

THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY MEETING AGENDA

April 2, 2024

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1. Call to order and roll call

Members: Allison Genco (Chair), Dr. Pamela Juniel, (Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli, Deacon Tom Roberts, Vickie Ives, Jeff Duncan, Kelly Cantrelle, Dr. Dorain Stonebarger, Dr. Julian Goicoechea, Dr. Kenneth Osgood, Dr. Sabina Malik, Jesus Mendoza Jr., Lisa Swearingen, Marcia Blake, Maria Menjivar, Marie Baxter, and Maurice Johnson.

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3. **For Discussion Only:** Approved upcoming meeting dates and times - Allison Genco, Chair
 - **July 16, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.**
 - i. Carson Location: 4150 Technology Way, Room 303, Carson City, NV 89706.
 - ii. Las Vegas Location: 1501 Las Vegas Blvd. N, Las Vegas, NV 89101
 - iii. Remote option will remain for public comment.
 - **October 15, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.** (Remote Only)
4. **For Possible Action:** Approval of January 16, 2024, meeting minutes - Allison Genco
5. **For Discussion:** Boards Certificate of Appreciation for Dr. Osgood - Allison Genco
6. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action to recommend Charlotte Williams for appointment to CFS to fill the position of a *“A person who is a representative of a food bank serving Northern Nevada”* - Allison Genco, Chair
7. **For Discussion:** Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) presentation on SNAP updates related to Summer EBT and Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) waiver- Kelly Cantrelle, Deputy Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
8. **For Discussion:** Home Feeds Nevada Program Annual Report(s) (Senate Bill (SB) 370 81st Legislative Session) Nevada Department of Agriculture Presentation

(NDA) – Patricia Hoppe, Administrator, Division of Food and Nutrition, Nevada Department of Agriculture

9. **Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action to determine future presentation topics by priority:
 1. Community Food Access Project – Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)
 2. Food Bank of Northern Nevada - 2025 needs
 3. Three Square Food Bank - 2025 needs

10. **For Discussion:** Nevada Revised Statutes ([NRS 232.4969](#)) Food for People Not Landfills Program (FFPNL) Subcommittee Updates - Lori Taylor, Office of Food Security (OFS) Manager
 - FFPNL will be a running agenda item and a separate meeting will be held by the FFPNL subcommittee.

11. **For Discussion:** Finalized Annual Reports, 2023 CFS, 2023 FFPNL, and SFY23 Fund for Healthy Nevada (FHN) Annual Report - Lori Taylor, Office of Food Security

12. **For Action:** Review and possible recommendations on State Health Improvement Plan Action Steps and Objectives - Allison Genco, Chair

13. **For Discussion:** Remaining 2024 CFS Goals - Allison Genco, Chair
 - Possible topics:
 - Food Security Programs in the community and through the State (Focus on distribution, support, and general food access).
 - Subjects/Topics related to Food Insecurity Statistics, such as the pounds of food distributed, and people served.
 - Southwest Regional Food System Project
 - Home Delivered Meals Program
 - Gap Survey to determine federal standards or policies in places that are creating barriers that result in a possible increase in food insecurity.
 - Placed on hold until after SHIP deliverables are met.

- How food insecurity is being addressed in hard-to-reach areas and/or food deserts.

14. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Future agenda items- Allison Genco, Chair

- Standing Agenda Item - FFPNL
- Standing Agenda Item - SHIP Action Steps
- Presentations - WIC
- 2024 CFS Annual Report Draft

15. Public Comment: Allison Genco, Chair

16. Adjournment: Allison Genco, Chair

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Attachment for Agenda Item #4

THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY

MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 16, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

The Nevada Council on Food Security held a public meeting on January 16, 2024, beginning at approximately 1:07 p.m. via video and teleconference.

Council Members Present

Chair Allison Genco, Director of Government Relations, Dignity Health St. Rose Dominican

Deacon Tom Roberts, President and Executive Officer, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (CCSN)

Dr. Kenneth Osgood, Southern Nevada Health District, Director of the Advisory Council of Health

Dr. Sabina Malik, Assistant Professor Extension Specialist, University of Nevada, Reno (UNR)

Elaine Silverstone, Director of Workforce Development, Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development, as proxy for Dr. Dorian Stoneberger

Kelly Cantrelle, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)

Lisa Swearingen, Deputy Administrator, DWSS

Marcia Blake, Helping Hands of Vegas Valley

Marie Baxter, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (CCNN)

Maurice Johnson, Three Square Food Bank

Samantha (Tori) Lawson-Boffelli, Program Analyst, USDA Food and Nutrition Service

Vickie Ives, Health Bureau Chief, Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Jesus Mendoza, Regional Administrator, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Western Regional Office (WRO)

Jeffrey Duncan, Aging and Disability Services Division

Jenny Yeager, Director of Programs and Community Engagement, Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN)

Council Members Not Present

Dr. Julian Goicoechea, Director of Agriculture

Dr. Pamela Juniel, Department of Education

Maria Menjivar, Environmental Health Division Manager, Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS)

Others Present

Amber Hise, Clinical & Community Engagement Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP), Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)

Bret Sarnquist, Health Program Specialist, DBPH

Elyse Monroy, Program Manager, Belz and Case Government Affairs

Sarah Rogers, Nutrition Unit Deputy Chief, (DPBH)

Kathie Taylor, Communications Specialist, DPBH

Lindsay Talbot, Community Nutrition Supervisor, Division of Food and Nutrition, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)

Lori Taylor, Food Security and Wellness Manager, CDPHP, DPBH

Nikolai Apilado, Community Organizer, Three Square Food Bank

Terry Gunnell, Deputy Regional Administrator, USDA, Food and Nutrition Service.

MEETING NOTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Sarah Rogers took roll and determined quorum was met for the Council of Food Security (CFS) Advisory meeting per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 439.518.

2. Approval of current Agenda Items

Chair Genco stated that during the October 2023 meeting quorum was not met on Agenda Item 11 to vote on future agenda items and that the meeting agenda for today needs the Council's approval before the meeting can proceed since the Council initially voted on the matter. Chair Genco added that in the future it will help the Council, Food Security staff, and

administrative assistance staff for board members to announce if they have to leave or if they are rejoining from being disconnected.

Chair Genco called for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Marie Baxter motioned to approve the agenda for the meeting. Dr. Osgood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Lori Taylor reminded the Council that the Office of Food Security has partnered with the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) Public Health AmeriCorps to hire two part-time positions. These two positions will support the Council with their State Health Improvement Plan activities and plan to share this staff with Food Bank and/or Food Pantry who is willing and the closest to the PHA applicant. Lori placed the following links in the chat [Service Opportunity I](#) and [Service Opportunity II](#).

Chair Genco asked for additional public comment. None heard.

Chair Genco added the Office of Food Security discussed three topics during the last Council meeting, the first being a meeting with a representative of University of Utah. Dr. Osgood was assigned that task and he met with Kerrigan Bunker at the University of Utah. The second topic discussed was regarding Marcia Blake volunteering to meet with John Hopkins Center for a Livable Future. The third topic discussed concerned NACDD partnering with DPBH to hire two part-time positions.

Chair Genco asked Dr. Osgood and Marcia Blake if they had any updates on either the University of Utah or John Hopkins discussions. Dr. Osgood responded that there were no updates, but that the University of Utah is interested in knowing about what is going on and what to integrate. Dr. Osgood provided the University of Utah with the Council's names to move forward.

Chair Genco moved to Marcia Blake. Marcia Blake responded that she sent an email to John Hopkins back in November but has not received a response yet.

4. For Discussion and Action: Vote to approve or amend future Meeting Dates and the In-Person option

Chair Genco asked for clarification on which meeting dates would need to be remote or in-person. Chair Genco asked if there are at least two people or more in Las Vegas that would need to find a location for an office in Las Vegas to meet, Chair Genco supports remote and suggested at least one meeting in-person and offered the remote option for future meetings. Chair Genco opened the floor to additional ideas.

Deacon Tom Roberts offered the Catholic Charities location in Downtown (Las Vegas) for in-person option in Las Vegas.

Dr. Osgood mentioned that he prefers in-person meetings. Dr. Osgood explained he would be happy to go to Catholic Charities.

Chair Genco thanked Dr. Osgood and Deacon Tom Roberts then moved to additional comments or questions.

Marcia Blake commented that their Aging and Disability Division is holding a conference in Reno on April 16 and some of the Council members will be attending, so they will be unable to attend the proposed Council meeting for April 16.

Chair Genco asked Ms. Taylor and Sarah Rogers if there is a specific date for the April, July or October meetings that would be easier to schedule for an in-person meeting.

Ms. Taylor suggested July as the in-person. Ms. Rogers added that logistically it is what is best for the Council.

To meet quorum, Chair Genco request a motion to reschedule April's meeting date and set it as remote, set July's meeting for in-person, and set October's meeting as remote. Marie Baxter made said motion. Jenny Yeager seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. For Discussion and Action: Reconsideration of the July 2023 meeting minutes

Chair Genco requested to add Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) Administrator Cody Phinney to the roll call as she was missing from the agenda call to order. Rebekah Stetson is no longer part of the Board and should remain as “others present.” Chair Genco requested from DPBH to hear agenda item five (5) and six (6) together. Ms. Rogers agreed.

6. For Action: Approval of October 24, 2023, meeting minutes

Chair Genco opened Item 6 for approval of the October 2023 meeting minutes.

Elaine Silverstone mentioned that Dr. Stonebarger has asked her to clarify that her title has changed since October and to note that she represents the Governor’s Office of Economic Development.

Dr. Malik responded that Kelli Kelli said the October meeting was her last Food Council meeting but noted that Ms. Kelli was on roll call earlier.

Chair Genco called for a motion to make the changes to July 2023 and October 2023 as the Council requested. Dr. Malik motioned to approve. Jenni Yeager seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. For Action: The Council on Food Security (CFS) 2023 Annual Report- Vote to Approve or Amend and Approve Final Document in January 2024 CFS Meeting (Report due to Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau per NRS 232.4966 January 31, 2023)

Chair Genco Opened the agenda item. Chair Genco added the OFS requires the Council to approve the report. Chair Genco explained that there is no more time for major content edits, but just needs to verify that the report is accurate and that there are no grammar errors or discrepancies. Chair Genco asked if anybody has any changes, additions, clean up to the report or concerns.

Jenny Yeager requested for the brand and logo not cover the content or words.

DPBH agreed to the changes and Chair Genco called for a motion to approve the report with format changes. Marcia Blake motioned to approve of formatting changes. Dr. Osgood seconded that motion, but Marie Baxter noted that the Table of Contents had an error as it shows “Bookmark not defined” under the title, so the Table of Contents also needs to be updated.

Chair Genco added to the motion to get the Table of Contents updated, which passed unanimously.

8. For Discussion and Possible Action: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) - Nevada Department of Agriculture Presentation (NDA)

Lindsay Talbot provided the presentation on the “Summer Food Service Program (SFSP),” Chair Genco opened the floor for discussion.

Dr. Osgood asked NDA if a barrier assessment was conducted that included data elements for capacity and transportation to help determine where the state would need help. Dr. Osgood believed there are 100,000 individuals who are eligible for the food stamp and other programs and the summer program only serves 20,000 kids.

Lindsay Talbot reports NDA has analyzed the locations of the current meal sites and has been able to fill some of that gap. Lindsay Talbot added that last year, with the release of the rural non-congregate feeding, there were some sponsors that were able to have new meal service sites that had never been serviced before as far as eastern Nevada with a population that has not been reached in previous years. Lindsay Talbot concluded that NDA would look at that date, assess it to try to target other community organizations and food authorities that could help fill those gaps for more rural parts of Nevada.

Dr. Osgood clarified that if the NDA needs help, the Council might be able to help fill those gaps and can also participate in the research.

Jenny Yeager asked if NDA could provide where the forty-six (46) rural partners were in 2023 so that the Council can look at geographically a map and identify where there are no partners. Jenny Yeager further explained that she would like to understand NDA’s SFSP is partnering

with summer EBT for a gap analysis and partnering with Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) regarding summer EBT distribution. Jenny added that most of their rural schools do not have the same level of community eligibility as urban schools, so she feels that is going to be more significant than in urban communities with summer EBT.

Lindsay Talbot responded that NDA has a capacity map that shows where all the SFSP sites are within Nevada and offered to send it to Chair Genco or directly to Council members. Lindsay confirmed NDA has a partnership with DWSS. Lindsay Talbot commented that she does not have further information regarding Jenny Yeager's questions.

Jenny Yeager mentioned that she is trying to think proactively as sponsors are going to start putting in their plans for the SFSP program soon and clarified she is not speaking as a sponsor but as all these State agencies working together to make sure that there is the best access and best communication for the plan. Jenny Yeager added that they need to make sure that those families are utilizing all resources and when they can't, they have SFSP as a backup. Jenni Yeager concluded that it is important to understand all the pieces as sponsors.

