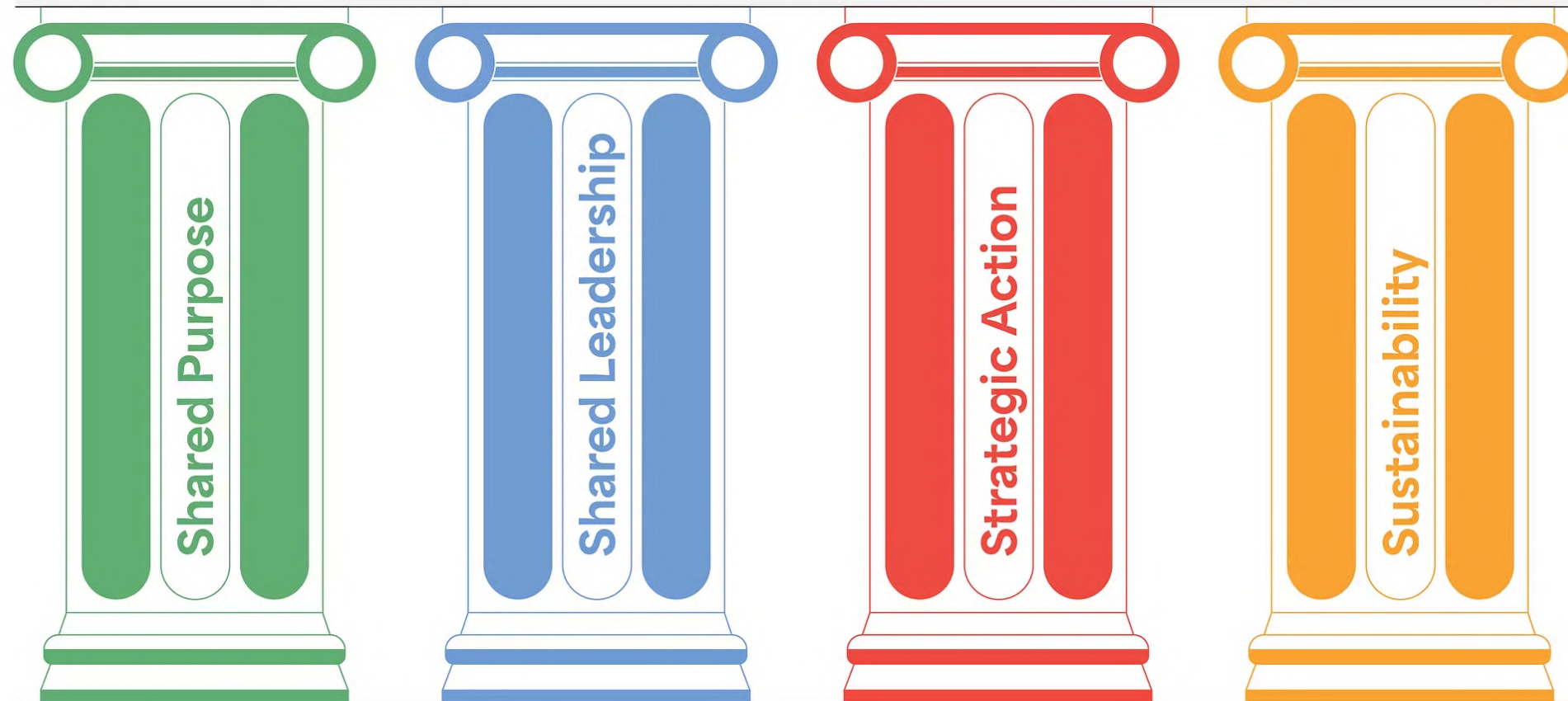
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Pillars of Collaboration



ZOOM POLL






Out of these four pillars, which do you feel your collaborative is the strongest? weakest?



Components of CHCI

- 1:1 collaborative coaching
- 12-month commitment
- in-person kickoff and reunion
- 4 webinars on pillars of collaboration
- Technical assistance on community engagement [NEW!]
- Connection and consulting networking with cohort peers
- Levity and laughter / fun Fridays
- Eligibility specific to maternal health, diabetes prevention, food & nutrition security [NEW!]
- Assigned video content and readings in between webinars
- Financial support to implement your collaborative's learning
- Practitioners, funders, and researchers as guest speakers
- Pre- and post- collaborative self-assessment

Is CHCI right for you?

