

Governor's Council on Food Security
DRAFT Minutes
April 19, 2016

The Governor's Council on Food Security held a public meeting on April 19, 2016, beginning at approximately 1:00 P.M. at the following locations:

Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau
401 South Carson Street, Rm. 3137
Carson City, NV 89701

Grant Sawyer State Office Building
Legislative Counsel Bureau
555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 4400,
Rm. 4412E
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Board Members Present

Christy McGill, Healthy Communities Coalition
Cody Phinney, Administrator Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) proxy for Richard Whitley, Department of Health and Human Services, Director
David Weaver, US Foods
Sarah Adler, Nevada State Director USDA, Rural Development
Naomi Lewis, Deputy Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), proxy for Steve Fisher, Administrator, DWSS
Jodi Tyson, Three Square, Director of Government Affairs
Donnell Barton, Department of Agriculture Administrator of Food and Nutrition Division
Jim Barbee, Department of Agriculture, Director
Matthew Tuma, Governor's Office of Economic Development
Judy Osgood, Nevada Department of Education
Denise Peri, Nevada Fresh Pack, Sales
Amy Hill, Wal-Mart, Government Relations
Mark Walker, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Dean
Chuck Duarte, Community Health Alliance, CEO

Board Members Not Present

Kathleen Sandoval, Nevada First Lady
Mary Liveratti, AARP Nevada State, President
Mike Wurm, Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, CEO
Kenneth Osgood MD MPH, Southern Nevada Health District, Board of Health
Cherie Jamason, Food Bank of Northern Nevada, CEO

Also Present

Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General
Beth Handler, DPBH, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness (BCFCW), Bureau Chief
Monica Morales, DPBH, BCFCW, Deputy Bureau Chief
Michelle Walker, DPBH, BCFCW, WIC Program Manager
Cailey Hardy, DPBH, BCFCW, Office Manager

David Ramirez-Silva, DPBH, BCFCW, WIC Administrative Assistant III
Julia Peek, DPBH, Community Services, Deputy Administrator
Joe Dibble, DPBH, BCFCW, WIC Nutrition Coordinator
Brian Knudson, BP2 Solutions
Jennifer Bonk, DPBH, BCFCW, CDPHP Section Manager
Allen Pai, DPBH, BCFCW, Evaluation and Surveillance Manager
Elyse Monroy, Office of the Governor, Health and Human Services Policy Analyst
Darlene Dougherty, SNAP-ED Nutrition Specialist and Outreach Coordinator
Lea Tauchen, Retail Association of Nevada, Senior Director of Government Affairs
Joseph Turner, DPBH, BCFCW, WIC Administrative Assistant III

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Announcements

Ms. Sarah Adler, Nevada State Director USDA, Rural Development, called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

Roll Call was taken and it was determined a quorum of the Governor's Council on Food Security was present.

New Council member, Chuck Duarte, Community Health Alliance, CEO introduced himself to the council.

2. ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes of November 18, 2015 Council Meeting

Ms. Sarah Adler asked if there were any corrections to the draft minutes from the November 18, 2015 meeting.

MS. ADLER ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2015 MEETING. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY MR. JIM BARBEE. MS. AMY HILL SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

Public Comment

Brian Knudson from BP2 Solutions stated he was in the process of working on a contract with Share Our Strength. The purpose of the contract is to study the legislative process for the Breakfast after the Bell Program along with the implementation success stories of the Breakfast after the Bell Program. Mr. Knudson asked permission to speak with each of the council members to solicit their thoughts and opinions regarding the Legislative process and implementation of the program. He plans to begin the calls within the next couple weeks and wanted to take the opportunity to introduce himself.

Ms. Adler stated his message would be conveyed to the First Lady. Ms. Adler then asked Monica Morales how to proceed with Mr. Knudson's request. Ms. Morales advised the First Lady be informed of the interests of Mr. Knudson and if she gives the authority to move forward Ms. Morales would be happy to connect with Mr. Knudson and provide him with the

contact information of the council members. Ms. Jodi Tyson stated Ms. Morales can initially reach Brian through her and she will be able to provide her with Brian's contact information.