Chair Genco referred to Lisa Swearingen to add comments from DWSS.

Lisa Swearingen stated that Kelly Cantrelle is also present in the meeting and commented that one of their biggest concerns is program funding. Lisa Swearingen explained that they must pay the vendor, the EBT vendor, and the vendor that builds the application process. They cannot submit a plan until they have secured funding. Lisa Swearingen referred to Kelly Cantrelle to add more information.

Chair Genco offers the Council support and resources for DWSS as needed.

Marcia Blake asked Lindsay Talbot if NDA sees an increase in the summer meal program since there is transportation provided to the school for the kids to continue through June. Lindsay Talbot responded that since Clark County School District became a SFSP sponsor, NDA has seen an increase.

Maurice Johnson left the meeting.

Lindsay Talbot clarified that it is not as significant as it was during the COVID pandemic as there were no rules for non-congregate feeding, but they have noted an uptick in participation for those sites.

Dr. Malik would like to learn more about the summer enrichment program that goes along with the feeding services. Dr. Malik mentioned that Three Square was having trouble finding an enrichment activity to go with the meals and explained that UNR's Extension Program provides nutrition education. Dr. Malik offered to support any sites with an enrichment activity.

Lindsay Talbot thanked Dr. Malik and asked if there are any links that Dr. Malik can share for NDA's sponsors during their annual training to raise awareness.

Dr. Malik responded that she could email the links and asked about the date for the summer training.

Lindsay Talbot responded that it will be on February 29.

Kelly Cantrelle left the meeting.

Dr. Malik asked if there is a certain threshold that UNLV and UNR meet to become a sponsor.

Lindsay Talbot responded that it is dependent on each university's grant funding. Lindsay Talbot further explains that for Upward Bound residential camps, NDA has the sponsor obtain the participant's free reduced data from the school that they are enrolled in, or the participant fills out a meal benefit income form for eligibility.

Lisa Swearingen left the meeting.

Chair Genco asked the Council if anyone had more questions for Lindsey. None heard and the Council will remain a resource for DWSS and NDA.

Dr. Dorian Stonebarger joined the meeting.

Chair Genco lists the future presentation requests: Community Food Access Project, gap analysis on food security, Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), Local Food Purchase Assistance (LEPA) and the Home Feeds Nevada Program annual reports, as required by Senate Bill 370 from the 81st Legislature. Chair Genco recommends that the Council needs to organize which presentations need to be prioritized so that the OFS can help organize those presentations for future meetings. Chair Genco suggested that Home Feeds Nevada should be priority number one and referred to the Council on which other reports may be of highest priority.

Jenny Yeager agrees for Home Feeds Nevada to be first and Local Food Purchase Assistance as second. Jenny Yeager clarified that the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program is no longer operating, and it was only during the pandemic when funding was available, suggested to place both last on the list. Jenny Yeager added that she would love to know more about gap analysis on food security as it refers to the utilization of summer meals, summer EBT, and where there is a higher level of need for senior meals.

Dr. Osgood mentioned that Aurora Buffington and he did a gap analysis back in 2019. Dr. Osgood suggested to repeat the survey as he still has the contacts that he had and offered himself to conduct it with the help of Staff.

Lindsay Talbot left the meeting.

Dr. Osgood discussed data on food distribution between Northern Nevada and Three Square and gaps in food insecurity. Dr. Osgood believes there is little information, other than the seniors, and suggested the creation of a subcommittee to conduct the survey. Dr. Osgood mentioned he contacted some organizations, but they lacked the capacity to assist.

Jenny Yeager stated that she supports the Council reinstating that survey, but she thinks that it needs to be broader than just seniors as she thinks the Council needs to look at the entire food insecure population.

Dr. Osgood agreed.

Jenny Yeager clarified that Food Bank of Northern Nevada is serving about 150,000 people every month through their partners. Jenny Yeager further explained that there are individuals who represent as food insecure, but maybe they are not accessing the network that is in place, so it is being able to identify who those individuals are that are not getting assistance and why versus those who are getting assistance. Jenny Yeager concluded that the number is higher than 180,000 (people), which she considers is good.

Dr. Osgood stated that he would like to work with a subgroup to design the questionnaire.

Chair Genco responded that there is no issue with it and added that having a survey and receiving that information would be valuable. Chair Genco asked Ms. Rogers and Ms. Taylor what the capacity is to create a subgroup within the Council.

Ms. Rogers referred to Ms. Taylor for the capacity for the OFS. Ms. Rogers commented that it is up to the Chair if the creation of a subcommittee is something that the Council would like to explore.

Dr. Osgood suggested forming a small subcommittee to design the survey and edit the list of who to send it to.

Ms. Taylor reminded the Council of the number of activities already in place for the Food Strategic Plan, State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), and Food For People Not For Landfill (FFPNL) subcommittee. The OFS is limited in capacity but suggested putting the gap analysis as a goal of CFS on future agenda items after the SHIP activities have been addressed.

Dr. Osgood commented that when he did the survey at UNR Cooperative Extension, the staff was a graduate student who conducted the survey for about a month. Dr. Osgood mentioned that if the subcommittee had the staff, the survey could be conducted. Chair Genco considered this a great idea.

Chair Genco recommends the Council prioritize the SHIP and set the gap analysis as a future goal for the Council. Chair Genco thinks a gap analysis presentation would need prioritization rather than the Local Food Purchase Assistance but does not want to override the work with the Home Feeds Nevada program.

Marcia Blake commented that the gap analysis is going to be a process and that it will take more time as a survey needs to be first developed for the Council to review. Marcia Blake reported that at Helping Hands, seniors with an income between 150%-185% of poverty is increasing significantly. Those that were ok before are not ok now and a presentation would not likely cover this issue and would be a process.

Chair Genco asked if a presentation was needed from food security stakeholders, including food banks regarding gap analysis.

Marcia Blake responded that those who are providing direct service can provide one or two paragraphs to share what is going on and the increase, but she believes that the Council needs to relook at a gap analysis, especially for the upcoming legislative session to talk to legislature about food bills with data from 2023.

Dr. Malik states that Southern Nevada Food Council is working on the food access landscape where they will ask residents where they are currently getting their food if they are living in an area of low-income access. In December, Southern Nevada Food Council hosted a workshop with 15 out of the 40 partners to figure out what needs can get addressed through this tool.

Dr. Malik asked Dr. Osgood if the tool he was referring to before was the survey Aurora called Measuring Racial Equity Across the Food System (EMRAH). Dr. Malik requested that if there is a different tool, please share it. Dr. Malik added that the Southern Nevada Food Council is also working on updating the healthy food access map that has not been updated since 2018. Dr. Malik concluded that those are the two projects that the Council is conducting in the South and that she can provide an update in the October 2023 meeting.

Chair Genco believes it would be helpful and she is not aware of the specifics of the Community Food Access Project.

Jenny Yeager clarified that NDA has provided several multi-year grants that are referred to as “community food access grants” and stated that the Council was waiting for an update from NDA regarding those grants.

Dr. Malik asked about the possibility of Council members sending her the surveys that have been used previously for these types of gap analysis.

Chair Genco asked Ms. Rogers and Ms. Taylor if Council members can send the survey information directly to them to share with Dr. Malik. Ms. Rogers responded, “absolutely”.

Dr. Malik suggested that the Home Feeds Nevada program be the next presentation and clarified that the Local Food Purchase Assistance Program was initially the grant that NDA applied for to get the funds. Dr. Malik added that instead of a presentation, it is more of a question to USDA if that resource will be available again so that Nevada can apply for it.

Chair Genco stated that the Council needs to understand from NDA if that is the same information being received by USDA.

Dr. Malik explained that NDA might have that report ready as they used it to present to other groups and added that the Local Food Purchase Assistance is more of a question as their website shows that applications are open for 2023.

Dr. Osgood indicated that the senior report from “2000” or “2001” is available in the Council’s files and offered to send Council members an electronic copy of the report. Dr. Osgood contacted 2-1-1 and they reported that 5 to 10% of their calls were related to food insecurity and that 5 or 10%, maybe 15% of those calls did not have an organization where 2-1-1 could refer them to at that time.

Chair Genco asked Dr. Osgood to send the document over to Ms. Rogers or Ms. Taylor so that they can distribute it to Council members.

Ms. Rogers informed that she dropped a link to the OFS website on the chat that has all of OFS publications. Ms. Rogers confirmed with Dr. Osgood that the report's name is the Nutrition Programs for Older Nevadans and Preliminary Recommendations and that it is available on the website under the "Publications" tab.

Deacon Thomas Roberts thinks that the up-to-date information that the Southern Nevada Food Council is going to provide will be very important to set a priority for the next session. Deacon Thomas Roberts also thinks that the Council had success as a group by putting together the priorities in enough time, and suggested seeing what information is available now. Deacon Thomas Roberts further explained that he has been working with Jeff Duncan with being able to identify the senior demography, the people that are already serving and the people that are on the waiting list. Deacon Thomas Roberts concluded that he thinks that population could become an initial or continued emerging priority.

Chair Genco agrees.

Jeffrey Duncan commented that they have their department's data analytics group too.

Chair Genco called for a motion to approve future presentation requests listed in order of priority: Home Feeds Nevada, Nevada Local Food Purchase Assistance, and Community Food Access Project. Dr. Malik motioned to approve presentations as requests list with presentations from NDA and on gap analysis regarding food security from the Southern Nevada Food Council later in October 2013. Jeffrey Duncan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

9. For Discussion and Action: NRS 232.4969 Food for People Not Landfills Program (FFPNL) Subcommittee Members and Responsibilities -Vote to Approve or Amend and Approve

Agenda options were discussed by the Council. Chair Genco recapped that during the October 2023 meeting the Council chose to have the "Food for People Not Landfills" (FFPNL) be an ongoing agenda item and discussed the subcommittee member list and table the discussion for further discussion and approval for this meeting.

Marie Baxter asked to confirm her seat on the subcommittee. Marie Baxter clarified that Dining Room Director Kim Vandenhazel is no longer serving the subcommittee and that Steve Schmidt does not work for Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada but works for (Catholic Charities) Southern Nevada instead. Marie Baxter mentioned that she is the last standing member of the original subcommittee and indicated that it was efficient to have a small group as they met regularly, so she thinks that it is wise to have the people who handle prepared foods meet and then report back to the larger committee.

Deacon Thomas Roberts stated that he supports Marie's recommendation. Deacon Thomas Roberts stated that he would like to be part of the subcommittee again.

Marcia Blake confirms a smaller group would be productive. Marcia Blake added that Diana Barrett (now Diana Jane), would like to continue to serve (the subcommittee).

Jenny Yeager agrees on having a separate committee and that she would like Sarah Gotcher to represent Food Bank of Northern Nevada.

Chair Genco referred to Ms. Taylor and Ms. Rogers to confirm if it is okay to have the smaller subcommittee due to funding.

Ms. Taylor recapped the last discussion the Council had regarding the past subcommittee members, where staff reviewed all the meeting minutes to identify feedback from all the members on who they felt should be part of the subcommittee. Ms. Taylor added that there were discussions about taking USDA or having NDA, but not having both.

Marie Baxter joined the meeting.

Ms. Taylor further explained that there was a discussion for Three Square, University of Reno Extension Program, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada or for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and recommended to cut one of those covering northern Nevada as there are two interested. It was also discussed to include gaming, one of either retail or grocery, someone from Reno Gleaning Project, a representative from an organization that does farmer's market

buyback and/or food rescue or agricultural producers, and a representative from food service. Ms. Taylor concluded that she could assist the subcommittee with administrative support as needed the same way she does with this Council. Ms. Taylor referred to Ms. Rogers for further comments.

Ms. Rogers responded that the subcommittee could be created at that moment as there is nothing in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) about who needs to be on the subcommittee. Ms. Rogers added that the OFS does not want to violate any open meeting laws as the quorum cannot be met with CFS Council members and indicated that the subcommittee cannot have more than eight members, which was clarified twice for the record. Ms. Rogers further explained that there is no designation for how many people can be on the subcommittee as it is just being formed and recommended creating some additional bylaws associated with the subcommittee.

Ms. Taylor clarified the agenda reported five (5) members and apologized for the clerical error.

Jenny Yeager asked to separate Catholic Charities in Northern Nevada and Food Bank of Northern Nevada as Food Bank of Northern Nevada has rural partners, and she wants to make sure that they are looking at both rural and urban. Jenny Yeager explained that Catholic Charities is the primary entity in the Reno/Sparks area that is picking up more of the food that it is being aligned with FFPNL. Jenny Yeager thinks that is valuable to have the additional perspective from the Food Bank side.

Chair Genco agrees and thinks that Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada can be split. Chair Genco asked Deacon Thomas Roberts if he would like to include Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada.