-  The collaborative is made up of at least 2 organizations that have been collaborating for at least a year.
-  The coalition's work impacts at least one of the 81-counties in EHF's service area.
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-  The collaborative has a challenge the group wants to collectively address and improve.
-  The coalition has a "core team" of 5-8 collaborative members who can participate in each activity on the CHCI 2025-26 timeline (not required to apply but strongly encouraged for participating coalitions).

PRIORITY FOR CHANGE

Food and Nutrition Security

C.J. Hager

Interim VP for Grants, EHF



Food Security

“All people, **at all times**, have **physical and economic access** to sufficient, **safe and nutritious** food that meets their **dietary needs** and **food preferences** for an active and healthy life.”

-Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Nutrition Security

“All Americans have **consistent and equitable access** to healthy, safe, affordable foods essential to optimal **health and well-being**.”

-US Department of Agriculture

Context

- Reflects Adoption of Non-Medical Drivers of Health (NMDOH) Concept
- Food Is the First Domino: Integration of Systems
- Step forward with Humility: EHF Is Not an Expert
- EHF's Role: Bridge Builder and Systems Engineer

How Did We Get Here?

- Engaging with and Learning from Experts
- Centering the Experiences of those Facing Barriers
- Understanding the Data Landscape
- Identifying Evidence-Based Practices
- Factoring in EHF's History, Strengths, and Capacity



WHAT WE HEARD



Food is a highly
personal experience

Disproportionate
impact is
population- and
community-based

Programmatic
communication on
the client's terms

Clients want more
protein

Impact of rising food
prices

Health is a driver of
change



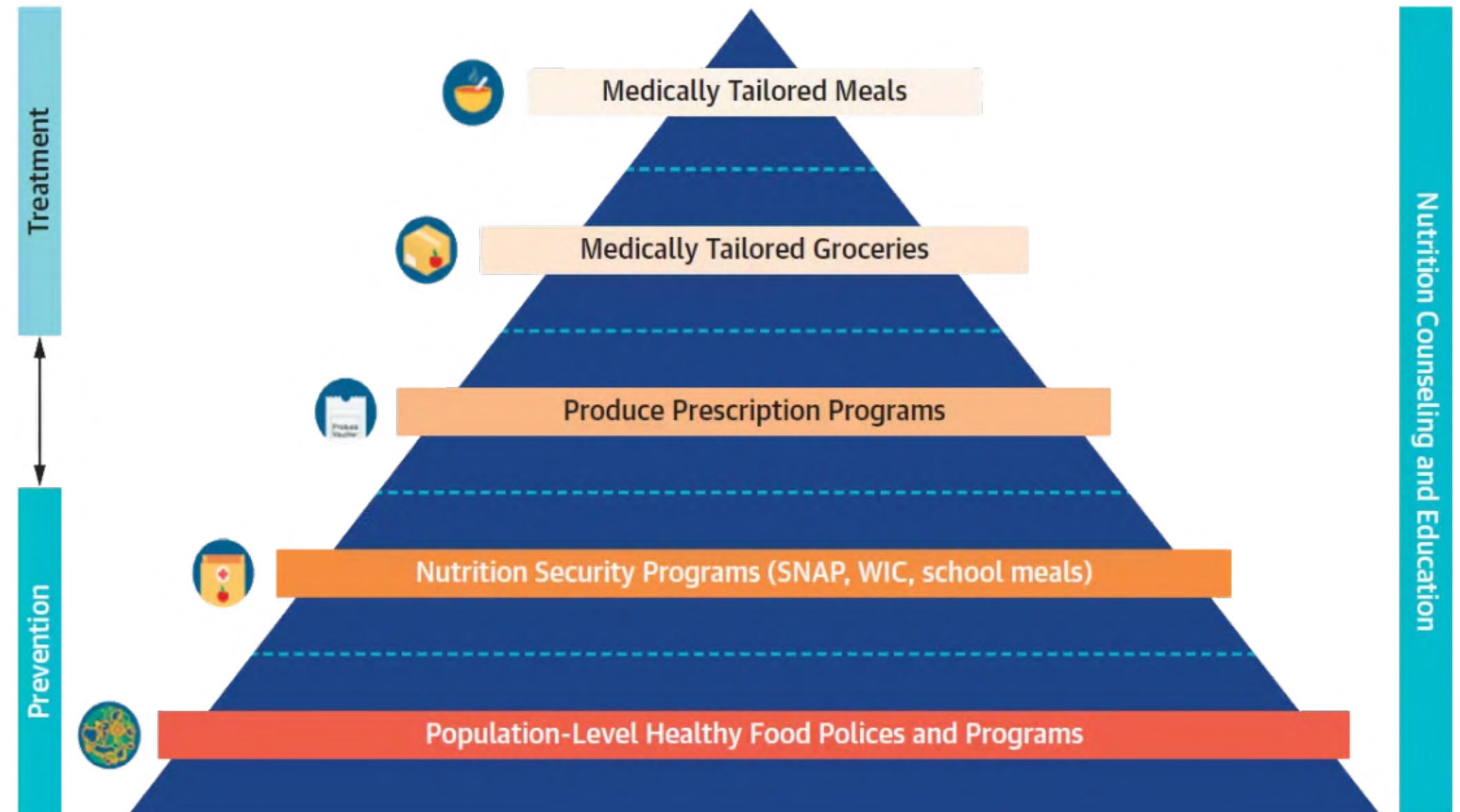
PRELIMINARY STRATEGIES: Food & Nutrition Security