3. **National AmeriCorps Vista Update**

Ms. Adler introduced Max Finberg National Director of AmeriCorp Vista. Mr. Finberg thanked the council and gave a summary of his activities in Nevada beginning with his experience with Project Manna in Incline Village, NV. Mr. Finberg explained how malnutrition in America has shifted away from shortages of food toward too much of less nutritious food. The Corporation for National and Community Services administers AmeriCorp, AmeriCorp Vista and SeniorCorp Programs. Mr. Finberg explained he is in Reno for the AmeriCorp Summit and wanted to attend the Food Security Council meeting along with visiting many of the local tribes to discuss StrikeForce which was launched in 2010. More than 1,500 StrikeForce partnerships have already helped USDA support nearly 190,000 projects and invest \$23.5 billion in high-poverty areas in rural America. Altogether, 970 counties, parishes, boroughs and census areas are served through StrikeForce. USDA identifies census tracts with over 20 percent poverty (according to American Community Survey data) to locate sub-county pockets of poverty. As these areas of persistent poverty are identified, USDA staff work with state, local and community officials to increase awareness of USDA programs and help build program participation through intensive community outreach and technical assistance. Mr. Finberg stated he would like to offer additional resources to Nevada as we confront food insecurity through the use of the Vista Program. He went on to explain AmeriCorp needs sponsors to apply to host Vista groups. Sponsors can include Native American Tribes, Local Governments or Non-Profit Organizations. Sponsors go through the process of putting together a concept paper about food insecurity. Anything dealing with food insecurity will meet the criteria. The solutions proposed within the paper need to be sustainable and must involve and give back to the community. Vistas can be in place for approximately three years and the programs need to be sustainable after this timeframe. Mr. Finberg stated 92 million dollars is invested in AmeriCorp Vista by the federal appropriation and Vistas generated double the amount in outside resources. The Vistas raised 223 million dollars from grants from the Wal-Mart Foundation, local communities themselves, in kind resources and other funding which acts as a force multiplier. What he has found is there is not enough time, energy or bodies to do the work of making Nevada food secure. Mr. Finberg is here to inform AmeriCorp Vistas, along with federal and state resources, is another tool in the toolbox for fighting food insecurity in Nevada.

Ms. Adler asked if anyone has a question for Mr. Finberg.

Mr. Chuck Duarte asked if the council can have Mr. Finberg's contact information.

Mr. Finberg stated he would give a card to Ms. Morales and shared his contact information as follows: email: mfinberg@cns.gov phone: 202-606-6943

- 4. Report on and make recommendations regarding consideration of new appointees** to fill the terms for the positions of “The Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education or his or her designee from within the Office”, a “representative of community based services” and a “representative from the executive administration in the gaming and hospitality industries”

Ms. Adler stated she has been informed the following six members terms have been renewed: Jodi Tyson, Christy McGill, Donnell Barton, Mark Walker, Dr. Kenneth Osgood and David Weaver. Ms. Adler went on to explain there are three positions to fill. One is a Governor appointment to fill the remaining term associated with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, a position previously filled by Dale Erquiaga. A Director appointment is available to be filled by a community representative of Community based services in Southern Nevada. This position was previously occupied by Kevin Hooks. There is also a Director of The Department Health and Human Services appointed vacancy for a representative from the executive administration in the gaming and hospitality industries. For the latter two positions, the council is invited to make recommendations to Richard Whitley, Director of Health and Human Services. Ms. Adler opened the floor for recommendations for these positions.

Ms. Amy Hill stated she has someone she would like to recommend but would like to contact them and ensure their interest before making a formal recommendation. She stated she will contact Ms. Morales with her recommendation once interest has been confirmed.

Ms. Tyson also stated she would like to do the same as Ms. Hill.

Ms. Adler established a two week deadline for submitting recommendations to Ms. Morales, who will pass on the recommendations to First Lady Sandoval.

Public Comment

There was no public Comment.

- 5. National Hunger Commission Report**

Ms. Adler referenced the handouts titled “Feeding America Responds to National Commission on Hunger Report” and “National Hunger Commission Report: Thoughts on Implementation Possibilities for States and Municipalities”. These documents were provided by Cherie Jamason. Ms. Adler opened the floor to comments on these documents.

Mr. Chuck Duarte stated he brought hard copies of the reports which have been provided by and tabbed by Cherie Jamason. These hard copies have been distributed to Council Members.

