

THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY

Meeting Minutes - Special Session August 18, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

The Nevada Council on Food Security held a public meeting on August 18, 2023, beginning at approximately 1:05 p.m., held over Microsoft Teams video and teleconference.

Council Members Present

Chair Allison Genco, Office of Governor Joe Lombardo, Public Health Resource Officer
Kelly Cantrelle, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)
Jeffrey Duncan, Aging and Disability Services Division
Marcia Blake, Helping Hands of Vegas Valley
Dr. Kenneth Osgood, Southern Nevada Health District, Director of the Advisory Council of Health
Dr. Dorian Stonebarger, Chief Policy Advisor
Maurice Johnson, Three Square Food Bank
Jenny Yeager, Director of Programs and Community Engagement, Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN)
Marie Baxter, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (CCNN)
Steve Schmitt, CCSN, as a proxy for Deacon Tom Roberts, President and Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (CCSN)
Dr. Julian Goicoechea, Director of Agriculture
Jesus Mendoza, Regional Administrator, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Western Regional Office (WRO)
Dr. Sabina Malik, University of Reno, Nevada
Vickie Ives, MA, Department of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) Bureau Chief, as a proxy for Cody Phinney, Administrator

Council Members Not Present

Dr. Pamela Juniel, Department of Education
James Humm, Diversify Nevada

Kelli Kelly, Director, Fallon Food Hub

Brittany Price, Director of Sustainable Operations, MGM Resorts International

Maria Menjivar, Environmental Health Division Manager, CCHHS

Lisa Swearingen, Deputy Administrator (DWSS)

Others Present

Michelle Harden, Section Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP)

Mitch DeValliere, Quality Improvement Manager, CDPHP

Lynsie Hood, Office Manager, CDPHP

Lori Taylor, Food Security Manager, CDPHP

MEETING NOTES

1. Call to order and roll call.

Lynsie Hood took the roll and affirmed quorum was met for the Council of Food Security Advisory meeting per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 439.518.

Chair Allison Genco called for public comment.

Vickie Ives read the conference ID and dial-in phone number per the new Open Meeting Law guidance.

No public comment was heard.

Chair Genco closed public comment.

2. For Possible Action: "SHIP Food Security Action Plan"- Vote to Approve or Amend and Approve Final Document during October 2023 Meeting.

Chair Genco opened the floor for comments.

Macia Blake asked why the priority population was left blank.

Chair Genco responded that the Council is to clarify the priorities based on goals and objectives.

Jenny Yeager asked for clarification regarding the goals reflected in the 2023 Food Security Strategic Plan and whether the same objectives are being applied to this plan. Jenny Yeager asked if the Council attempts to draft a document different from the state plan.

Chair Genco responded that the plan could be mirrored, or a new document could be created.

Jenny Yeager asked the Council's preference on the topic.

Dorian Stonebarger and Dr. Sabina Malik agreed that the document should be mirrored. Sabina Malik asked whether the Governor's council plan could work toward the goals being mirrored.

Lori Taylor responded that the specifics on the plan's capacity were not provided, but guidance regarding the allowance of this Council's input could be readdressed for the team to look at for amendment and approval.

Dorian Stonebarger added that identifying supporting partners is needed to help carry the plan forward.

Marcia Blake asked if the goals attempting to be accomplished today are identifying priority populations, supporting partners, action steps, and a timeline of target results and resources.

Chair Genco confirmed that was correct and asked Lori Taylor if the strategies and action steps were already in the 2023 Food Security Strategic Plan or if new ones needed to be created.

Lori Taylor responded that they are in the plan but not as detailed.

Jenny Yeager added that the state plan does not include a priority population.

Marcia Blake asked Jeff Duncan if the Aging and Disability Services Division still oversees the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) program.

Jeffery Duncan asked for clarification on which program plan.

Jenny Yeager clarified the State Health Improvement Plan.

Sabina Malik asked if anyone from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) was present.

Vicki Ives confirmed that several representatives from DPBH were in attendance.

Chair Genco shared the plan ([DHHS 2023 Food Security Strategic Plan](#)).

