

**Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Governor's Council on Food Security**

**FEED Subcommittee Meeting May 21, 2014
DRAFT Minutes**

Meeting Locations:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health, 4150 Technology Way Room 303, Carson City
Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, 3330 E Flamingo Road, Las Vegas
Aging and Disability Services Division, 1020 Ruby Vista Drive #102, Elko

Members Present:

Donnell Barton, Child Nutrition Services, State of Nevada
Cherie Jamason, Food Bank of Northern Nevada
Christy McGill, Healthy Communities Coalition
First Lady Kathleen Sandoval

Members Absent:

Amy Hill, Walmart

Staff Present:

Angela Owings, Food Security Coordinator, Grants Management Unit, DHHS
Laurie Olson, Chief, Grants Management Unit, DHHS
Gloria Sulhoff, Administrative Assistant III, GMU
Amber Joiner, Deputy Director of Programs, DHHS

Members of the Public Present:

Sarah Adler, USDA Rural Development
Kristen Dillard, Office of the First Lady
Darlene Dougherty, Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)
Jeneane Harter, Sustainable Nevada
Jim Peckham, FISH
Kelly Gonzales, Family Resource Center of Northeastern Nevada

I. Welcome and Introductions

Kathleen Sandoval, Chair of the Governor's Council on Food Security (GCFS) welcomed the members and opened the meeting at 10:15 am. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Public Comment

Jim Peckham, of FISH, commented on the FEED goal to create a single, statewide database. In his experience, a statewide database is difficult to keep up to date and a regional or local system would be much easier.

III. Election of Subcommittee Chair

- Donnell Barton nominated Ms. Jamason Chair of the FEED Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Christy McGill and carried unopposed with no abstentions.

Ms. Sandoval turned the meeting over to the newly elected Chair.

IV. Review of Food Security Survey Results

Angela Owings, Food Security Coordinator, reported that the Governor's Council on Food Security (GCFS) adopted the priorities outlined in the State's Food Security Strategic Plan during their inaugural meeting on March 27. Subsequently, Council members participated in a survey to prioritize the goals set forth in the Strategic Plan and identify those which could be attained in a relatively short period of time. For the record, Ms. Owings read the first sentence in the introduction of the "GCFS Subcommittee Goals and Membership" document that was compiled as a result of the survey findings: "One in six Nevadans of all ages are food insecure and do not have access to enough food to maintain an active, healthy life." The document included goals for all four subcommittees, LEAD, FEED, GROW, and REACH. Ms. Owings reviewed the FEED Subcommittee goals as listed in the document. The "priority goals" in the left-hand column listed goals as identified by the survey results. The middle column listed those goals which have already been met. The right-hand column included "other goals" from the State's Strategic Plan.

V. Member Orientation

Ms. Owings deferred the first topic under this agenda item, Federal Assistance Programs, to the full Council meeting scheduled for June 25.

Food Security Goals: FEED - Discussion

The group reviewed each of the FEED goals as outlined in the document. They discussed challenges to signing children up for free meal programs in schools and increasing participation in the breakfast program, and the difficulty of accessing free programs in rural areas

The group chose four goals for their initial focus, prioritized as follows with *recommended changes* to the verbiage:

1. Feed more children *and families* through increased participation in ~~in-school meal programs~~ *all federal nutrition programs for which they are eligible*, and establish accountability measures.
2. Replicate effective models to increase rural capacity for children's out-of-school meal programs.
3. Create a strategic partnership between WIC and SNAP to maximize ~~ease~~ *leads participation*.
4. *Based on the gap analysis provided by the REACH Subcommittee*, increase the *capacity of and/or* number of service providers and places within a community and neighborhood to increase access points to healthy food by food insecure people who may be ineligible for federal nutrition programs.

- Christy McGill moved to accept the goals in ranked order as listed above, with the recommended changes as shown in *italics* and ~~strikeouts~~. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barton. Before calling for a vote, Ms. Jamason opened the floor for public comment.

Sarah Adler commented that the addition of "families" to goal one shifts the focus from school meals to one of a more global nature. Regarding goal number four, she commented on increasing capacity of current sponsors versus more sites. She also suggested that the data provided by the REACH subcommittee include people in general, not just those who may be ineligible for federal programs.

There being no further comments or discussion, the motion to change the verbiage and prioritization of goals carried unanimously.

Action steps were identified for each of the goals and assigned to subcommittee members as follows:
Goal 1: Research “Breakfast before the Bell”, “Breakfast on the Bus” and all forms of direct certifications that are allowed under CPC program. (Kathleen Sandoval and Donnell Barton)

Goal 2: Ms. Barton stated that the pilot program EBT benefits to buy food instead of sending kids to summer meal sites. Look at potential implementation.

Goal 3: Identify how to make applying for WIC and SNAP a seamless process. Utilize WIC at farmer’s markets. (Christy McGill)

Goal 4: No action at this time; waiting on gap analysis.

Additionally, Ms. Owings will provide updates on the Department’s food grantees, the number of service providers, and assisting ineligible persons. Ms. Olson will look into possible State funding for summer meal programs.

VI. Public Comment

Sarah Adler stressed the importance of communication. Data and networks, the needs assessment and information and referral task force, are the foundation of the design of improved communications.

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Ms. Sandoval announced that a standing meeting day had been established for this subcommittee. Beginning in July, the group will meet on the second Friday of the month, every other month in odd-numbered months, from 10:00 am – noon. The Food Security Council will meet every other month, in even numbered months. The next subcommittee is scheduled for July 11. Four of the members are based in Reno. Ms. McGill, who is based in Ely, will try to attend in person but if that is not possible, she will participate via telephone.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.