

2026 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies

Capital Food Access Alliance: A Collaborative Model for SB1383 Success

Nick Mori, MPH, Special Projects Program Planner

Nick Mori is the Special Projects Planner at Sacramento County Public Health, where he has worked since 2001 in a variety of roles. Embracing a ‘master of none’ philosophy, he has taken on projects ranging from mental health stigma reduction and Title 15 medical jail inspections to new employee orientations and edible food recovery. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he led a team supporting schools with safer reopening, helped operate a drive-through testing clinic, and developed guidance for local businesses and organizations on safer operations. A Health Educator by training, Nick earned his Bachelor of Science in Animal Physiology and Neuroscience from UC San Diego, a Master of Public Health from Emory University, and is the recipient of numerous participation awards.

Chantal Allen-Jarrell, MPH, Food Systems Program Planner

Chantal Allen Jarrell, MPH, is a Program Planner with Sacramento County Public Health, where she leads countywide food system initiatives. Her work focuses on strengthening food security, advancing coordinated food system planning, and supporting local implementation of statewide edible food recovery regulations. Chantal holds a Master of Public Health degree from Fresno State and brings a decade of public health experience spanning chronic disease prevention, emergency preparedness and response, mental health stigma reduction, and food system development. She began her public service career with the U.S. Forest Service before joining Sacramento County Public Health in 2016 as a health educator. In her current role, she collaborates with community partners, public agencies, and food system stakeholders to build a more equitable and resilient food system for Sacramento County.

Mike Learakos, CEO

Mike Learakos is a third-generation food industry professional with over 35 years of experience including 20 years as the President of TJM, Inc., a full-spectrum food service company. In addition to food service operations, Mike has a long history in the area of food processing, facility design, and distribution.

In 2013, Mike volunteered to develop a regional food recovery pilot program in Orange County. Known then as ‘Waste Not OC’, the model, based on food safety and data tracking was quickly identified as the most effective in the nation based on number of donors and amount of food recovered. Mike became the full-time Executive Director in September of 2016 and guided the organization through an expansion that included a re-brand to Abound Food Care. As CEO, Mike now directs Abound Food Care in their effort to optimize regional food systems through innovation and collaboration with public, private and non-profit sectors. Abound Food Care is also a Co-founder and lead agency of the OC Hunger Alliance, a county-wide collaborative committed to ending hunger, food waste and addressing the root causes of poverty.

Lisa Coelho, Countywide Edible Food Recovery Project Manager
Lisa Coelho is a Countywide Edible Food Recovery Program Consultant for Abound Food Care. Lisa has over ten years of experience in California's solid waste industry. Her passion lies in assessing environmental impacts, engaging others in action without hindering performance and providing elegant solutions to measure results. Lisa has extensive background in research, technical assistance and program evaluation. Lisa specializes in SB 1383 capacity planning, program implementation, compliance evaluation, Implementation Record maintenance, and reporting. Lisa also provides subject matter expertise in corporate waste management and regional edible food recovery programs.