Ms. Adler asked Jodi Tyson if Three Square had any priorities from the report.

Ms. Tyson stated she will discuss some advocacy and policy priorities during Agenda Item Eight.

Ms. Barton stated two of the four child nutrition recommendations are in the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Bill. One is for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer program and the other is regarding the streamlining and simplifying the administrative process among child nutrition programs.

Ms. Adler noted the report recommends some of what she has observed the council taking action and making recommendations on. She stated the council is working on collective impact by being aware of the system of resources and the connections among those resources. This allows the council to get at the root issues of food insecurity.

Christy McGill arrived at the meeting; she had been teleconferenced into the meeting and then assumed the responsibilities and duties as the Chair of the meeting, upon her arrival.

6. Overview of the Child Nutrition Reauthorization

Donnell Barton stated there have been rumors the Child Nutrition Reauthorization may be passed prior to the summer recess, but is unsure if this is possible. She stated there are a couple differences between the House and Senate bills regarding the child nutrition side. One of the things Ms. Barton and Mr. Barbee are most happy about is the proposed change from State Educational Agencies to Authorized State Agencies for Child Nutrition Programs. This will eliminate the need to complete a waiver every three years to keep the Child Nutrition Programs at the Department of Agriculture. This change is in both versions of the bill. In the House bill, a family meal day is proposed, so districts would be allowed four days per year to be exempt from the required meal pattern. Family meal day is to encourage families to come and eat with their kids in school, citing examples such as Thanksgiving. This is only in the House version but not in the Senate version. The combination of the Summer Food and the At-Risk meal application is in both versions of the bill. The SEBTC is also in both versions of the bill. The House version, beginning in May of 2017, would allow for off-site consumption of summer food, but it will only apply to conditions such as extreme weather, violence or public safety, or other emergency circumstances as defined by the Nevada Secretary of State. Under the child and adult care food program, residential childcare institutions, which are currently under the National School Lunch Program, are proposed to be moved to the Child Care Program, on the House side of the bill. On the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, which is a program is used at low income elementary schools to give children the opportunity to try different fruits and vegetables, the House version of the bill would allow for canned and frozen fruits and vegetables. For the School Breakfast program, there are discussions to add two cents to every breakfast meal reimbursement.

Michelle Walker, DPBH, BCFCW, WIC Program Manager, talked about two major proposed changes in the Senate bill for WIC. The first one would allow states to certify children who are not in all day kindergarten, up to the age of six, which would help cover the meal gap for those children who enter school later. The second change would allow infants to be certified for a period of two years instead of only one year. This would help decrease the administrative burden of the certification process. However, both of these changes are not currently in the House bill.

Ms. Tyson thanked Ms. Barton for discussing the changes to the summer food program and wanted to share with the council another change relating to the ability to serve kids a non-congregate feeding in a rural community, which needs further designation of what constitutes a rural area. An additional change would also occur in high poverty urban areas where the free and reduced lunch rate exceeds 80 percent. In Las Vegas, the aforementioned rate accounts for approximately 30 of the 90 plus community sites. To the fullest extent and intention this could lead to 25-30 percent of Las Vegas sites being eligible for non-congregate feeding. They must come to the congregate site first, after which time they are eligible to take a meal home. For example if a church only has staff available during lunch time, due to resource limitations, some kind of breakfast meal can be taken home to eat the following morning.

Mr. Duarte asked if the council normally makes recommendations on pending federal legislation.

Ms. McGill stated the council has supported legislation in the past; and it is something the council is able to do in the future.

7. Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid for National School Lunch Program

Ms. Barton and Naomi Lewis, proxy for Steve Fisher, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Administrator presented on the application opportunity to evaluate direct certification with Medicaid for the National School Lunch Program. Ms. Lewis summarized some of the information presented within the Requests for Applications packet which was distributed to the council. One of the items Ms. Lewis highlighted included; the ability to do direct certification for the school lunch program with Medicaid certified households. This demonstration opportunity will match the school enrollment data with Medicaid eligibility to identify children who receive Medicaid and whose family income, before expenses and deduction, does not exceed 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Level for the free school lunch program or 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level for the reduced lunch program. State agencies may apply to conduct direct certification for both the free and reduced lunch program. There are two deadlines for this project, April 15, 2016 for demonstrations beginning in school year 2016-2017 and September 15, 2016 for demonstrations beginning in school year 2017-2018. In any education area which chooses to participate, all the schools in particular area must participate. Households with eligible children directly certified for free or reduced meals, based on Medicaid data will not be required to submit an application to the school.

