

## Governor's Council on Food Security: LEAD/REACH Subcommittee

### LEAD

Goal #1: Establish the systems and positions necessary to implement a permanent, sustainable, accountable state leadership structure for food security to increase all Nevadans' understanding, value and support of food security solutions.

#	Activity	Update	SMART Objectives
1.a	Secure technical assistance to evaluate and identify optimal business processes for Nevada's food security system including state agencies, food banks, and regional and local nonprofits in order to determine the role each plays in closing the meal gap.		
1.b	Establish an Office of Food Security in the Director's Office of the Department of Health and Human Services.	The Office of Food Security was established in 2014 under the Department of Health and Human Services.	
1.c	Create a Statewide Food Policy Advisory Council that links and leverages regional and local community-based efforts.	Governor Brian Sandoval issued an Executive Order on February 12, 2014 establishing the Governor's Council on Food Security.	
1.d	Support the consolidation of appropriate USDA programs under the Department of Agriculture to improve efficiency and effectiveness.	The 2013 Session of the Nevada Legislature passed three bills that moved Child Nutrition Programs, Commodity Foods, and the Dairy Commission under the Department of Agriculture.	
1.e	Fill staffing and technology capacity needs in state agencies to optimize and expedite access to resources.	The Office of Public Health Informatics Epidemiology has access to 70+ data sources that can be used to match and cross-tabulate food security and access data in formats needed for programs.	
1.f	Determine baseline status for all goals in the Food Security Plan.		
1.g	Promote a state policy encouraging outreach which draws down additional federal/grant dollars.		

<b>1.h</b>	Create an evaluation plan to measure progress on increasing food security in Nevada.		
<b>1.i</b>	Coordinate and resolve issues with state and non-state agencies, measuring and reporting on progress in increasing food security for Nevadans on an annual basis.		
<b>Goal #2: Promote a policy agenda to increase food security in Nevada.</b>			
<b>2.a</b>	Adopt a policy to authorize CNP, SNAP, and WIC to utilize all of the available opportunities established by the USDA.		
<b>2.b</b>	Establish a multi-agency resource team to pursue innovative solutions, demonstration projects and funding, available through the federal government, foundations or other sources to increase the number of people fed and close the meal gap.	The Nevada Nutrition Assistance Consortium (NNAC) is a statewide, inter-agency group. It was formed to ensure collaboration between food and nutrition programs throughout the state.	
<b>2.c</b>	Research and develop a menu of policies/regulation options to promote food security in Nevada.	The 78th Nevada Legislative Session passed three bills relating to food security championed by the Council: SB503, Breakfast After the Bell; AB107, regarding annual accountability report for schools; and SB206, the Cottage Food Bill/Pickle Bill.	
<b>2.d</b>	Promote policies on a state and local level to encourage Nevada farm products to enter systems that serve Nevadans including institutions, schools, senior centers, and child care centers by promoting policies (develop a menu of model policies/regulations).		

2.e	Develop and implement a campaign to increase the public's awareness of food and nutrition resources, remove the stigma associated with receiving food assistance, and ensure that Nevada policymakers are aware of benefits from available nutrition programs.		
2.f	Policy Council review and update plan.		
<b>REACH</b>			
Goal #1: Change the current models of purchase (commodities) and distribution of nutritious foods to increase economies of scale, and link frequency of deliveries, and availability of local food to the specific needs of communities throughout the state (rural, urban, and food deserts).			
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1.a	Conduct a comprehensive benefit analysis study of the current state and nonprofit commodity/food delivery system that includes cost efficiency, frequency of delivery, and recommendations.	In January 2015, Nevada Department of Agriculture's issued the <i>2014 Food Distribution Survey</i> .	
1.b	Develop a comprehensive client/community food supply assessment to determine what organizations, agencies and groups are providing services as well as the frequency and schedule of deliveries to determine efficiencies and opportunities for streamlining food distribution processes.	In January 2015, Nevada Department of Agriculture's issued the <i>2014 Food Distribution Survey</i> .	

<b>1.c</b>	Use food asset maps to develop a coordinated distribution delivery process, establish a network to enable a truck to reach several areas in a single trip and ultimately provide more food to communities.		
<b>1.d</b>	Establish a "one-stop-shop" for agencies to acquire produce and other foods from regional food banks and expand nutritious food options beyond what is available for free through commodities programs.		
<b>Goal #2: Develop the technology to connect and share data among multiple state agencies, regional food banks, community agencies, and faith based organizations for efficient and effective targeting of services and populations.</b>			
<b>2.a</b>	Use data and information from the shared software system to track client services, program utilization, and target new distribution points based on needs.		