Deacon Thomas Roberts responded that Catholic Charities does things that are outside the scope of Three Square, and Three Square does things that are outside the scope of Catholic Charities. Deacon Thomas Roberts clarified that he does not need to be on the subcommittee if they have an executive like Steve Schmidt on the group, as he used to be, to ensure that the group is not overloaded with committee Council members. Deacon Roberts believes

having CCSN involved with the subcommittee as they are the lead in recovery from most of the resort properties in Southern Nevada.

Chair Genco asked if there is any additional representation being missed.

Marcia Blake suggested having an agency in the north that receives the food rescue as Three Square can help negotiate but Helping Hands is the one that must go pick up and handle the products.

Marie Baxter mentioned that Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada picks up food at grocery stores too, but that they mainly focus on preparing foods. Marie Baxter added that if they are in the subcommittee, they can represent the northern Nevada community and some of the rural communities.

Chair Genco affirms to have someone from Helping Hands of Vegas Valley on the subcommittee.

Deacon Thomas Roberts mentioned that Brittany Price from MGM Resort was on the subcommittee as she no longer works for MGM. Deacon Thomas Roberts recommended keeping that spot open for somebody from the gaming industry on board as many of them are the primary producers of opportunity products outside the grocery stores with respect to convention recovery.

Chair Genco agreed with Deacon Thomas Roberts.

Marie Baxter suggested that if gaming and prepared foods are to be included as a whole, to designate that North and South as Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada has put effort with their local gaming producers as well as sport venues. Marie Baxter concluded that it is not limited to one (North or South) so that there are more opportunities.

Chair Genco agrees. Chair Genco asked Ms. Taylor if the Council needs to identify those individuals during the meeting and if the Council must vote on the full membership of the subcommittee before they meet.

Ms. Taylor requested the Council narrow down the agency list and stated OFS can provide administrative support in reaching out to those agencies and gathering who they would like to participate. Ms. Taylor suggested including it as an agenda item for next month as it is likely that the subcommittee will not be able to get together before the April meeting and mentioned that has about thirteen (13) possible agencies.

Chair Genco clarified that Northern Nevada Food Rescue can be replaced with Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada as previously identified.

Chair Genco asked about any concerns from Council members. None heard.

Ms. Rogers explained that it is up to the Council's discretion to vote on the membership or not as it is not in the NRS and added that once the subcommittee gets formed and more gaps in representation are identified, there is always the ability to add more representation as needed.

Chair Genco thinks it is not necessary for the Council to vote on full membership at this moment. Chair Genco asked Ms. Rogers and Ms. Taylor if the Council needs to vote on the frequency of the reporting.

Ms. Rogers responded that that is something that would be good to identify as part of a requirement for the subcommittee.

Chair Genco called for a motion to approve the appointment of a subcommittee for FFPNL, one (1) annual report submitted to this Council, reassessing the frequency of the annual report depending on how often the committee meets, and the subcommittee will meet to determine the guidelines with oversight by the Council. Deacon Thomas Roberts motioned to approve, and Marie Baxter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

10. For Discussion and Action: State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Action Steps

Marie Baxter left the meeting.

SHIP Objective 1, Strategy 1: Who will be appointed (Due 2/29/24) to present and contact (Due 5/31/2024) the Legislative Bureau to notify Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (JISCHHS) of desire to present?

Chair Genco stated that she can do what reads from Objective 1, Strategy 1, and mentioned that she is no longer with the Governor's Office as she left her role as Public Health Resource Officer. Chair Genco will be transitioning into a new role that has not been fully announced yet, but she still plans to - and was told - that she can stay on as Chair of the Council. Chair Genco clarified that at the moment she does not have the ability to do any reaching out until she is fully ready to go into that role, which will be starting next week. Chair Genco concluded that she is comfortable with reaching out to the Chair of Interim Health to make a request to present and asked if anybody else would like to join her.

Marcia Blake responded that she would like to work with Chair Genco on this.

Chair Genco indicated that she and Marcia Blake will reach out to Senator Doñate and Staff at LCB to request to present.

Ms. Taylor confirmed no more information was needed for this section.

SHIP Objective 1, Strategy 2: Guidance (who, when, how often, etc.) on establishing a Food Conference Workgroup (Due 02/29/2024)?

Ms. Taylor reminded the Council that the workgroup is going to be working on the logistics for the upcoming 2025 and 2027 conferences that were established for the SHIP. Ms. Taylor explained that the workgroup will be determining who is going to be at those conferences, who is going to be helping and suggested to look at Strategy 2 on the packet document of the SHIP to see what the individual workgroups will be doing as it may help with the discussion as well. Ms. Taylor showed the timeline for the workgroup to be established and the activities related to the workgroup.

Jesus Mendoza left the meeting.

Dr. Malik, Jenny Yeager (not as lead), Chair Genco, and Dr. Stonebarger agreed to be on the workgroup. Chair Genco added that for frequency of meetings, the group can meet soon for

the 2025 conference and suggested to meet before April's meeting. Ms. Taylor suggested the first meeting to occur in February 2024 since a survey needs to get to partners by May 31, 2024. Ms. Taylor added that the OFS will provide support as needed and hopes to have two AmeriCorps staff to support the Council by May 2024. Chair Genco agrees to the meeting in February 2024 and Dr. Stonebarger is also in agreement with the chair.

Elaine Silverstone and Dr. Sabina Malik left the meeting.

Chair Genco asked members of the workgroup for any objections or if they want to meet sooner. None heard.

Vickie Ives reminded that in previous conversations the possibility of leveraging the Nevada Health Conference and talking to Immunize Nevada was discussed as they have tracks on maternal child health and chronic disease and there is no dedicated funding for this yet. Chair Genco asked when the Nevada Health Conference typically occurs. Vickie thought March 2023 or April 2023, but it has been moved around as historically it was a fall conference. Might work well for a 2025 conference.

Chair Genco recommended bringing someone from Immunize Nevada to the workgroup.

Ms. Taylor confirmed for the chair no more information was needed.

Ms. Rogers mentioned that the meeting is currently at quorum, so if any Council members leave the meeting, quorum will not be met anymore.

Objective 2, Strategy 1: Board member to begin developing a presentation to present (Due 10/31/2024) to JISCHHS to ensure Three (3) seats on the CFS for individuals have lived experience with food insecurity and/or homelessness.

Marcia Blake believes the Objective can be combined with the workgroup and asked if other Council members would like to join the group. Dr. Stonebarger agrees that some objectives were blended and explained that the action steps for Strategy 1.2.1 says that seats are specific to individuals from housing and transportation sections and then to also include the two members of the tribal communities.

Dr. Stonebarger asked if this is presented to both the director through the request through the annual reports and then to the interim committee through a presentation, and then they decide to move forward if there is another presentation after that.

Chair Genco agrees to combine Strategy 1 with Strategy 2 and clarifies that that the presentation is for the joint Interim Standing Committee where they come in together as a group before session and they vote on what bills will move forward. Chair Genco added that this information can also be submitted to the Director of Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) so that it gets included in their bill requests.

Vickie Ives responded confirms Chair the process and added it would be at the DHHS's Director's discretion whether to move a bill forward, which is the same process for Interim Finance Committee (IFC).

Objective 2, Strategy 2: After the workgroup is established, identify in collaboration with the workgroup who from the housing, transportation sector, and tribal communities will present to CFS (Due by 12/31/2024) and fair/conference.

NO ACTION at this time.

Objective 2, Strategy 3

NO ACTION at this time.

Objective 3, Strategy 1: Which CFS 2024 meeting (April, July, or Oct.) would we like to ask DWSS to present on SNAP EBT Modernization Technical Assistance Center grant or other grant related SNAP grant(s) to CFS (Due 12/31/2024).

Chair Genco suggested to time this Objective with some of the Council's requests for the Department of Agriculture. Chair Genco asked the Council for their insight on SNAP, EBT modernization grant, timing, and priorities.

Dr. Osgood recommended Chair Genco to decide when it is best for it to be presented.

Chair Genco responded that she would like to give enough time to DWSS to put a presentation together and stated that the presentation will be in July.

Objective 4, Strategy 1: NDA presenting during Jan. 2024 on SFP. Which CFS 2024 meeting (April, July, or Oct.) would CFS like the three (3) remaining presentations (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, infants, and children (WIC), SNAP, DWSS, and academic partners to identify a representative who is willing to present at CFS about (WIC, SNAP, barriers, and existing partnerships statewide) to occur and how (consecutively on the same day) (Due 12/31/2024.)

Chair Genco recommended to complete this Objective during the April 2024 meeting so that the Council can get more information on gap analysis, or it can be discussed during the July meeting. There was more discussion among the board on when to hear each issue and avoiding the agenda being too long.

Chair Genco asked the Council if there were any objections to having WIC and SNAP present together in April 2024 and DWSS in July 2024. None heard.

11. For Ongoing Discussion and Possible Action: 2024 CFS Goals

See Agenda for detailed goals. Ms. Taylor clarified that these 2024 goals were already voted on by the Council and placed in the 2023 Annual Report that the Council approved earlier in the meeting and added that these items can be tabled, shifted, moved, or adjusted as needed. Ms. Taylor further explained that she will keep notes for the 2024 Annual Report on these items and if any of the goals are not met it can be explained that the SHIP had to be prioritized.

Chair Genco asked the Council for any discussion or questions. None heard.

12. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION or DISCUSSION ONLY: Future agenda items

Chair Genco asked the Council for any suggestions or ideas for additional agenda items for future meetings.

Ms. Taylor asked for clarification if the Council agreed to discuss item number 4 on April 16th or if a 'Doodle' needs to get sent out to the Council members and the Las Vegas participants.

Chair Genco and Ms. Rogers confirm that a ‘Doodle’ will need to be sent for the April 2024 meeting and the in-person meeting would be in July 2024. Ms. Rogers confirmed Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada through Deacon Thomas Roberts will provide a location for those who will attend in Southern Nevada. Chair Genco asked Ms. Taylor to confirm no other item is needed and Ms. Taylor confirmed.

Chair Genco called for a motion to approve the future agenda items as the 2023 Funds for Healthy Nevada (FHN) Annual Report - The Office of Food Security, SHIP action steps, presentations (identified above), subcommittee agenda, and/or meeting minutes Attachments. Marcia Blake motioned to approve along with the Food Council meetings for July 16, 2023, and October 15, 2023, and to reschedule the April 16, 2024 based on the results of the “Doodle”. Dr. Osgood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

13. Public Comment

Chair Genco asked for additional public comment. None heard.

14. Adjournment: Allison Genco, Chair

Chair Genco called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Stonebarger moved to adjourn. Jenny Yeager seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT

DR. KENNETH OSGOOD

Has been recognized by the Division of Public and Behavioral
Health, Office of Food Security and Wellness, for service on the
Nevada Governor's Council on Food Security

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Lori A. Taylor

Lori A Taylor, Food Security
and Wellness Manager



Sarah Rogers

Sarah Rogers, Nutrition Unit
Deputy Chief

Attachment for Agenda Item #6

CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS

EDUCATION

- BA English - STANFORD UNIVERSITY
- Certificate in Logistics - TRUCKEE MEADOWS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- Certificate in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in the Workplace - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA MUMA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
- Certified ServSafe Food Protection Manager - AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE
- Alternative Proteins Fundamentals Program, Policy and Entrepreneurship - CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR EFFECTIVE ALTRUISM
- Trauma-Informed Care - LEAH'S PANTRY
- Climate + Change Course - STERLING COLLEGE VERMONT

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Innovative Business Development Professional with 10+ years of experience leading strategic, mission-driven growth across a variety of industries - Food Banking, Nonprofit, Big Tech/FAANG, Book Publishing, Education, and E-Commerce. Advocate for all vulnerable beings and the environment.