Action Area: Health & Health Care Services

Strategy 1: Support health infrastructure to connect people to food and nutrition programs through access, availability, and retention

- Food Is Medicine
(middle and bottom tiers)



Action Area: Healthy Communities

Strategy 2: Strengthen and increase access to community-based resources and networks that build community capacity to maximize utilization of food and nutrition assets and programs

- Maximize Federal Programs—WIC, SNAP & Double Up Food Bucks
- Local Coalitions
- Food Justice and Food Sovereignty

Action Area: Health Policies

Strategy 3: Support and strengthen policies and policy implementation to improve effectiveness of existing food and nutrition programs

- Federal vs. State vs. Local Levers
- Reflect Challenges and Opportunities in Other Strategies

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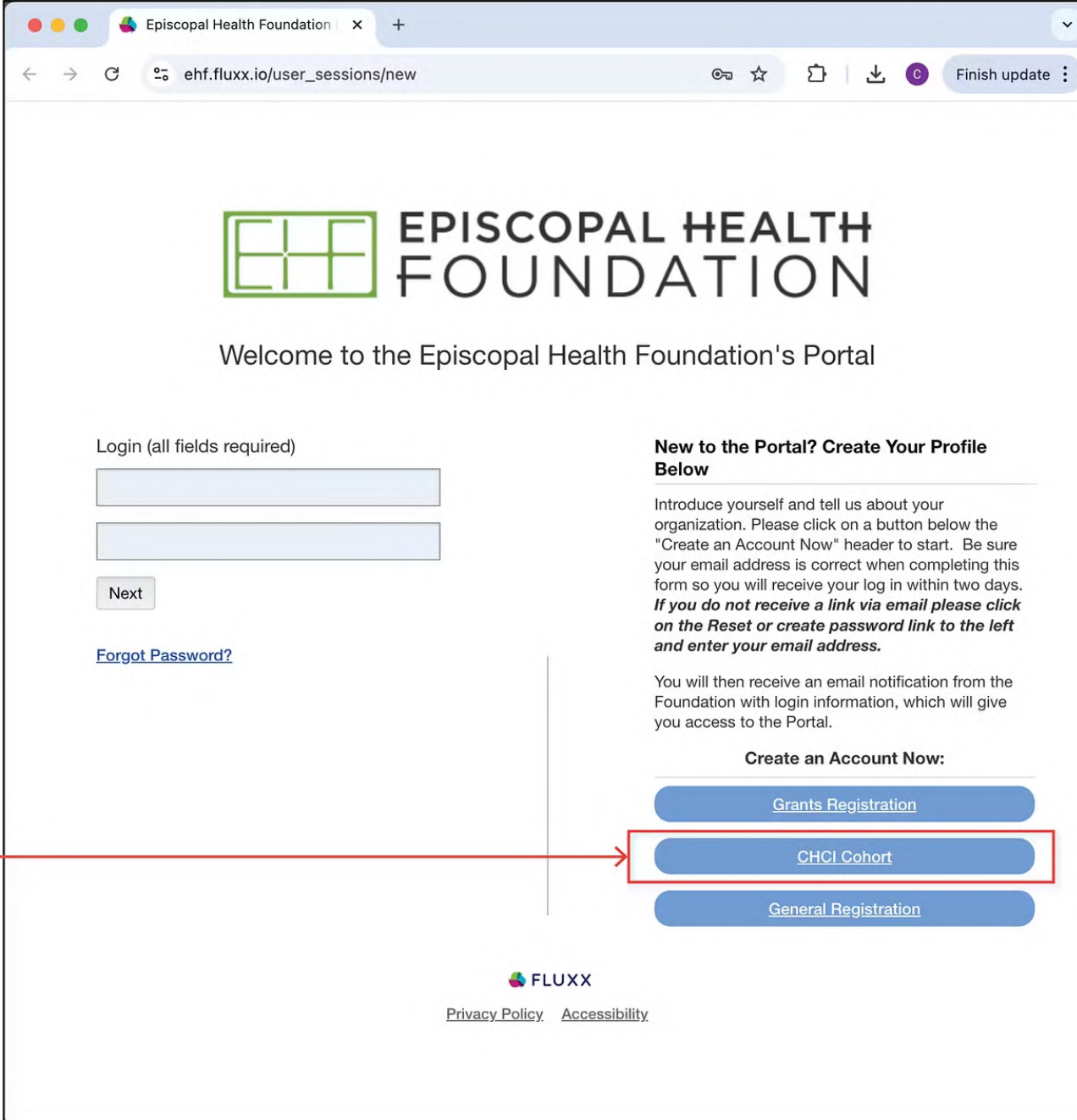
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How to Apply to the CHCI 25/26 Cohort