Ms. McGill asked for an explanation of Medicaid Certification.

Ms. Barton explained an electronic file is sent to the USDA which contains data about which households currently receiving SNAP benefits. This file is then matched with the school records and those children become directly certified for a period of one year to receive free or reduced meals. No application needs to be completed. Once the child is matched, a letter goes out to the household. They are attempting to replicate this same process for Medicaid enrollment. The biggest barrier to accomplishing this is the FDA

wants an automated system and does not consider the system which is currently in place to be automated. The files are currently transferred to a secure FTP. Only Washoe and Clark County have algorithms which automatically match the data in the following fields: first name, last name, date of birth and an address. In order to qualify for this grant, about a year is needed to develop software which will make this match. Currently the Department of Education (DOE) does not have the ability to push the information down to the districts. The DOE is working on getting this software in place. Due to income requirement differences between Free and Reduced Meals and Medicaid, there may be a gap in those who will be automatically enrolled in Medicaid.

Mr. Duarte asked if it is envisioned the data would flow back the other way, from the Free and Reduced Lunch Program to Medicaid.

Ms. Lewis stated it has not been explored yet.

Mr. Duarte stated sharing data both ways would be a great opportunity to identify gaps in coverage of children.

Questions were asked about Infinite Canvas. This software's capabilities are being explored by the DOE. It was recommended someone from the DOE IT Department come and answer these questions.

Ms. Tyson asked how many more children would be able to be directly certified using this process and if the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) exception would remain in place for reporting.

Ms. Barton replied it could increase participation by as much as 40 percent nationally, but no data is available specific to Nevada. She believes the CEP exemption would remain in place.

8. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

CHIP focuses on health improvement objectives and Southern Nevada Health District accreditation and objectives on Breakfast after the Bell.

Ms. Tyson stated one of the goals of CHIP is to reduce the obesity rate of children under the age of eighteen. They were looking for how communities put together strategies to incorporate obesity reduction. Children who eat breakfast on a consistent basis have a lower BMI. Ms. Tyson and Dr. Osgood used this correlation to create synergy regarding breakfast after the bell and lowering the obesity rate in Nevada.

Mr. Duarte asked if the Let's Move campaign has been looked at as an avenue to reduce childhood obesity in Nevada.

Ms. Tyson replied the Let's Move campaign was explored by her and Dr. Osgood. Ms. Tyson explained they participated in the program and had presented on the program during a previous meeting.

Ms. McGill asked what the other goal of CHIP was.

Ms. Tyson replied it is was to increase activity rates of children.

9. Status update on the Food Security Plan

Monica Morales presented the Food Security Work Plan, which was included as a handout to the council. Ms. Morales wanted to showcase some of the work done within the Chronic Disease section at the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH). Ms. Morales explained this plan was created in response to a request from the council to get an idea of where Nevada is in terms of the progress of the food security plan. Ms. Morales stated she met with Dr. Pai to quantify the progress being made on the previously established food security plan. Ms. Morales explained this plan contains performance measures based on the strategies established within the food security plan. The goal is to have a comprehensive report on where Nevada is, who the lead organization is, and most importantly, an established reporting protocol which is updated every 6 months.

Ms. McGill asked if Ms. Morales if she would like updates from organizations who work with the GCFS to give updates of their work to reflect the progress in the log.

Ms. Tyson wanted to clarify the question Ms. McGill asked pertaining to updates from non-state agencies. Ms. Tyson noted she did not see many non-state organizations listed as lead organizations within the work plan and asked if Ms. Morales would like local agencies to report which areas they could be consider leads on in addition to providing updates on progress.

Ms. Morales confirmed she would like information pertaining to lead organizations along with updates on progress.

Mark Walker, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Dean, asked if there is a date when the plan would shift from a draft to a final version.