RELEVANT WORK HISTORY

Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN), partner of Feeding America (FA)
Research & Innovation Manager 2023 - Current
Data Analyst 2018 - 2023
Sparks, Nevada

- Project managed FBNN's year-long surveillance-style hunger survey of 5000 neighbors across 40 sites in Nevada and California that helped identify both determinants of food insecurity and barriers to accessing assistance; liaised with UNR's CSES staff throughout project
- Created Tableau dashboards and dynamic presentations of hunger survey findings to FBNN Staff, Executives, Board of Directors, Nevada's Food Security Council, and FBNN's 150+ partner pantries to empower actionable takeaways
- Co-lead Feeding America (FA)'s new food sourcing strategic plan and tool kit, to help FA's network with evolving food sourcing standards; selected to represent FBNN, one of 10 food banks awarded this opportunity
- Supported creation of FBNN's first formal food sourcing strategic plan
- Selected to serve as one of 25+ mentors in FA's inaugural 2023 National Food Sourcer Mentorship Program
- Co-founder and co-host of FA's first-ever nationwide internal Data User Group (DUG), a DEI-oriented analytics community comprised of staff from FA and all of its network constituents; facilitate monthly learning events that provide resources and tools related to data-driven aspects of food banking
- Grew FBNN's library of inventory intelligence reports
- Launched FBNN's internal Data Work Group to establish data processes and empower improved data governance org-wide
- Help lead mindfulness practices in FBNN leadership meetings
- Guest speaker and panelist at FA's national conferences on analytics and research
- Guest speaker at FBNN's partner agency conferences
- Serve on FA's Innovation Steering Committee
- Serve on FBNN's Food Safety Committee
- Serve on FBNN's JEDI Committee
- Represent FBNN as member of the Northern Nevada Food Council

International Community Libraries, Volunteer Passion Project
Project Leader (remote, part-time) 2012 - 2016

- Helped launch libraries in Malawi and Uganda, supporting hundreds of school children and community members
- Developed partnerships and leveraged existing partnerships with book vendors, retailers, distributors, logistics companies, local businesses, and international community leaders to ensure the library would benefit its intended users
- Coordinated book drives, fundraising events, and logistics to gather book donations and distribute them successfully to three rural locations in Malawi and Uganda to create libraries

Jill Moe



Education

- 9/2016-5/2018** **Master Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture**
Washington State University – Global Campus
Focus on organic market farming, drought planning and food systems
- 9/1995-6/1997** **Master of Public Administration in Environmental Policy**
University of Washington – Seattle, WA USA
Focus on watershed management and rural forest conservation
Course of study: state and federal environmental policy, rural land use planning, forest and ecosystem management, limnology, river ecology, economics, statistics
Awarded Henry M. Jackson Fellowship in natural resource management
- 9/1989-6/1993** **Bachelor of Arts**
University of Wisconsin – Madison, WI USA
Universidad de Sevilla, España
Majors in political science and Spanish
- 9/1985-6/1989** **High School Diploma**
Woodbury High School – Woodbury, MN USA
Colegio Internacional de Caracas – Caracas, Venezuela

Professional Experience in the Environmental and Agricultural Sectors

- 2/2021-present** **University of Nevada, Reno Desert Farming Initiative (DFI) – Reno, NV USA**
Interim Director
- Oversee DFI’s agricultural industry support programs, food systems development initiatives, and a 5-acre demonstration and research farm and nursery at the Agricultural Experiment Station.
 - Manage 6 employees, farm apprentices, AmeriCorps members and student interns.
 - Responsible for strategic planning, management of a \$450,000 annual budget, administration of \$1 million in State and federal grants and private donations, and fundraising.
- 11/2018-1/2021** **University of Nevada, Reno Desert Farming Initiative – Reno, NV USA**
Education Program Coordinator
- Managed an on-farm food safety program based on a plan developed to meet FSMA and GAP criteria, including co-managing resource conservation and food-borne illness prevention.
 - Oversaw a farm-to-food pantry program, including implementation of a USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) initiative on healthy food systems.
 - Extension education with produce growers and farmer’s markets across Nevada and practical trainings for university students.
 - Conduct grower workshops and social media outreach, and create educational materials.

**5/2018-
10/2018**

**University of Nevada, Reno Desert Farming Initiative – Reno, NV USA
Field Technician – Raspberries and Grapes**

- Led high tunnel raspberry production and research for one season.
- Experimental vineyard and vegetable crop field labor.

**9/2017-
5/2018**

**Urban Roots Garden Classrooms – Reno, NV USA
Berry and Grape Propagation Instructor**

- Provided instruction and co-coordinated a grant-funded project to expose at-risk high school students to sustainable farming.

**6/2008-
7/2009**

**Environmental Science Associates – Seattle, WA USA
Managing Associate**

- Conducted land use analyses, wrote environmental regulations and prepared marine and freshwater shoreline management plans for public clients.
- Reviewed land development proposals and technical studies to write environmental impact and mitigation analyses under the State and National Environmental Policy Acts.
- Prepared marketing and educational materials.

**9/2002-
5/2008**

**King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks – Seattle, WA USA
Senior Project Manager**

- Led an interdisciplinary project to create the Shoreline Management Plan for 3,200 kilometers of marine and freshwater shoreline.
- Managed a team of 40 to compile scientific research, analyze landscape data, and write regional environmental regulations – including the King County Critical Areas Ordinance.
- Planned multidisciplinary mitigation, monitoring and stewardship programs to implement regulations.
- Managed elements of a regional water supply planning process and supported legislative actions.
- Contributed to regional climate change adaptation planning and an associated conference.
- Negotiated grants and managed up to US\$1.5 million budgets.
- Acted as public spokesperson at high-conflict events, responded to public comment, and coordinated intergovernmental relations.

**8/2001-
8/2002**

**Endangered Species Act Policy Coordination Office, Office of King County Executive Ron Sims
– Seattle, WA USA**

Program Analyst – Special Assignment

- Compiled and edited a scientific record and strategic policies for the recovery of endangered salmon species. Oversaw a biological review involving 15 technical and legal experts and presented results.
- Coordinated 20 contributors, garnered political support and authored a salmon conservation action plan.
- Collaborated with representatives of federal fish and wildlife agencies, American Indian Tribes, environmental and business interests, rural landowners and local governments.



5/1998-
7/2001

Huckell/Weinman Associates, Inc. – Kirkland, WA USA
Environmental Consultant

- Wrote natural resource management plans and land use regulations to comply with the Washington Growth Management Act.
- Prepared land use impact analyses under the State and National Environmental Policy Acts for public and private clients. Reviewed natural resource, transportation, and economic studies and determined regulatory implications.

11/1995-
4/1998

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks – Seattle, WA USA
Watershed Management Analyst

- Evaluated watershed management policies, restoration needs and funding strategies to support intergovernmental water resource management.
- Facilitated state, tribal, county, landowner and university negotiations to develop regional forest management and incentive programs. Analyzed satellite images and aerial photos to identify priority rural forest conservation properties.
- Acquired grants for watershed restoration, implemented projects and monitored results.
- Provided technical support to a citizen’s action committee charged with improving lake water quality.

Professional Experience in Language Instruction and Translation

6/2011-
1/2017

Weinheim, Germany
Freelance Translator and English Instructor

- Provided German-to-English translation and editing services for international businesses.
- Taught beginner to advanced English classes, including business English through KERN/IKL Business Language Training and cambio institute, and community college classes through the Volkshochschule Badische Bergstrasse.

Continuing Education and Professional Training

Environment and Agriculture	10/2020	Bridging the GAPS: Approaches for Treating Water On-Farm – USDA Food Safety Outreach Program, Online
	1/2020	Produce Safety Alliance Advanced Training – Lake Alfred, FLA USA
	10/2019	Balancing Food Safety and Sustainability: Opportunities for Co-Management – University of California, Online Continuing Education
	12/2018	Produce Safety Alliance Train-the-Trainer Course – Pasco, WA USA
	1/2018-9/2018	Nevada Vines and Wines – 12-month series on vineyard management and wine-making
	9/2017-10/2017	Grow Your Own Nevada – 8-class Extension series on vegetable and fruit production in the high desert



11/2015-1/2016 Monitoring Climate from Space – European Space Agency/FutureLearn, Online
 1/2014-3/2014 Climate Change – University of Exeter/FutureLearn, Online
 10/2013-11/2013 Fairness and Nature: When Worlds Collide – University of Leeds/FutureLearn, Online
 10/2007 Preparing for Climate Change – Washington Department of Ecology, Seattle, WA USA
 10/2006 ArcInfo/Desktop GIS Mapping – King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Seattle, WA USA

Project Management and Communications

11/2005 Public Speaking and Conflict – King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Seattle, WA USA
 11/2002 Project Management and Team Work – King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Seattle, WA USA

Languages and Teaching

11/2014-02/2015 German C1 – Volkshochschule Badische-Bergstrasse, Weinheim, Germany
 4/2014-10/2014 German B2 – Volkshochschule Badische-Bergstrasse, Weinheim, Germany
 5/2013 Teaching Business English – KERN/IKL Business Language Training, Mannheim, Germany
 11/2011 Teaching Business English – KERN/IKL Business Language Training, Mannheim, Germany
 9/2011 Language Instruction – Volkshochschule Badische-Bergstrasse, Weinheim, Germany
 2/2010-10/2011 German A1-B1 – Volkshochschule Heidelberg/Badische-Bergstrasse, Heidelberg/Weinheim, Germany

Internships

9/2017-5/2018 Sustainable Berry and Grape Propagation Project, Urban Roots and Washington State University – Reno, Nevada
 9/1992-5/1993 Policy Intern - Stewardship, State Representative Spencer Black, Wisconsin State Legislature – Madison, WI USA
 6/1991-12/1991 Student Lobbyist, Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group – Madison, WI USA



Skills and Volunteer Work

- Volunteer work** 3/2020-12/2023 – Founding member of Northern Nevada Food Security Coalition. Collaborating to pool resources, seek synergies among food security organizations and produce growers, and feed hungry people.
- 5/2015-6/2017 – Work-trade market and farm volunteer. Harvested and prepared organic produce and grains for weekly market, educated clientele, and sold produce. Lebendige Erde Marienhof Marstadt e.V. – Weinheim, Germany
- 5/2006-5/2008 – Chairperson. Jackson Place Community Council – Seattle, WA USA
- 9/1999-7/2000 – Property research and habitat restoration volunteer. The Nature Conservancy Seattle, WA USA
- 11/1996-5/2006 – Stream and wetland restoration volunteer. King County – Seattle, WA USA
- 7/1993-7/1995 – Peace Corps agroforestry volunteer. Established a tree nursery to serve local subsistence farmers, conducted an educational extension program, initiated income generation projects, secured the funding and books to establish a community library, and trained incoming volunteers. United States Peace Corps – Yelwoko, Upper East Region, Ghana
- Languages** English – native speaker; German – fluent; Spanish – rusty
- Information Technology** Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint)
Microsoft Project
ESRI ArcView and ArcGIS Pro for landscape analysis and mapping
WordPress web content and design

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#11

FOOD FOR PEOPLE NOT FOR LANDFILLS (FFPNL) 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, United States food waste is between 30-40% of the food supply.

“In the U.S., food is the single most common material sent to landfills, comprising 24.1% of municipal solid waste. When yard trimmings, wood and paper/paperboard are added to food, these organic materials comprise 51.4% of municipal solid waste in landfills.”¹

“Each year, [Feeding America](#) and its network of food banks rescues around 3.6 billion pounds of food. This represents only a small percentage of food that could have been donated but ended up in a landfill.”²

In 2019, Nevada took action to increase the amount of food diverted from landfills to increase food security by developing Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) [232.4969](#).

In 2020, the Food for People Not for Landfills (FFPNL) Program was established within the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to support [NRS 232.4969](#) and is administered by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) on behalf of the DHHS Director’s Office. DPBH also administers the Council on Food Security on behalf of the DHHS Director’s Office, which created the FFPNL Subcommittee to further support food waste initiatives. The initiatives are to enlist the support of organizations and programs to enhance statewide collaboration around food donations/food waste reduction. In 2020, the Subcommittee completed activities that resulted in a donor toolkit outline, a draft program seal, and criteria for partner participation. The Subcommittee meetings paused in 2022 due to the lack of funds dedicated to completing identified action items. The Subcommittee will start meeting again in 2024.

In 2023, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) identified and applied for two funding opportunities to support the FFPNL Program through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Despite these efforts, the program remains unfunded. The Office of Food Security and the Council on Food Security have a committed partnership to expand on efforts to identify funding sources and support program development for FFPNL.

¹ United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/composting#:~:text=In%20the%20U.S.%2C%20food%20is,municipal%20solid%20waste%20in%20landfills>.

² United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) <https://www.usda.gov/foodlossandwaste/why#:~:text=In%20the%20United%20States%2C%20food,the%20retail%20and%20consumer%20levels>.

OVERVIEW

Food for People Not Landfills (FFPNL) was created to increase food security by decreasing food waste and redirecting excess consumable food. Nevada has the highest national per person disposal rate at eight (8) pounds per day.³ The Las Vegas strip alone produces 160,000 pounds of food waste per day.³ The Council on Food Security (CFS) discussed the FFPNL Program at three meetings in 2023 (07/18/23, 08/18/23, and 10/24/23) to update the subcommittee members and determine how to improve the program going forward.

The CFS determined the FFPNL Program will remain as a running agenda item for CFS to monitor activities, deliverables, and provide expert guidance as needed. In May 2023, the Office of Food Security (OFS) and the Health Equity Unit applied for the CDC's State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) grant and CDC's Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) grant. The OFS intended to utilize funding from these grants to support FFPNL; however, Nevada's applications were not selected. The budgets and scopes of work proposed in these applications will be utilized when future funding is secured.

In June 2023, the OFS partnered with KPS3, a local marketing firm, to assist with developing a range of program initiatives, should funding be secured. These initiatives range from creating awareness of an overall visual identity to an immersive plan focused on a multi-channel campaign to promote efforts through digital, media, and public relations.

