

**POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE FOR
Governor's Council on Food Security
Minutes
January 3, 2018**

The Governor's Council on Food Security Policy Sub-Committee held a public meeting on January 3, 2018, beginning at approximately 9:05 A.M. at the following locations:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way Room 303
Carson City, NV 89706

Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
6161 W. Charleston, East Hall
Las Vegas, NV 89146

Board Members Present

Steve Fisher, Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)
Homa AnooShehpoor, Administrator, Department of Agriculture
Aurora Buffington, Faculty Instructor, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
Naomi Lewis, Deputy Administrator, DWSS
Cherie Jamason, Director of Ending Hunger Initiatives, Food Bank of Northern Nevada
Jodi Tyson, Director of Government Affairs, Three Square

Board Members Not Present

Chuck Duarte, CEO, Community Health Alliance

Also Present

Linda Anderson, JD, Chief Deputy, Attorney General's Office, State of Nevada
Michelle Walker, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Section Manager, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness (CFCW), Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
Laura Urban, Food Security and Wellness Manager, Office of Food Security, CFCW, DPBH, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Reena Gupta, Public Health Associate, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP), CFCW, DPBH
Gina Gimenez, Administrative Assistant III, WIC, CFCW, DPBH

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Steve Fisher, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Roll call was taken, and it was determined a quorum of the Governor's Council on Food Security (GCFS) Policy Sub-Committee was present.

2. Overview of Sub-Committee Goal

At the November 21, 2017 GCFS meeting, membership motioned for the creation of the Policy Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee is tasked with researching, developing, and recommending a menu of policy recommendations for GCFS membership consideration in preparation for the 2019 legislative session.

3. **ACTION ITEM: Appoint Sub-Committee Chair**

Cherie Jamason and Jodi Tyson were appointed as GCFS Policy Sub-Committee co-chairs, per member consensus.

4. **ACTION ITEM: Establish Sub-Committee meeting rules and logistics**

Laura Urban proposed establishing the Sub-Committee's goals, associated timelines, and frequency of meetings. Based on the 2015 legislative session timeline, the earliest deadline for Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) will likely be close to September 1st, 2018. Ms. Urban suggested presenting the menu of policies for the full Council's consideration during the July 18, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Fisher stated the deadlines will vary depending on who is sponsoring the bill.

The Sub-Committee agreed legislative BDRs would be their priority. In addition, members agreed to meet on a monthly or as-needed basis, and to provide regular updates to the GCFS. The Sub-Committee agreed to present the first round of policy recommendations at the July 18, 2018 GCFS meeting.

Ms. Tyson recommended inviting stakeholders and other community organizations to present policy priorities to the Sub-Committee.

Mr. Fisher agreed. This will be an on-going agenda item.

5. **Discuss recommendations from *Freedom from Hunger: An Achievable Goal for the United States of America***

Ms. Jamason provided an overview of the National Commission of Hunger and *Freedom from Hunger: An Achievable Goal for the United States of America*. The report can be found [here](#).

The Sub-Committee discussed the future of the GCFS.

Mr. Fisher does not know if the GCFS will sunset when a new Governor takes office [in January 2019].

Ms. Jamason stated the GCFS is a vital tool, as it brings together State leadership and community agencies to end hunger in Nevada.

Ms. Tyson stated GCFS members have had similar discussions regarding permanency. *The Nutrition Programs Gap Analysis for Older Nevadans* also recommends the GCFS become a permanent body.

Mr. Fisher asked if the Sub-Committee should focus on a specific population or take a holistic approach.

The Sub-Committee agreed to take a holistic approach.

Ms. Tyson stated *The Nutrition Programs Gap Analysis for Older Nevadans* recommendations could relate to a broader population.

Naomi Lewis stated it would be valuable to conduct a crosswalk between services and agencies to ensure there is no duplication.

Ms. Tyson asked Mr. Fisher and Ms. Urban if the Sub-Committee would benefit from reviewing the list of recommendations made in *The Nutrition Programs Gap Analysis for Older Nevadans*.

Mr. Fisher stated it would be premature, as the GCFS will be reviewing those recommendations and identifying next steps during the January 17, 2018 meeting.

Ms. Tyson stated there are five (5) recommendations relating to policy in *The Nutrition Programs Gap Analysis for Older Nevadans*, and the Sub-Committee should have a follow-up discussion after the GCFS meeting on January 17, 2018.

The Sub-Committee discussed inviting state agency representatives to present on agency-approved BDRs.

Ms. Tyson asked if it would be beneficial for state agency representatives to receive feedback from the Sub-Committee.

Mr. Fisher responded yes, it would be beneficial for state agency representatives to receive Sub-Committee feedback, because the agencies will need approval from the Director of Health and Human Services (DHHS) before presenting BDRs to the Sub-Committee. Agency presentations could be placed on a future agenda once it becomes clear which BDRs will be supported by DHHS.

The Sub-Committee agreed to table the discussion on *Freedom from Hunger: An Achievable Goal for the United States of America* recommendations until the February meeting, to give members an opportunity to review the report.

Ms. Tyson stated improving food security will have a positive impact on the social determinants of health impacting Nevadans.

6. ACTION ITEM: Identify action items and goals for next Sub-Committee meeting

The Sub-Committee agreed the February agenda will include: (1) reviewing recommendations from *Freedom from Hunger: An Achievable Goal for the United States of America* and *The Nutrition Programs Gap Analysis for Older Nevadans*, and (2) an agenda item inviting community partners and stakeholders to present on nutrition/food security policy priorities and recommendations.

7. Public Comment

NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Fisher adjourned the meeting at 10:20 A.M.