Nutrition & Health Issues

Critical Issue #1: Food Systems for Health (region-wide)
- Food production—local, corporate, plant breeding, animal nutrition for human health
- Food quality for human health
- Food availability
- Processing, packaging, and retailing, marketing

Critical Issue #2: Community & Human Development (region-wide)
- Education
  - Policy makers
  - Food professionals
  - Parents
  - School administrators
  - School children (K-12)
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- Consumer choice
  - Perceived benefits of food
  - Perceived quality of food
  - Cost
  - Lifestyle choices
  - Obesity prevention
- Community infrastructure & design
  - Master Gardeners/community gardens
  - Community exercise
  - School placement/location
  - Transportation choices
  - Farm to school
  - Collaborate with communities on goals & objectives

Critical Issue #3: Health Management Systems (region-wide)
- Health literacy
  - Insurance
  - Diet
- Education
  - Youth & adults
  - Health professionals
  - Policy makers
- Research
  - Disease management
  - Link to health benefits
  - Obesity

*A mind map is associated with this focus area (Mike F. can make a copy for inclusion in the report)*