Lori Taylor shared ([SHIP Measurement Examples](#)) from Megan Comlossy, Associate Director of the Center of Public Health Excellence, University of Reno, who identified some measurements from the strategic plan.

Dr. Malik asked if the goal is to turn the measures into 'smart goals.'

Chair Genco asked Lori Taylor to clarify if the measure alignment is what the Council is attempting to match up today.

Lori Taylor responded that the Council should identify some SMART goals and strategies specific to the SHIP Committee.

Marcia Blake asked what needs to be accomplished at the state level and where the information comes from.

Jenny Yeager added that the Council must identify the measurement tool or tracking tool that allows all entities to add the information to give the Council a better sense of how to contribute to plans like the SHIP.

Sabina Malik asked if the SHIP needed the Council to provide information to build this plan or if the SHIP has goals that the Council can assist with filling in approaches.

Dr. Kenneth Osgood recommended creating a subcommittee to address and identify the senior population in need. Dr. Osgood added that creating another age-adjusting survey would be helpful.

Chair Genco asked for any additional comments.

Sabina Malik mentioned that the Southern Nevada Food Council is working on a food landscape needs assessment for Nevada and is happy to share those questions with the Council.

Dorian Stonebarger asked Dr. Malik if the University of Nevada, Reno, could do similar surveying or report matching Southern and Northern Nevada.

Sabina Malik responded yes.

Chair Genco reiterated that the plan is for SHIP to have staff crosswalk that information into these recommendations. Chair Genco asked if the Council still needed to come up with a priority population now or bring that into the strategic plan and revisit it in the October meeting.

Dr. Osgood recommended that the Council prioritize the senior population.

Jenny Yeager added that more information from staff is required to understand more about the populations and their needs.

Chair Genco asked for any other comments.

Lori Taylor asked for clarification in identifying the staff from whom the Council wants to collect that data.

Chair Genco addressed the Council for specific data requests.

Sabina Malik responded that they want to hear from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health on their capacity to accomplish these goals and government leadership collaboration.

Chair Genco called for a motion for staff to collect additional data and present it at the next meeting.

Marcia Blake motioned to ask the staff who need to follow the SHIP plan to provide more detail at the next meeting for the Council to make recommendations. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. For Possible Action: Administering NRS 232.4969 Food for People Not Landfills Program

Lori Taylor presented the document ([Food For People, Not for Landfills](#)).

Chair Genco asked if the staff would speak with the Director's Office and determine how to proceed with the Food for People Not Landfills Program (FFPNLP).

Lori Taylor responded that the discussion was held, and it was determined there were no regulations that mandated that the Council continue with the subcommittee that dissolved in 2021. Lori Taylor added that the discussion on FFPNLP under the Council of Food Security and the Office of Food Security can provide administrative support and identify and apply for funding sources to move along some of the action items.

Chair Genco addressed the Council to determine if more time is needed to address this topic.

Sabina Malik asked if the plan and objectives created by the Three-Square Food Bank and the Southern Nevada Health District for this program were presented at the last meeting and questioned where the disconnect is from the objective. Dr. Malik asked for clarification if the goal is to reduce food waste.

Lori Taylor responded that the NRS (*Nevada Revised Statute*) is specific regarding how the toolkit and creation of a program seal should be established and created. Lori Taylor's goal is to identify if the Council would like to maintain administering the FFPN or create a subcommittee.

Sabina Malik expressed interest in creating a subcommittee and joining.

Jenny Yeager and Dr. Osgood agreed to create a subcommittee.

Lori Taylor identified that some members are no longer part of the subcommittee, and other members are interested in joining.

Chair Genco asked for additional comments or concerns.

Sabina Malik asked if bringing in partners who are not directly part of the Food Council is possible.

Jenny Yeager confirmed that per the NRS, the subcommittee must not contain more than five members.

Lori Taylor added information regarding who and what agencies were on the previous subcommittee would be presented at the October meeting.

Dr. Osgood made a motion to create a subcommittee. Marcia Blake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment

Chair Genco called for a motion to adjourn.

Dorian Stonebarger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.