The DPBH OFS will continue collaborating with CFS through 2024, provide administrative support as needed for the Subcommittee, and assist in seeking funding opportunities.

FFPNL FUTURE FOCUS FOR 2024

Once the new Subcommittee members convene, future goals will be developed. The anticipated goals will likely include:

- Set program goals.
- A meeting guideline that will include the duration of meetings.
- Development of a financial plan to identify and apply for funding opportunities.
- Establishment of program initiatives and priorities.
- Development of a sustainability plan.
- Determine data that will be used to show the impact of FFPNL on food security in Nevada.
- Establish the criteria for eligibility for a food donor to participate in the Program.
- Gather existing Nevada data on food waste.
- Identify food waste partners.

³ <https://digitalscholarship.unlv.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1270&context=award>

- Finalization of the program seal and development of a process to allow a food donor who participates in the Program to display or otherwise use the official seal of the Program.
- Finalize the FFPNL toolkit.

CONCLUSION

In Nevada, the Food for People Not Landfills (FFPNL) Program was created to increase food security by decreasing food waste and redirecting excess consumable foods. The program has lacked funding since its inception. The DPBH OFS and CFS have a committed partnership and will support the Subcommittee with program development and identifying funding. In 2024, the FFPNL Subcommittee will focus on efforts to establish program initiatives and priorities.

FUND FOR A HEALTHY NEVADA (FHN)

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of Food Security (OFS) is responsible for monitoring the Fund for Healthy Nevada (FHN), which utilizes 60% of tobacco settlement funds received/recovered by the State of Nevada.

The Department of Health and Human Services Grants Management Unit (GMU) is responsible for administering up to \$4,000,000 over a two-year grant period for State Fiscal Year 22 (SFY22) and State Fiscal Year 23 (SFY23). For SFY23, GMU awarded \$1,999,774 to 11 agencies to promote food security programs in Nevada. The OFS also provides administrative support for Nevada's Council on Food security (CFS), which assists with understanding the food security struggles through the state of Nevada.

The goals and objectives of the 11 FHN recipients are specific to the area the agency serves and designed to enhance food security in the state. Due to each agency creating its own objectives and goals, the expectations of what is measured are not consistent and do not allow for a comparison of accomplished outcomes between each agency. The initiatives for the FHN funds align with the needs that were identified in the 2019 Statewide Community Needs Assessment conducted in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute [\(NRS\) 439.630](#).

Each of the 16 counties in Nevada had at least one of the 11 agencies working in their community to improve food security. The OFS monitored quarterly progress reports, which highlighted the agencies' successes and barriers including information on their target population and monthly financial reports. All 11 FHN recipients have met and/or exceeded projected goals and outcomes for SFY23.

Fund for a healthy Nevada overview

As envisioned in [2023 Food Security Strategic Plan](#), the five foundational themes of lead, grow, feed, reach, and build were consistent with the partner's objectives and activities. These foundational themes of the Food Security Strategic Plan are in place to promote food security efforts across Nevada. See below for the breakdown of each theme.

Lead: Lead systems change to improve food security through greater collaboration, information-sharing, and policy development efforts.

Grow: Grow Nevada's local food sources.

Feed: Feed Nevada's population at increased/higher risk for food insecurity.

Reach: Reach populations in Nevada that are experiencing food insecurity and/or that are at increased/higher risk for food insecurity with nutrition-dense and affordable and culturally appropriate foods.

Build: Build Nevada's food security ecosystem by increasing capacity and education.

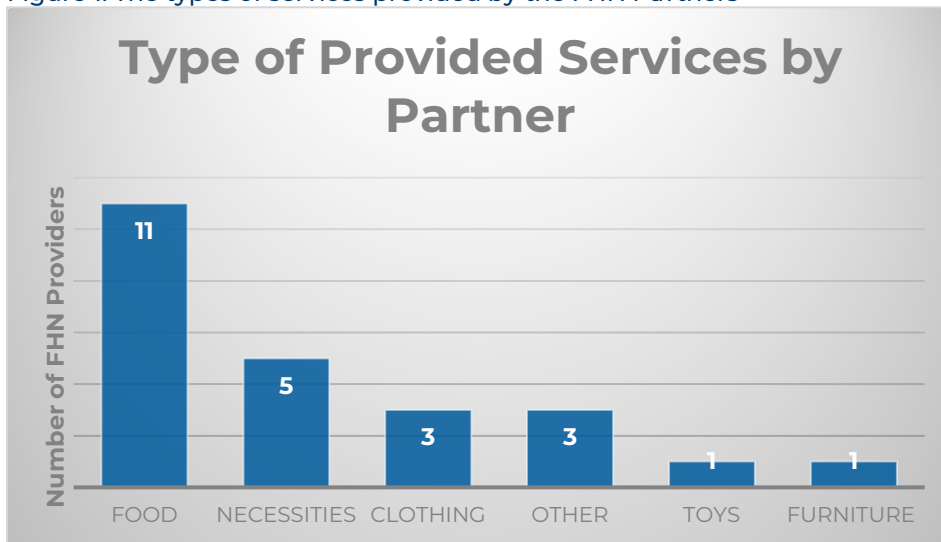
Each partner provided individuals and families with food to meet their immediate needs and help them find long-term solutions such as enrollment in federal benefit programs, employment, and housing opportunities. The distribution was focused on fresh food and standard non-perishables to help supply protein throughout the state. The hallmark of these projects is the collaborative partnerships developed between community organizations. In total, 161,911 (unduplicated) individuals were served, and 1,768,020 pounds of food were distributed throughout SFY23. The overall information regarding gender, ethnicity, age, and race is displayed in Figures 4-7 further below and includes SFY22 and SFY23 to show the increment of participants between both years.

The partners' data intake process is collected through a data management system such as Oasis and/or a paper intake process. The purpose of collecting data is to enhance collaboration efforts of state and non-state agencies to strengthen statewide food security strategies. In addition, data collection supports strategies to increase participation in state/federal nutrition programs; supports client-centered strategies to increase access to nutrition programs and resources that address determinants of hunger, drives future strategies, and tracks progress in improving food security in Nevada. Most of the partners use Oasis, a software designed to streamline the food distribution and reporting process of food banks and their partner agencies. The software was developed following the catastrophe of Hurricane Katrina and designed through collaboration with food banks and contributors. The system tracks and shares case management in a more dignified manner for families in need, with more individualized service, and reduces duplication of services across the state. As of 2022, Oasis reports they currently have 140 active agencies across the State of Nevada with the ability to expand the services to include out-of-state agencies.

The OFS distributed a survey to all FHN partners at the end of SFY23, which all 11 partners completed. Six of the partners reported distributing food to over 500 individuals weekly. All partners worked with community stakeholders (i.e., schools and pantries) during their hours of operation. Half of the partners distribute to the public daily, while the other half distributes on a weekly basis. The delivery and pickup process varied among partners and were fluid

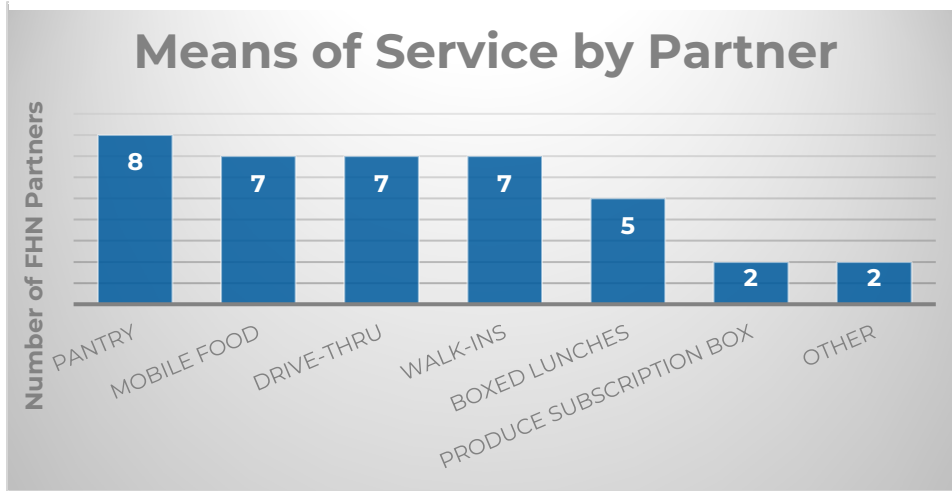
based on the needs of the partner and/or clients. The most common way customers are being served by partners is by pantry services. Notably large distribution centers provided cafeteria-style food periodically to a specific community like senior centers and low-income housing. All partners provide food services and six of the partners provide additional items which are highlighted in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: The types of services provided by the FHN Partners



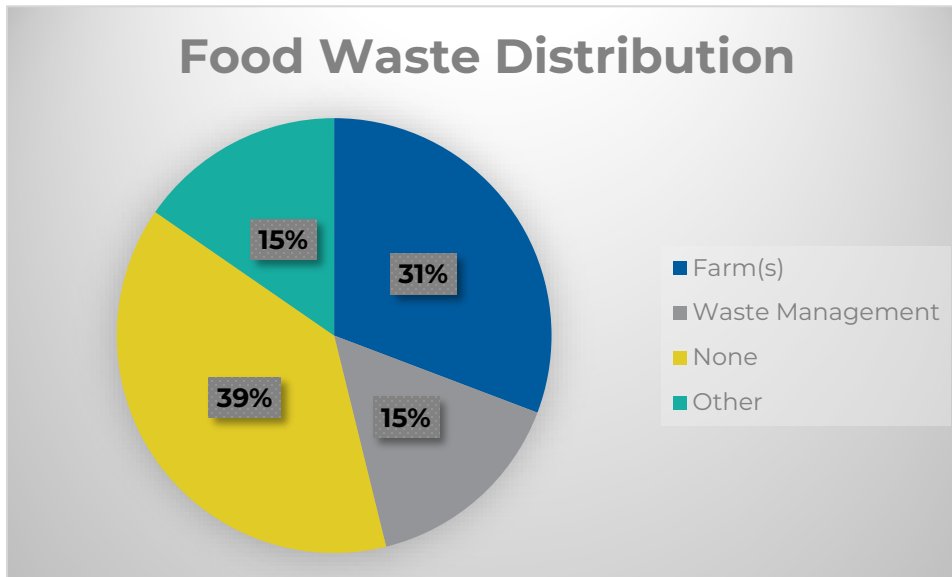
As depicted in Figure 2 below, the most common way customers are being served is by pantry services. The second most common method is a tie between mobile food trucks, walk-ins, and drive-thru distribution for customers from seven partners. Other notable ways were by rural ranch delivery and collaboration with another agency.

Figure 2: Means of food distributed by the FHN Partners



Food waste is addressed by six partners by partnering with local farms, management, and as the “Other” category in Figure 3, a gleaning program set to allocate produce to pantries and a local senior center.

Figure 3: Food waste addressed by FHN Partners



When the survey concluded at the end of July 2023, three of the partners reported experiencing excessive waste with fruits, dairy, and vegetables in the past three months, due to being bruised/damaged. Additionally, most partners host volunteer organizations

such as churches, schools, and local businesses. Five partners consider themselves a distribution food bank and three of those five distribute to 31+ sites each month. None of the partners supply over-the-counter medication or prescriptions.