1. Create a profile in Fluxx by clicking “CHCI Cohort” via the link at episcopalhealth.org:
For Communities > **Collaborating for Healthy Communities**

Once you submit your information, you will receive an email asking you to set your password.

After setting your password, you will receive email confirmation.



Episcopal Health Foundation

Welcome to the Episcopal Health Foundation's Portal

Login (all fields required)

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[Forgot Password?](#)

New to the Portal? Create Your Profile Below

Introduce yourself and tell us about your organization. Please click on a button below the "Create an Account Now" header to start. Be sure your email address is correct when completing this form so you will receive your log in within two days. *If you do not receive a link via email please click on the Reset or create password link to the left and enter your email address.*

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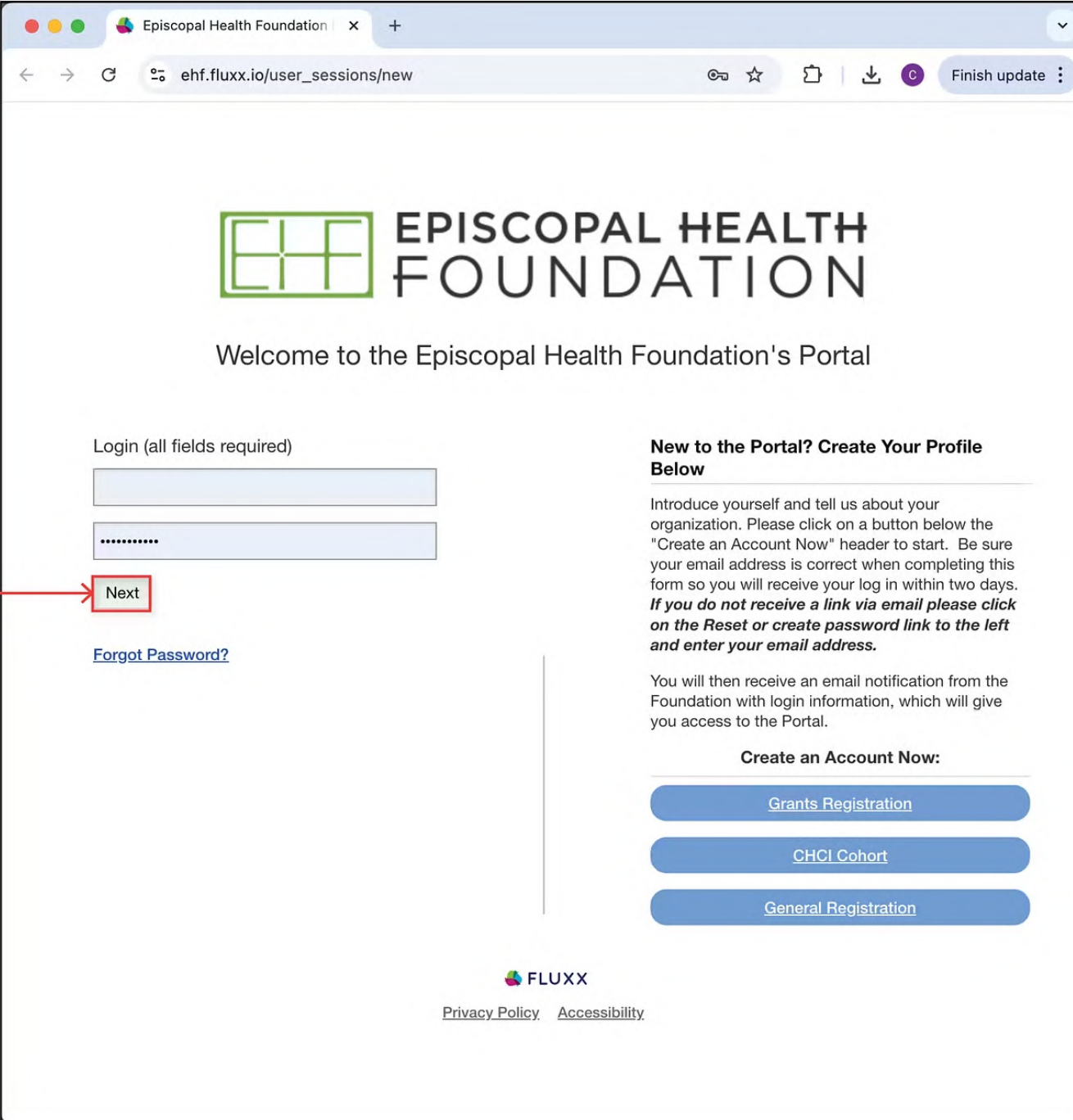
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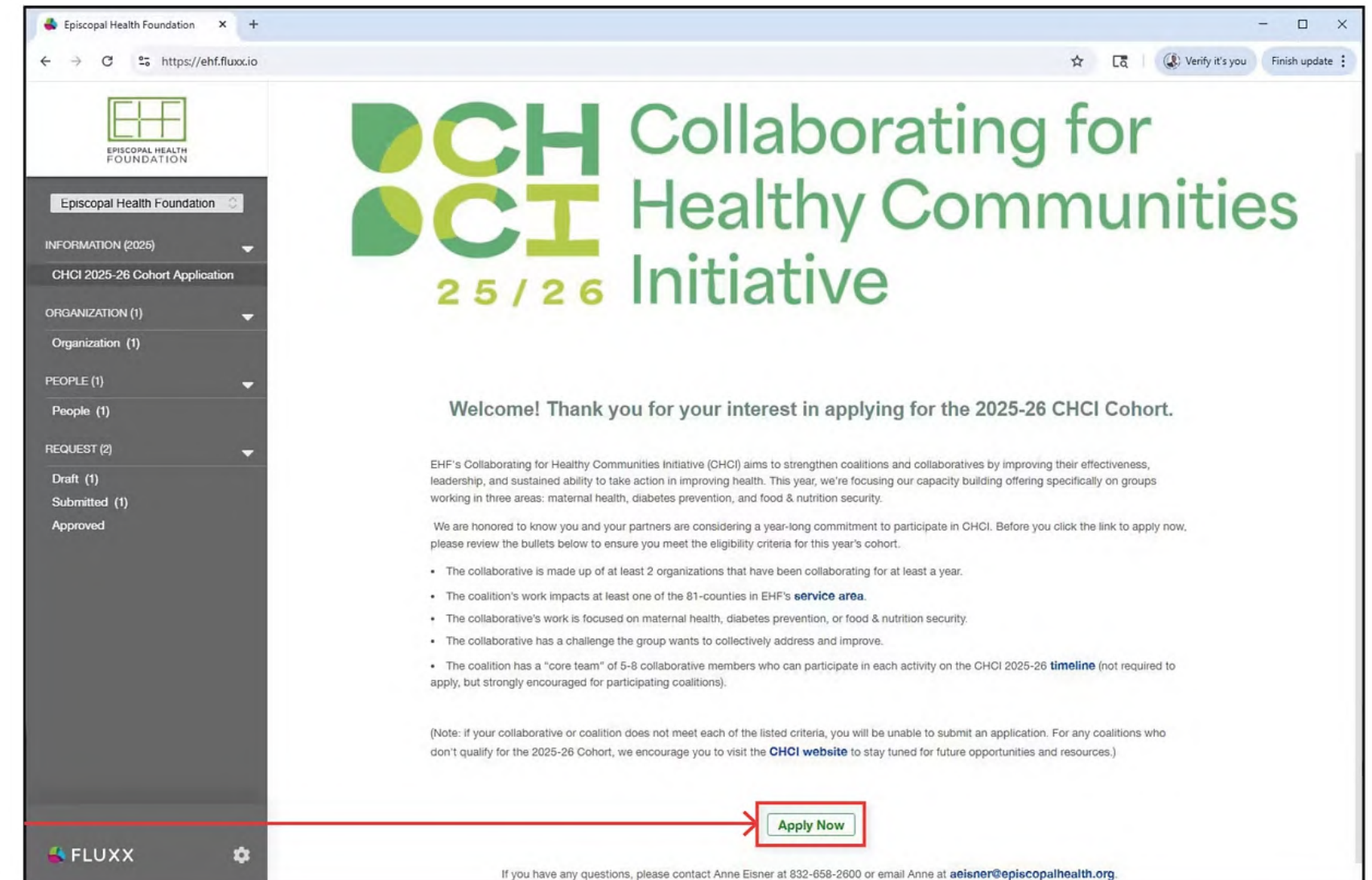
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INFORMATION (2025)