Ms. Morales stated she would first like to sit down with individuals or speak with them via phone to get a better sense where all organizations are by the end of May.

Mr. Duarte asked if there is a trend line for the data presented on page 13 of the Food Security Plan.

Ms. Morales stated there is a trend line and she could provide it to Mr. Duarte.

Ms. McGill asked all members of the Council to review the information presented by Ms. Morales and prepare themselves to discuss where their work fits in with Ms. Morales.

10. Demonstration of the Network for Care of Public Health and Wellness system

Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator, DPBH, did a live demonstration of the Network of Care for Public Health Assessment and Wellness, which is provided in partnership with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NAACHO). Many aspects of this demonstration are detailed within the handout for this agenda item.

Mr. Walker asked if counties (County Health Department or County Commissioners) have expressed interest in this software.

Ms. Peek replied she has presented in rural Nevada and many of the smaller communities have expressed interest in data specific to their respective locales. Ms. Peek further explained she is more than willing to go anywhere within the state in order to demonstrate the software. Ms. Peek also stated the end goal for utilization of this software is for it to be a "one stop shop" for health data in Nevada.

Mr. Duarte thanked Ms. Peek for her demonstration of the software and stated his Grants' Director at CHA will be forever grateful for the creation of the software. Mr. Duarte stated Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities Coalition would be a great audience and he can reach out to Kevin Dick regarding a demonstration.

Ms. Adler asked if there are chatrooms or message boards associated with this software.

Ms. Peek replied they have a blog and is unsure of the capabilities of the blog, she added a social media page has been created for Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology (OPHIE). Ms. Peek explained if there is desire to add the capacity of the social media to this page, it can be explored. The capability to link back to other organizations' websites is also available and the social collaboration could be directed back to respective websites.

Ms. McGill stated she is part of a listserv for the Grant's Office and she could share this website with all of those who participate in the listserv.

11. Food and Nutrition Services Program

Ms. Adler gave an update on tribes and their ability to access USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) programs. Ms. Adler presented information contained within the memo with the subject of "Key Points - Nevada Tribes and Access of FNS Programs".

Mr. Duarte asked if any of the tribes are working on cost recovery.

Ms. Adler replied she cannot answer how many tribes are currently working on cost recovery. She does know certain tribes have become ineligible because their A-133 audit is not up to date. Smaller tribes have greater difficulty meeting requirements.

Mr. Duarte asked if the ten percent cap was a state or a federal limitation.

Ms. Adler replied she believes it is not in federal regulations but rather an administrative or executive policy.

12. Update on the Nutrition Umbrella Committee

Cody Phinney provided an update on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Umbrella Committee. Ms. Phinney explained much of what was presented today was related to work Richard Whitley did while he was Administrator of DPBH. Now he is Director of DHHS, he has asked the idea to be spread. Agencies can partner with each other and the communities can make the most use of the collective impact which was referenced earlier. The umbrella committee is executive level staff from each of the five divisions, so Nevada can ensure resources are shared both internally within Department and externally with local agencies. Ms. Phinney also explained there are several projects on data matching which hope to reduce the duplicative work required different eligibility criteria for similar programs. She explained because of the different requirements for different programs, there are many challenges within the task. The fundamental purpose is to lay the ground work so the state system at DHHS is not creating any barriers to maximizing all the federal and private input into the system.

Mr. Duarte asked if DHHS is looking for Medicaid reimbursement for nutritional counseling services beyond state provided services.

Ms. Phinney encouraged someone from Medicaid to come attend the next meeting and answer the question.

13. Potential Policy Priorities for Nevada Legislative Session 2017 for discussion and possible vote

Ms. Tyson discussed the potential priorities detailed in the handout titled "GCFS Potential Policy Priorities". Ms. Tyson explained the First Lady had hoped the Council examine these priorities, discuss and adopt items they would like to recommend to the Legislature. Ms. Tyson asked if there were still active listening sessions.

Ms. Phinney stated there are some listening sessions continuing in May aimed at target groups with particular input.

Mr. Duarte stated there is a group testifying tomorrow at the Health Committee Meeting on some concerns shared on the expansion of Medicaid Managed Care.

Ms. Tyson asked the Council which items they would like to pursue from the handout and if there were any additional items to be added to the priorities.