SFY23 FHN GOALS			
NORTHERN NEVADA			
Partner Name/ Award	Counties Served	Description/Objectives	Notes
Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada \$290,558.00	Churchill, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Nye, Pershing, Storey, Washoe, and White Pine	Helps northern Nevadans of all cultures and beliefs rise out of poverty and overcome the barriers to self-sufficiency through a broad range of services, including food and wellness, case management, benefits enrollment, immigration legal services, sober living, rent/utility assistance, personalized senior supports, parenting classes, economic mobility, workforce development, and more and residential programs. 1.1 Purchase food to supplement 17,900 households through monthly meal kit distribution. 1.2 Offer case management and/or program referrals to 1,200 individuals served through the mobile outreach program.	Neighborhood Centers, Drive-thru, Walk-ins, Pantry, Rural Outreach Pantries, and Mobile Food
Communities In Schools of Nevada \$137,627.00	Elko	Helps to reduce food insecurity in Elko County. 1.1 Provide meals to 350 unduplicated students in Elko County School District through Hunger Prevention Partnership Program. 1.2 Collaborate with Elko Friends in Service Helping (FISH) to serve meals to 400 unduplicated individuals through Hunger Prevention Partnership Program.	Mobile Food, Boxed Lunches
Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN) \$405,373.00	Carson City and Washoe	Increases food security in Northern Nevada and enhances health outcomes through the Healthy Pantry Initiative (HPI), including food insecurity screenings, food prescriptions, and program referrals. This partnership has been successful in improving food security for clients by offering "one-stop-shop" model of support. 1.1 Provide 1.2 million meals to 30,000 food-insecure individuals in Washoe County through a minimum of eight (8) participating prescription pantries. 1.2 Provide 440,000 meals to 5,000 food-insecure Individuals in Rural Nevada through three (3) new prescription pantries and one (1) healthcare provider. 1.3 Refer 1,200 Healthy Food Pantry clients to additional social services and federal nutrition programs for which they qualify.	Drive-thru, Walk-ins, Pantry, Mobile Food
Northern Nevada Dream Center (NNDC) \$83,250.00	Carson City, Lyon, Storey, Washoe, and Douglas	A volunteer-driven nonprofit organization with a mission to bring hope and relief to individuals and families in need by providing support and services that address hunger, poverty, homelessness, addiction, education, and well-being. 1.1 Distribute food to food insecure individuals via three (3) methods of food delivery. 1.2 Conduct two (2) food distribution events in collaboration with community members and organizations. 1.3 Plan and distribute healthy meals to clients by providing ingredients for complete meals,	Drive Thru Food Distribution, Mobile Food Truck, Door-To-Door Home Delivery

		<p>recipes, cooking instructions and nutritional information.</p> <p>1.4 Develop and implement one (1) initiative/platform to refer Dream Center clients to other nutrition and/or social service programs.</p>	
<p>University of Nevada, Reno (UNR)</p> <p>\$77,830.00</p>	<p>Mineral and Washoe, including Schurz (Walker River Reservation) and Sutcliff (Pyramid Lake reservation)</p>	<p>Uses funds to decrease food insecurity in the rural towns of Mineral County, Pyramid Lake, and the Walker River Reservation with partnership through the surrounding school districts. The partnership has been successful in being able to provide access to fresh fruits and vegetables in these communities.</p> <p>1.1 Distribute pounds of fresh produce to 160 older adults (65 years and older) through a home-delivery program.</p> <p>1.2 Provide pounds of "Take Home" fresh produce to 400 in-school students to eliminate missed meals and increase fruit and vegetable intake.</p> <p>1.3 Link individuals/participating families in programs outlined in activities 1.1 and 1.2 to other nutrition and/or other social service programs for which they may qualify.</p>	<p>Produce Subscription Box, Collaborations with other agencies</p>
<p>Washoe County Human Services Partner (WCHSA)</p> <p>\$231,274.00</p>	<p>Washoe</p>	<p>Increases food security among Washoe County residents of all ages and at the same time helps educate them on healthy eating.</p> <p>1.1 Establish a nutritious breakfast program serving a total of 73 individuals daily via OUR Place Women and Families Shelter (63 individuals) and TADS Shelter residents (10 individuals).</p> <p>1.2 Distribute 380 food baskets to residents of CrossRoads Women and Children, Men's Crossroad or CrossRoads Off-Campus (CROC) program, Our Place Family Shelter, Child Welfare families and Seniors lacking food resources.</p> <p>1.3 Provide seven (7) second home-delivered meals weekly to 145 unduplicated homebound seniors 60+ in Washoe County</p>	<p>OUR PLACE Women and Families Shelter, TADS Shelter residents, CrossRoads</p>

SOUTHERN NEVADA			
Partner Name/Award	Counties Served	Description/Objectives	Notes
Desert Spring Community Resource Center, Inc. \$41,870.00	Clark	<p>Focuses on improving food security and self-sufficiency among individuals residing in Desert Springs.</p> <p>1.1 Provide 101,590 meals (121,908 pounds of food) to 1,000 individuals in Desert Springs via mobile food distribution.</p> <p>1.2 Refer a minimum of 10 individuals to additional social services and federal nutrition programs for which they qualify.</p>	Food Pantry and Drive-Thru Food Distribution
Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican \$114,026.00	Clark	<p>St. Rose Dominican: Provides immediate food assistance to Clark County residents affected by food insecurity and underlying health conditions. They link individuals with food insecurity to social services and programs that support and encourage self-sufficiency.</p> <p>1.1 Enroll 200 food-insecure individuals into the Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program, FVRx.</p> <p>1.2 Pilot the FVRx Farmer's Market model where participants can redeem FVRx vouchers with fresh fruit and vegetables at local Farmer's markets.</p> <p>1.3 St. Rose will engage 100 FVRx program participants in nutritional education and/or social services programs.</p>	Fresh Produce Prescription Boxes, farmer's market program pilot
Keystone Enrichment Foundation \$26,819.00	Clark	<p>Addresses food insecurity needs by providing a food pantry and other community services for residents of Sandy Valley, Goodsprings, and Primm, Nevada.</p> <p>1.1 Provide 166,667 meals (200,000 pounds of food) to 1000 individuals in Sandy Valley.</p> <p>1.2 Refer 500 individuals to additional social services and federal nutrition programs for which they qualify.</p>	Drive Thru Food Distribution
NYE Communities Coalition \$127,425.00	Nye, Esmeralda, and Lincoln	<p>The mission of NYE Communities Coalition is to grow healthy organizations, people, and environments (HOPE) across Nye, Esmeralda, and Lincoln Counties by joining individuals, organizations, and agencies in a cooperative and collaborative effort to increase services and opportunities.</p> <p>1.1 Collaborate with 10 pantries to provide 20,000 meals to individuals residing in Nye and Esmeralda counties.</p> <p>1.2 Provide 50 K-5 students backpacks of food weekly (Approximately 2000 backpacks of food).</p> <p>1.3 Collaborate with the local farmers market and Lincoln Community Action Team (LCAT) to provide local food to 15 families for 16 weeks.</p> <p>1.4 Provide 5,000 food security, nutrition, health, wellness, fitness, economic</p> <p>1.5 Assess and refer 75 individuals to other nutrition and/or social services for which they may qualify.</p> <p>1.6 Increase collaboration by 10% among Nye County, pantries, and food assistance programs.</p>	Drive-thru, Walk-ins, Pantry

<p>Three Square Food Bank</p> <p>\$463,722.00</p>	<p>Nye and Clark</p>	<p>Provides wholesome food to hungry people, while passionately pursuing a hunger-free community. Works to increase food security in rural Nevada by enhancing the capacity of six rural food security partners.</p> <p>1.1 Three Square added 3 more agencies to the FHN funds. Three agencies include Salvation Army Tonopah, Esmeralda County, and Beatty Baptist Church (Beatty, NV).</p> <p>1.2 Increase the distribution percentage via participating partners, collectively of nutritionally valuable food, specifically meat by 11%, produce by 9%, and dairy by 3%.</p> <p>1.3 Assist a minimum of 300 individuals via the Three Square Call Center with applications and/or referrals to supportive services.</p>	<p>Walk-ins, Drive-thru, Pantry, Mobile Food</p>
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SFY23 FHN Expenses							Overall Agency Pounds (2023 Calendar Year-All funds including FHN)
Partners	Award Amount	Amount Spent	Balance	Individuals Served	Unduplicated Individuals Served	Pounds of Food Distributed	
*University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) - Extension	\$ 77,830.00	\$ 79,594.00	\$ (1,764.00)	3,377	236	78,960	178,960
Three Square Food Bank	\$ 463,722.00	\$ 463,721.37	\$ 0.63	35,050	20,263	916,827	43,000,000
Food Bank of Northern Nevada	\$ 405,373.00	\$ 395,302.70	\$ 10,070.30	191,487	72,534	224,608	21,495,331
Desert Springs Community Resource Center	\$ 41,870.00	\$ 41,869.99	\$ 0.01	30,992	2,041	169,682	423,320
*Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (CCNN)	\$ 290,558.00	\$ 281,530.40	\$ 9,027.60	366,524	39,158	101,268	3,063,485
Washoe County Human Services Agency	\$ 231,274.00	\$ 231,274.00	\$ 0.00	272,428	1,067	86,073	71,967
Northern Nevada Dream Center (NNDC)	\$ 83,250.00	\$ 83,250.00	\$ 0.00	23,776	6,394	77,654	555,406
Nye Communities Coalition	\$ 127,425.00	\$ 127,314.98	\$ 110.02	75,757	3,821	72,204	94,692
Communities in Schools - Elko	\$ 137,627.00	\$ 137,627.00	\$ 0.00	37,497	9,924	58,572	96,448
*Keystone Enrichment Foundation	\$ 26,819.00	\$ 26,315.78	\$ 503.22	25,092	6,273	46,427	193,033
Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican	\$ 114,026.00	\$ 114,025.79	\$ 0.21	2,400	200	13,399	13,399
Totals	\$ 1,999,774.00	\$ 1,981,826.01	\$ 17,947.99	1,061,003	161,911	1,768,020	69,186,041

**Note: UNR had an unexpected increase in their travel expenses at the end of SFY23. The left-over Year 1 (SFY22) funds from UNR were applied to Year 2 (SFY23). NNDC reported their data collection processes altered and therefore the comparison for SFY22 and SFY23 are not comparable. CCNN budget left over was staffing related. Keystone reports there has been an increase in clients since the Pandemic.*

BARRIERS AND SUCCESS

FHN partners continue to experience lasting effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, which impacted processes and supply chains. However, the agencies have been flexible in shifting their processes to better support clients and funding sources during and after the Coronavirus pandemic. At the beginning of the pandemic, emergency allotments of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funds granted to SNAP households in March 2020 provided families with extra assistance. In February 2023, a notification was released that the emergency allotments would terminate in March 2023. The decision to terminate these funds created fear among clients and agencies. The number of clients being served by FHN increased and the partners reported concerns regarding the impact on budget, capacity, and communities, specifically among the senior population. The utilization of FHN funds were limited to the partners' scope of work and preapproved budget. In SFY23, a total of \$17,947.99 was unspent between seven (7) partners and only two (2) were considered significant. The reason for the unspent money was due to employee transitions, lack of travel, and unneeded equipment. The OFS is taking steps to implement a more formal spend-down plan for SFY24 and considering de-obligating funds if partners have not spent 50-60% by the fifth or sixth months.

Based on the FHN Partner Information survey, most partners did not encounter barriers during the delivery and/or pickup process. The only barrier encountered is from one partner who faced an increase in delivery costs due to inflation. The agencies reported a lack of volunteers during and immediately after the pandemic, especially for smaller organizations. Agencies collaborated with businesses, local schools, and other nearby organizations to help fill the gap. Despite all these barriers, all 11 partners have successfully fed Nevadans and provided resources for referrals for other necessities, clothing, and/or toys.

The FHN partners are required to collect specific data elements, which include demographics to better understand the population being serviced in the State of Nevada. The partners expressed better data collection processes throughout SFY23 and reports Oasis, a data tracking platform nationwide, makes the demographic tracking easier. There was a misunderstanding among some FHN partners regarding the difference between race and ethnicity in SFY22, but this has since improved. For SFY24, OFS redefined the data collection process by updating the Data Templates to improve efficiency and will continue to adjust the process based on partner feedback. Many FHN partners experienced opposition when asking

clients for demographics. The larger distribution centers, such as CCNN, rely on more than 40 outreach pantries to collect their own data using their own intake process. They noted outreach sites are volunteer run making the collection process more difficult, as small teams need reliable tools and training. Although training is offered, volunteer turnover makes it difficult to maintain the number of volunteers. There was evidence to support clients being more willing to provide personal information when the FHN partner had an established trusting relationship, which seemed to be more common among smaller organizations due to capacity.

SFY23 GRANT SUMMARY

With the excellent work of the 11 partners, 161,911 Nevadans (unduplicated) were served with a total of 1,768,020 pounds of food distributed with FHN funds in SFY23. All 11 partners were retained for SFY24 and SFY25 to continue efforts toward food security in Nevada. Despite the barriers, FHN partners have a positive attitude toward making improvements to better serve their clients. A few of the FHN partners received the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) Expansion Grant, which provided additional support and an opportunity to expand services to improve food insecurity.

THE FUTURE

During SFY23, the Department of Health and Human Services distributed a memorandum regarding [NRS 239B.022-239B.026](#) that requires the collection of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression data by state and local governmental agencies on forms that include questions about race and ethnicity. While the FHN partners are not formally state and/or local government agencies, the OFS informed the partners of this update that will begin in SFY24-25. Each of the partners was notified independently and they were able to express their questions and concerns. The OFS does not require partners to add sexual orientation and gender identity questions to their intake forms, but it is optional for the partners that choose to collect this data. Some common concerns were the creation of another barrier for clients to access food due to their own personal beliefs, the impact it could have on the community, and the religious beliefs and affiliations of agencies. All agencies would like to remain inclusive for all clients and reduce barriers for Nevadans to

access food. There were some agencies who were already collecting this data and willing to incorporate the changes into the intake process.

Beginning SFY24, the partner reporting process will be monthly with quarterly technical assistance calls. Some partners expressed that it would be easier to recall the last month's successes and barriers, rather than referring to it a few months after it happened. On May 15, 2024, the agencies will be required to submit a new Scope of Work for SFY25, requiring agencies to evaluate their SFY24 deliverables and impact.