CHCI 2025-26 Cohort Application

ORGANIZATION (1)

Organization (1)

PEOPLE (1)

People (1)

REQUEST (2)

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Apply Now

Collaborating for Healthy Communities Initiative 25/26

Welcome! Thank you for your interest in applying for the 2025-26 CHCI Cohort.

EHF's Collaborating for Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI) aims to strengthen coalitions and collaboratives by improving their effectiveness, leadership, and sustained ability to take action in improving health. This year, we're focusing our capacity building offering specifically on groups working in three areas: maternal health, diabetes prevention, and food & nutrition security.

We are honored to know you and your partners are considering a year-long commitment to participate in CHCI. Before you click the link to apply now, please review the bullets below to ensure you meet the eligibility criteria for this year's cohort.

- The collaborative is made up of at least 2 organizations that have been collaborating for at least a year.
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(Note: if your collaborative or coalition does not meet each of the listed criteria, you will be unable to submit an application. For any coalitions who don't qualify for the 2025-26 Cohort, we encourage you to visit the **CHCI website** to stay tuned for future opportunities and resources.)

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Eisner at 832-658-2600 or email Anne at aeisner@episcopalhealth.org.

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APPLICATION OVERVIEW

- Basic Information
- About the Collaborative
- Primary Contacts
- Application Questions
 1. What is the mission of your Collaborative?
 2. What is your Collaborative's vision?
 3. What is your collaborative working to achieve over the next year?
 4. What are the challenges that your Collaborative is working to overcome?
 5. Is your collaborative better suited for coaching in person or virtually?
 6. Has your Collaborative ever been involved with a Peer Learning Network, or another capacity building program?
- Additional Collaborative Information

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BREAKOUTS: COHORT PREVIEW

Breakout Instructions

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- What's one fun fact about you?
- What collaborative or organization do you represent?
- What is one thing you wish your collaborative could do better, more of, or differently?



What's Next?

- **June 13, 2025** Cohort Applications Open
- **July 13, 2025** Cohort Applications Close
- **July 23, 2025 - August 1, 2025:** Follow-up Calls with Applicants
- **August 12-15, 2025:** CHCI 2025-26 Cohort Announced
- **August 22, 2025:** Online CHCI Orientation
- **September 8-30, 2025:** In-Person Collaborative Self-Assessment
- **October 17, 2025:** CHCI 2025-26 Kickoff (in-person)
- More dates at episcopalhealth.org: For Communities > Collaborating for Healthy Communities

Tip: complete your application EARLY

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Thank
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team!