

**Governor's Council on Food Security
Minutes
March 21, 2018**

The Governor's Council on Food Security held a public meeting on March 21, 2018, beginning at approximately 1:05 P.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, Building 1
East Hall Conference Room
Las Vegas, NV 89146

Board Members Present

Christy McGill, Director, Safe and Respectful Learning Environment, Nevada Department of Education
Dana Serrata, Executive Director, Helping Hands of Vegas Valley
Jodi Tyson, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Three Square Food Bank
Yvanna Cancela, Executive Director, Immigrant Workers Citizenship Project
Cherie Jamason, Director of Ending Hunger Initiatives, Food Bank of Northern Nevada
Aurora Buffington, Faculty Instructor, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
Kenneth Osgood, MD, Southern Nevada Health District, Board of Health
Rob Medeiros, CEO, Boomtown Casino Hotel and Reserve Casino Hotel
Homa Anoshehpour, Administrator, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)
Amy Hill, Government Relations, Walmart
David Weaver, Vice President of Sales, Food Service Industry Consultants
Gillian Barclay, Healthcare Industry Specialist, Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development
Sarah Adler, Healthy Communities Coalition of Lyon & Storey Counties

Board Members Not Present

Steve Fisher, Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)
Jim Barbee, Director, NDA
Chuck Duarte, CEO, Community Health Alliance
Annmarie Feiler, Executive Director, Urban Seed Foundation
Julie Kotchevar, Ph.D., Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
Naomi Lewis, Deputy Administrator, DWSS

Also Present

Beth Handler, MPH, Chief, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness (CFCW), DPBH
Karissa Loper, MPH, Deputy Bureau Chief, CFCW, DPBH
Michelle Walker, RD, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Section Manager, CFCW, DPBH
Laura Urban, Food Security and Wellness Manager, Office of Food Security, CFCW, DPBH, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Janet Osalvo, Obesity Prevention and Control Coordinator, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP), CFCW, DPBH
Reena Gupta, Public Health Associate, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Gina Gimenez, Administrative Assistant III, WIC, CFCW, DPBH
Lisa Segler, Three Square Food Bank
Amber Bosket, State Renewable Energy

1. Call to Order, roll call, and announcements

Christy McGill, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

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

2. ACTION ITEM: Approve minutes from January 17, 2018 Council meeting

Ms. McGill asked if there were any corrections to the draft minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting.

Cherie Jamason asked if State Agency Bill Draft Request (BDR) recommendations will need to be approved by Director Whitley before they are presented to the GCFS Policy Subcommittee.

Laura Urban confirmed Ms. Jamason's statement as accurate.

MS. MCGILL ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 17, 2018 MEETING. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY JODI TYSON. DR. KENNETH OSGOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

3. Update regarding *Food Security in Nevada: Nevada's Plan for Action Evaluation Plan*

Ms. Urban stated she will reach out to GCFS-affiliated agencies and stakeholders to assign leads for the revised Food Security Plan. Once leads are established, the Office of Food Security will work with the Chronic Disease Prevention Health Promotion Section Evaluation Team to develop the Evaluation Plan.

4. Policy Subcommittee update

Ms. Jamason stated the GCFS Policy Subcommittee is tasked with developing a menu of policy recommendations which will be presented for GCFS membership consideration at the July 18, 2018 meeting. The GCFS Policy Subcommittee will be meeting the first Tuesday of every month until June 2018.

Ms. Tyson asked if GCFS members could attend the GCFS Policy Subcommittee meetings.

Ms. Urban confirmed GCFS members could attend as members of the public, since the GCFS Policy Subcommittee meetings are public meetings subject to Nevada Open Meeting Law. She added that Chair Fisher could add additional, official members to the GCFS Policy Subcommittee at any time.

5. Reschedule November 21, 2018 meeting

Ms. Urban stated the GCFS has a meeting scheduled for November 21, 2018. This is very close to the holidays and may interfere with GCFS members' travel plans.

Dr. Osgood stated he would like to move the meeting.

Members agreed to reschedule the November 21, 2018 GCFS meeting. Ms. Urban will send out a poll to identify an alternative meeting date for November.

6. Make Recommendations for Amber Bosket to fill membership "representing non-food manufacturing or business"

Aurora Buffington stated Ms. Bosket would be an asset to the GCFS and highly recommends her.

Ms. Jamason asked if Ms. Bosket can commit to the bi-monthly GCFS meetings.

Ms. Bosket confirmed she will be able to attend the scheduled GCFS meetings.

MS. MCGILL ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO RECOMMEND MS. BOSKET. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY DR. OSGOOD. SARAH ADLER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

7. Present and approve next steps regarding the Agricultural Act of 2014, also known as the US Farm Bill, regarding nutrition programs

Ms. Adler presented an overview of the Agricultural Act of 2014, also known as the US Farm Bill, regarding nutrition programs. The presentation can be found [here](#).

Ms. Tyson stated Senator Catherine Cortez Masto is a member of the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and has requested policy recommendations pertaining to the Farm Bill, specific to Indian reservations. Senator Cortez Masto recommended allowing Indian reservations to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in addition to the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

Ms. Jamason recommended increasing FDPIR administrative costs to repair and acquire freezers and coolers on Indian reservations in the rural communities, to increase capacity for storing fresh, nutritious foods.

Dr. Osgood suggested outlining the various social obstructions which prevent Nevadans from acquiring food and developing a comprehensive list of programs and resources available to address those obstructions.

Dana Serrata requested data on the average SNAP benefit in Nevada, as well as participant data, including age and gender.

Dr. Osgood suggested including ethnicity and zip code data as well.

Ms. Tyson stated the SNAP application does not require applicants to disclose their ethnicity. Ms. Tyson suggested identifying applicants over 60 years old claiming the standard deduction for healthcare expenses to ensure they are aware of all the services for which they are eligible. Ms. Tyson suggested Chair Fisher provide this SNAP data at the May 16, 2018 meeting.

Ms. Jamason stated a Food Bank of Northern Nevada intern is working on a proposed bill draft to require hospitals to screen older Nevadans before they are discharged to ensure they have access to enough healthy food.

8. Present on Senate Bill (SB) 323 update and progress

Ms. Tyson presented an update on SB 323, which revises provisions governing SNAP, including the creation of a voluntary workfare program. GCFS member Senator Yvanna Cancela championed this bill in the 2017 Nevada Legislature. The handout for this update can be found [here](#).

Ms. Tyson stated an Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) is a person between the ages of 18 and 49 years who has no dependents and is not disabled. ABAWDs must meet special work requirements to maintain SNAP eligibility. Several states have been exempt from the work requirements in the past few years due to the recession, including Nevada. Nevada's SNAP ABAWDs work requirements have been waived since 2007, but the waiver will end on January 1, 2019. DWSS, Three Square Food Bank, and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada are strategizing how to reintroduce these requirements in Nevada. Currently, most SNAP recipients meet the base work requirements. If a state is not waived from work requirements, qualifying individuals will only receive SNAP for three

(3) months, in total, in a three (3) year period. Workfare has been added in Nevada Revised Statute, allowing eligible Nevadans to do volunteer work to maintain their SNAP benefits.

9. Present and approve future agenda items

Ms. McGill recommended beginning the May 16, 2018 GCFS meeting with member introductions. She also suggested NDA staff present on the Summer Food Service Program.

Ms. Jamason recommended establishing onboarding processes for new GCFS members.

10. Public Comment

NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN.

11. Adjournment

Ms. McGill adjourned the meeting at 2:45 P.M.