SFY22 AND SFY23 STATISTICAL REPORT COMPARISON

Figure 4: Gender of Individuals Served by FHN Partners

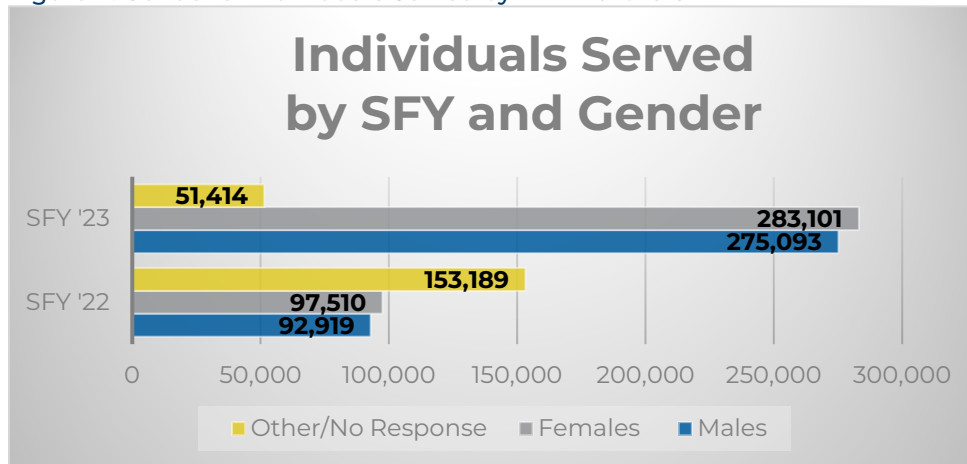


Figure 5: Race of Individuals Served by FHN Partners

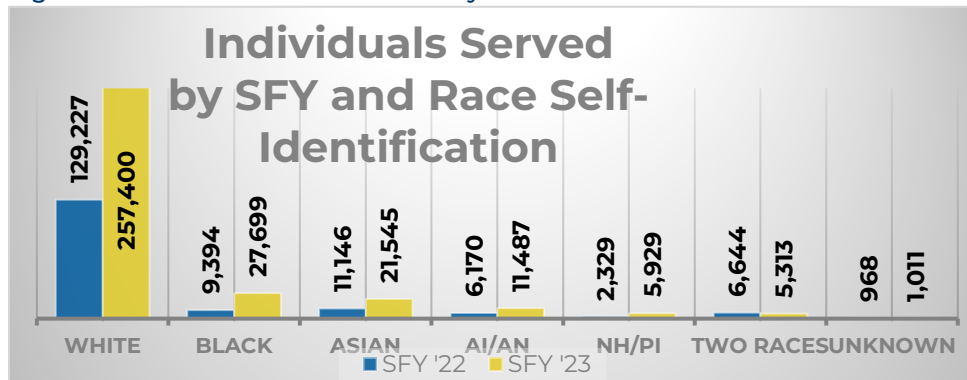


Figure 6: Ethnicity of Individuals Served by FHN Partners in SFY22 and SFY23

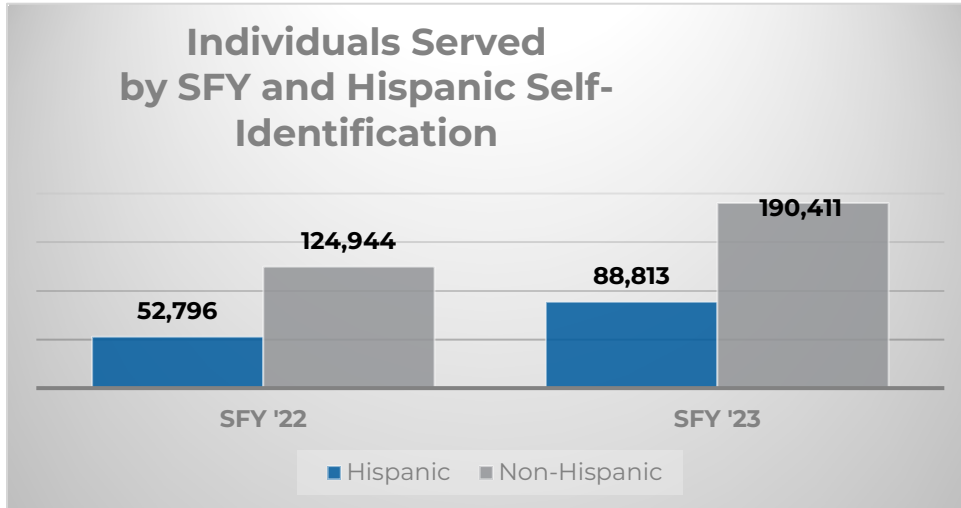
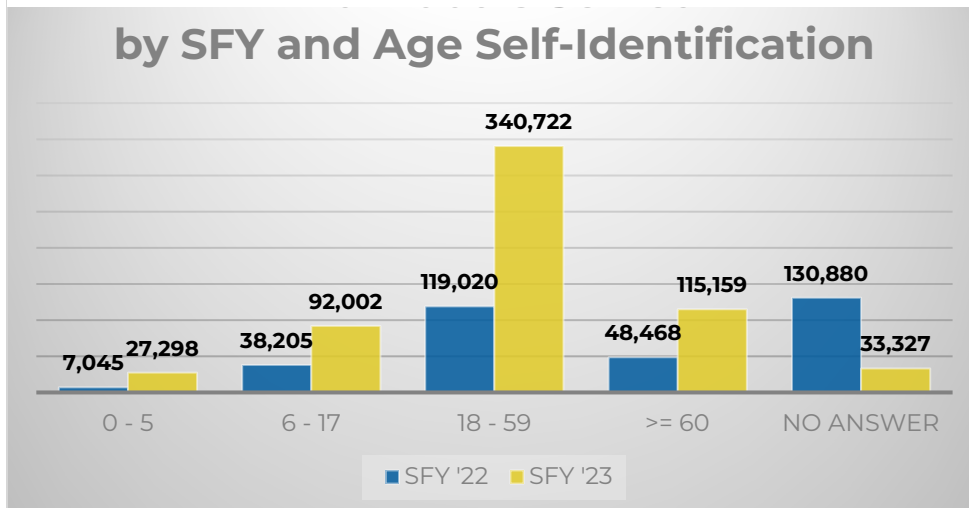


Figure 7: Age of Individuals Served by FHN Partners in SFY22 and SFY23



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Governor's Council on Food Security (CFS) aims to fight hunger among Nevadans who are at increased and/or higher risk of food insecurity, including children and older Nevadans. Since the inception of the 2014 Governor's Executive Order creating the Council and Food Security and codifying, [NRS 232.4968](#), the CFS into state law in the 80th Legislative Session in 2019, there have been many accomplishments over the years with continued progress in 2023. The CFS is tasked with reviewing legislation and protocols at the federal, state, and local levels for feedback that affects the food policy infrastructure. The CFS meetings are held quarterly along with special sessions, which help partners remain aware of various funding streams and assist with improving the quality of service and meals to Nevadans through education, recommendations, and feedback. Ongoing meetings also help ensure partners remain aware of emergency response plans and streamline food access to provide excellent services to Nevadans.

The CFS continues to recognize the need for systemic collaboration between all partners to adequately reduce hunger and improve a person's overall well-being. The [2018 Needs Assessment](#) estimated that by 2025, almost 100,000 older Nevadans will need supplemental nutrition and/or emergency food services. According to the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#), in Fiscal Year 2022, 455,200 Nevada residents received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits with most of the participants being families with children (62%). Participants continue to steadily increase over the years with a concern for the senior population since the rural and small towns fall behind the national average.¹

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) stunted Nevada's progress in addressing hunger and completely changed the landscape of food insecurity in Nevada. At the height of the pandemic, food security partners statewide saw an unprecedented increase in the need for food and nutrition services, due to high unemployment rates, limited access to resources, and social distancing guidelines.

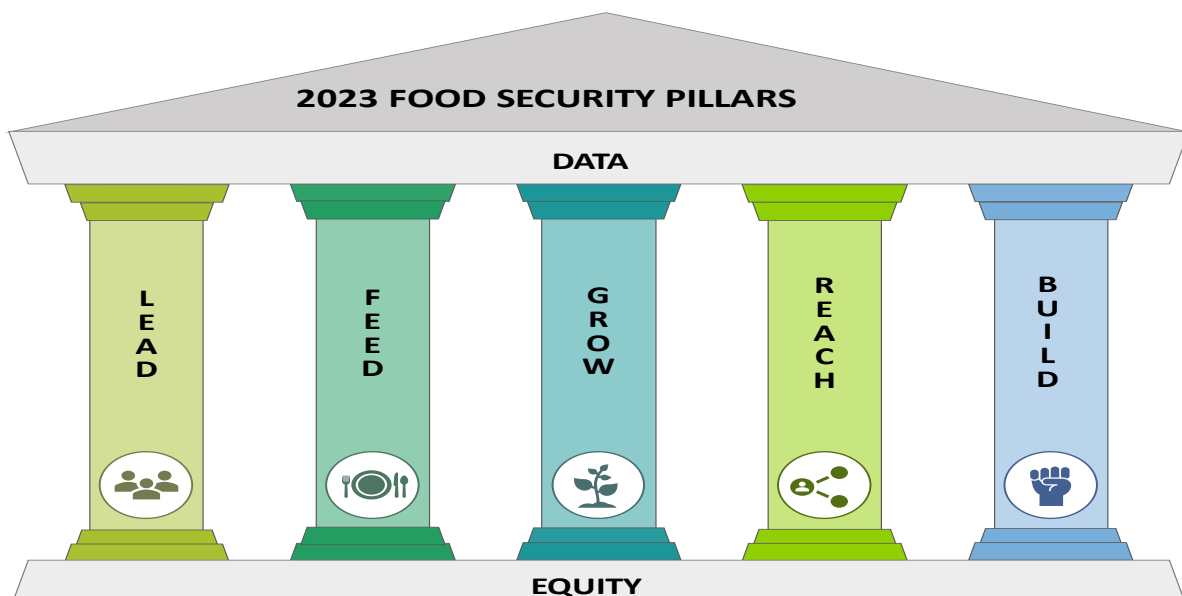
Assisting Nevadans navigate food-related resources has been a major activity in the state. Nevada continues to make significant strides in addressing food insecurity and has a public

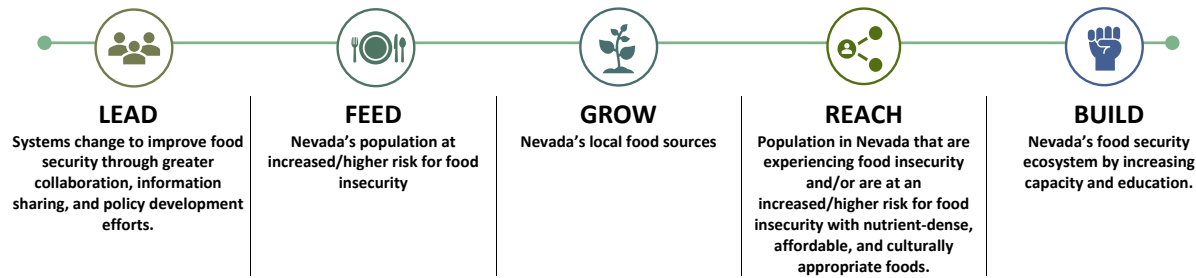
¹ 2023 Nevada Food Security Strategic Plan

database for Nevadans to search for Food Lines and Pantries in their area through the [DHHS Nevada 211](#).

INTRODUCTION

The Council was initially created by Nevada’s Governor to reshape food security and help residents living in food-insecure households by implementing the goals of the 2013 Food Strategic Plan called the [Food Security in Nevada: Nevada's Plan for Action](#). The 2013 Food Strategic Plan was updated in [2023](#) and published on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Food Security (OFS) website. The 2023 Nevada Food Security Strategic Plan “...demonstrates a continued commitment to lead conversations with a broad set of food security ecosystem stakeholders; discuss policies that help reduce food insecurity; and create ideas to build capacity of agencies, nonprofits, and families. While this plan leverages the work already undertaken and will serve as the guiding strategy for food security ecosystem stakeholders, it is not defined just by goals. Rather, it is defined by the commitment and actions of those individually and collectively, and by the Silver State’s potential to build healthier communities.” The Pillars in the plan described below are designed to address the root causes of hunger and to generate a healthier food security ecosystem.





Per [NRS 232.4968](#), the CFS is to create a report to "...review the accomplishments and recommendations of the Council concerning food security, including, without limitation, any recommendations concerning community gardens and urban farms."