Ms. Hill stated she personally feels encouraging districts to implement Breakfast After the Bell in schools with Free or Reduced Lunch rates between 60-70 percent and asked if there are statewide numbers for Breakfast After the Bell and Free or Reduced Lunch rates.

Ms. Barton stated she could provide those numbers to Ms. Hill and expressed concerns about eliminating reduced price breakfast. Approximately five school districts within the state do not charge the reduced price breakfast or lunch. This means the district has to make up 40

cents at lunchtime and 20 cents at breakfast. Information about total cost incurred by the districts needs to be gathered, if this is the case.

Mr. Duarte would like to learn more about protecting SNAP benefits for vulnerable populations, particularly if this is a priority for DWSS.

Mr. Barbee stated his preference would be to take these items back and review with his staff to see where they stand on the issues outlined in the handout. He also wanted to remind everyone when Breakfast After the Bell was presented, it was introduced as one shot money and if we were to propose something similar, it would have to be framed as a new or different initiative, rather than a continuation of the one shot money.

Ms. Adler asked Mr. Barbee if he has had any communication with the districts which indicates they might need additional monies in order to make the program sustainable.

Mr. Barbee explained by making the one time investment, they have increased the amount of federal money coming into the school. This has established a bar for increasing the number of breakfasts served while increasing the revenue over time where it is a self-supportive program. The State had hoped to get three million dollars in additional federal money coming into the state through those districts. This goal was greatly exceeded by more than doubling this amount.

Ms. McGill asked if it appears we are on track with schools becoming able to self-sustain this program.

Mr. Barbee believes they are on track but would defer to Ms. Barton regarding the details of where the districts stand.

Ms. Barton also believes the districts will be able to self-sustain. However, they are just beginning to go out into the districts to gather information and explained there is still one more year of the grant to continue to grow the program.

Ms. Tyson stated she feels community support is vital to the survival of these types of programs. She noted Three Square will need match money for their SIF grant this upcoming year and hopes they will receive the needed support.

Mr. Duarte asked if it is possible to roll excess funds forward during the session.

Mr. Barbee explained any unspent money would roll back into general funds.

Ms. Barton said they are within \$30,000 dollars of the budget and they have gone back to Clark County to ask if there is a way they can use the \$30,000 and are in the process of revising their grant applications so the entire million dollars can be allocated.

Mr. Barbee asked Ms. Tyson what the state match requirement is in the third year.

Ms. Tyson stated every year it is \$275,000 cash match and are currently paying this money out of their general fund. Ms. Tyson also asked someone was able to look into and ensure there was clear agenda item for the next meeting regarding the SNAP benefit for vulnerable populations.

Ms. Lewis stated she could look into the issue provide details at the next meeting.

Mr. Barbee proposed keeping Agenda Item number 12, Update on the Nutrition Umbrella Committee and number 13, Potential Policy Priorities for Nevada Legislative Session 2017 for discussion and possible vote at the next meeting, so action could be taken on them, if necessary.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14. Acknowledgement of Senator Debbie Smith's work regarding nutrition programs and anti-poverty policies and discussion/vote on commemoration of her work

MS. MCGILL ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE WORK OF SENATOR DEBBIE SMITH. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY MS. AMY HILL. CHUCK DUARTE SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH PUBLIC COMMENT.

Public Comment

Jodi Tyson she has greatly admired Debbie Smith's work and is glad we are commemorating her efforts. Ms. Tyson wanted to make note of Karen Vogle's retirement from Ms. Barton's office next month and would like to publicly thank her for service and contributions. She additionally asked Ms. Barton to relay her gratitude to Ms. Vogle.

Ms. Barton announced they are having a small party with cake on May 6th around 11 am at the Department of Agriculture and everyone is welcome to join.

15. Council discussion to identify what the next focus areas should be

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting, in order for the First Lady to be present and so Ms. Morales can provide an update on the status of the Food Security Plan.

16. Public Comment

There was no public comment

17. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Ms. McGill asked if the WIC Program was able to write and submit the grant for the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Grant.

Ms. Walker stated the grant was written, submitted and accepted. Ms. Walker explained WIC was waiting to hear back if funding is available.

Ms. McGill adjourned the meeting at 3:32 pm.