FOOD INSECURITY IN NEVADA

Food Insecurity is defined by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or limited/uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations states that a person is food insecure when "...they lack regular access to enough safe and nutritious food for normal growth and development and an active and healthy life."² Food insecurity goes beyond empty refrigerators, pantries, and needing food to survive. Food insecurity impacts an individual's overall health, well-being, and culture and is influenced by the social, political, and economic environment one lives in. It is a significant public health concern associated with adverse health outcomes and a poor quality of life, including chronic diseases and mental health issues.^{3, 4} For example, Feeding America indicates that the total excess health care cost associated with food insecurity is \$518,266,000 in Nevada. Feeding America reports the Food Insecurity rate in Nevada was 13% (409,540) in 2021.⁵ To assuage these health and economic effects of food insecurity, the Funds for Healthy Nevada (FHN)⁶ agencies continue to allow for more options and availability to better meet dietary and medical needs, preferences, and restrictions.

² <https://unric.org/en/unric-library-backgroundunder-food-insecurity/#:~:text=A%20person%20is%20food%20insecure.of%20resources%20to%20obtain%20food.>

³ <https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/publications/84467/err-235.pdf?v=42942>

⁴ <https://academic.oup.com/jn/article/145/3/622/4743717>

⁵ <https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2021/overall/nevada>

⁶ The Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) is governed by Chapter 439, Sections 620–630, of the Nevada Revised Statutes to utilize 60% of tobacco settlement monies received or recovered by the State of Nevada. The DHHS uses

The [State of Obesity 2022 report](#) indicates, “For children and adolescents, food insecurity is associated with a lower quality diet and a range of poor physical and mental health outcomes—including higher odds of having asthma, anemia, and fair or poor health and a higher risk of cognitive issues, aggression, anxiety, depression, behavior problems, suicide ideation, and hospitalization.” Children experiencing food insecurity were also likely to repeat a grade in elementary school, experience developmental impairments in areas like language and motor skills and have more social and behavioral problems. To reduce these risks and concerns, the 2021 Universal School Meals Program Act was established. This act permanently provides free breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack to all school children regardless of income, eliminates school meal debt, and strengthens local economies by incentivizing local food procurement.⁷ The USDA extended these free services through the 2022 school year from the 2021 Universal School Meals Program Act. The Nevada Interim Finance Committee approved \$28 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to continue offering the free meals. This allowed Nevada students to continue universal free meals at school for the 2023-2024 school year.⁸

According to the [2023 Nevada Food Security Strategic Plan](#), there were about 80,000 Nevadans aged 60 years and older who identified as food insecure. Data projections suggest that Nevada will witness a 36% increase in the older adult population over the next ten years. This older adult population faces food security challenges with an increased risk of hunger due to poor health conditions, homebound needs, low fixed incomes, and limitations that impact their ability to obtain or prepare food. Seniors with low income are forced to purchase inexpensive and less nutritious foods to financially secure their housing, utilities, and prescriptions.

As of June 2023, the USDA reports 262,890 Nevada households and 498,558 Nevadans had accepted the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, historically known

the FHN funds to support health and social services activities that align with legislatively defined priority areas to address gaps identified in various needs assessments across the State of Nevada to promote public health and improve health services for children, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities.

⁷ H.R.3115 - 117th Congress (2021-2022): Universal School Meals Program Act of 2021 | Congress.gov | Library of Congress

⁸ <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/InterimCommittee/REL/Document/27744>

as food stamps.^{9,10} SNAP assisted low-income families in purchasing nutritious foods from approved stores. In the beginning of 2023, participants continued to receive the Supplemental Emergency Allotments (SEA) that were established throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, in March 2020, following the Public Health Emergency declaration (PHE). The SEA allowed SNAP participants to receive a second monthly payment to address food insecurity throughout the pandemic. The SEA ceased on March 14, 2023, following the end to PHE (February 2023) with the Nevada Division of Welfare and Support Services (DWSS) issuing over \$1 billion to Nevada households during the PHE. This was in addition to the USDA Food and Nutrition Services bolstering budgets for food banks throughout the country following the pandemic to help further public and private funding sources used to tackle food insecurity. The public funds are obtained through federal, state, and local agencies, as well as governmental units. Private funds are identified through charitable foundations, direct giving programs, voluntary agencies, and other community groups. Nevada food banks and food pantries are reporting an increase in clients receiving food related services since the SEA ended.

The State of Nevada continues to strive toward expanding programs such as the Nevada Community Food Access (NCFA) grant through the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA). On April 1, 2022, the NDA released NCFA to increase food access in underserved communities throughout Nevada, with an emphasis on food distribution, infrastructure enhancement and the provision of food to households in need. Noteworthy, the NDA purchases food grown and produce in Nevada for distribution through the Home Feeds Nevada program.¹¹ This program was established to help Nevada become more food secure by processing and distributing directly to food banks.¹² Throughout 2021-2022, NDA awarded \$500,000 to six (6) partners. In 2022, NDA expanded the scope of the grant by releasing the second round of grant funding to fourteen (14) organizations totaling \$6 million that focused on the food distribution and food storage infrastructure enhancement for households in

⁹ <https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/snap-households-9.pdf>

¹⁰ <https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/snap-persons-9.pdf>

¹¹ https://agri.nv.gov/News/2022/First_food_delivery_for_Nevadans_in_need_made_through_Home_Feeds_Nevada/#:~:text=Home%20Feeds%20Nevada%20is%20a,said%20NDA%20Director%20Jennifer%20Ott.

¹² https://agri.nv.gov/Food/Home_Feeds_Nevada/Home_Feeds_Nevada/

rural, tribal, and underserved communities.¹³ Four (4) of the eleven (11) FHN partners benefited from the NDA expansion funds to assist with increasing distribution and storage space: Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (CCNN), Northern Nevada Dream Center, Food Bank of Northern Nevada, and the Keystone Enrichment Foundation.

FOOD SECURITY ASSESSMENTS AND PLANS

The 2023-2028 State Health Improvement Plan is under development with Food Security Action Plans that align with 4 strategies from the 2023 Food Security Strategic plan. The goal is to reduce food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem in Nevada to help eliminate the existing hunger gap. Over the years the CCNN and Three-Square Food Bank have conducted environmental scans of rural communities in Northern and Southern Nevada to assess additional existing food rescue/donation efforts and/or opportunities. The Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN), contracted with the Nevada Center for Surveys, Evaluation and Statistics (CSES) at the University of Nevada, Reno, and conducted a yearlong surveillance survey that consisted of two parts: 1) a needs assessment, and 2) a neighbor satisfaction survey. This work looked at the entire FBNN service area (13 Northern Nevada counties and parts of eight (8) counties in California).

NEVADA CFS 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The CFS continues to fulfill the duties listed in the [NRS 232.4968](#) and acknowledges the importance of client-centered strategies, teamwork on federal policy changes, and integrating the private sector into the food banks to assist in food abundance for all Nevadans. The CFS continues to recognize farmers, ranchers, and manufacturers as a critical part of Nevada's Food Security and the economy that directly and indirectly impacts businesses such as food banks throughout the state and availability of fresh fruits and vegetables. Partnerships are pivotal in ensuring food insecurities are adequately assessed on an ongoing basis to end hunger and effectively resolve disparities in the State of Nevada.

¹³[https://agri.nv.gov/News/2022/\\$6_million_awarded_to_community_organizations_to_fight_food_insecurity_and_improve_food_access/](https://agri.nv.gov/News/2022/$6_million_awarded_to_community_organizations_to_fight_food_insecurity_and_improve_food_access/)

The macro focus of CFS is the senior population, early education, and school age children. The CFS [met five \(5\) times in 2023](#); January 24, April 18, July 18, and August 18 (Special Session), and October 24. During these meetings, the CFS;

- Developed a presentation for and presented to the Assembly on Health and Human Services on [February 17, 2023](#).
- Discussed the Nevada Office of Food Security Racial Equity Toolkit and FHN Funds.
- Learned about the Food Bank of Northern Nevada Equitable Access grant survey with Feeding America to better understand who and why people are food insecure not accessing services.
- Went over reestablishing the Food for People Not for Landfills Program (FFPNL) per [NRS 232.4969](#)
- Assisted in the development of the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP),
- Monitored the impacts of the SNAP SEA ending.
- Discussed and monitored food related bills.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the CFS monitored the following legislation related to food:

- [SB341](#) Passed June 15, 2023: Assists food banks and food purchases to address the challenges around SNAP benefit reductions.
- [AB109](#) No Action Taken, Died: Establishes a healthy soil initiative. The goal of this bill is to promote regenerative agriculture practices and improve soil health to increase the quality of food, food nutrients and improve healthy soil. Bill would create an Advisory Board made up of nine voting members.
- [AB319](#) Vetoed June 16, 2023: Universal free breakfast and lunch
- Farm Bill: With the expiration of the Farm Bill is likely to expire at the end of September 2023, and with "...Congress passing a [debt ceiling bill](#), it is possible that congressional committees will release Farm Bill legislative text before the end of summer. Some of the provisions of the Farm Bill have been in the spotlight, as they've become sticking points in debt ceiling negotiations, particularly around the expansion of work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. In addition, the debt ceiling bill spending caps could impact agricultural programs that rely on

the annual appropriations process for funding. process for funding.”¹⁴ In November 2023, the Senate passed a continuing resolution to extend the 2018 farm bill. The continuing resolution will extend the farm bill through 2024.

The CFS also discussed what additional needs assessments were outstanding to improve Food Security in the State of Nevada. More specifically Nevada’s current economy, the increased transportation cost for food distribution, and the State’s food production. The Council also discussed the federal programming standards and policies to identify opportunities to expand or allow better access to resources in different ways. These discussions are planned to continue in 2024.

CFS FUTURE FOCUS

In 2024, the CFS will continue to focus on the execution of [The 2023 Nevada Food Security Strategic Plan](#), which is aligned with the 2023-2028 SHIP, Food Security Action Plan. The CFS will continue to hold ongoing meetings to expand knowledge and understanding around food insecurity in Nevada and prepare to participate in the 2025 Nevada Legislative Session.

The Council would like to focus on the following discussions and topics in 2024:

- An in-person option, either Carson City and/or Las Vegas Office(s), for CFS Meetings to further enhance collaboration, cohesiveness, and increase efforts in reducing councils’ vacancies.
- Focus on distribution, support, and general food access.
- Receive presentations that focus on food insecurity statistics (pounds of food distributed, people served, etc.), food distribution, general food access and build awareness on food insecurity programs and existing food databases to access food related resources statewide. Target more specifically the following:
 - The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) on the Community Food Access Project, gaps analysis on food security, Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

¹⁴ [Rural Development Opportunities and the 2023 Farm Bill - National League of Cities \(nlc.org\)](#)

(CFAP), Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA), and the Summer Food Program (SFP).

- Southwest Regional Food System Project
- Home Delivered Meals Program
- Review and discuss the Home Feeds Nevada Program Annual Report.
- Review and discuss the state nutrition statics such as the pounds of food distributed, and people served.
- Survey to determine federal standards or policies in places that are creating barriers that result in a possible increase in food insecurity.
 - Determine where the Council can advocate for change.
- Continuing the discussion on how food insecurity is being addressed in hard-to-reach areas and/or food deserts.

2023 MEMBERS: NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY

(As of 12/28/2023)

Name	Description	Position
Designee for Administrator: Vickie Ives	<i>Administrator of the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health or his or her designee from within the Division.</i>	Designee; Health Bureau Chief; Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health
APPOINTED AS NEEDED	<i>Such other representatives of State Government as may be designated by the Governor</i>	
VACANT	<i>One member who is a representative of the gaming industry, hospitality industry, or restaurant industry.</i>	
Deacon Tom Roberts	<i>A person who is a representative of an organization that provides community-based services, including, without limitation, services that focus on the social determinants of health, in southern Nevada</i>	President and CEO; Catholic Charities, Southern Nevada
Designee for Administrator: Jeff Duncan	<i>Administrator of the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department or his or her designee from within the Division</i>	Designee; Agency Manager; Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division, Child Services
Designee for Administrator: Kelly Cantrelle	<i>Administrator of the Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services or designee from within the Division.</i>	Designee; Deputy Administrator; Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
Designee for Director: Dr. Dorian Stonebarger	<i>Director of the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development or his or her designee within the Office.</i>	Director of the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development; Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development Proxy: Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs
Designee for Governor: Allison Genco	<i>State of Nevada Governor's Designee.</i>	State Public Health Resource Officer, Governor's Office
Designee for Superintendent: Pamela Juniel	<i>Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of education or his or her designee within the Department.</i>	Superintendent of Public Instruction; Nevada Department of Education
Dr. Kenneth Osgood, MD, MPH	<i>A person who is a representative of a local health authority</i>	Southern Nevada Health District Board of Health

Dr. Sabina Malik	<i>A person who is a representative of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension</i>	Public Health Nutritionist; University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
Jenny Yeager	<i>A person who is a representative of a food bank serving northern Nevada</i>	Chief Operations and Programs Officer; Food Bank of Northern Nevada
Jesus Mendoza, Jr.	<i>Western Regional Director of the United States Department of Agriculture or designee from within the Department.</i>	Regional Administrator; United States Department of Agriculture Western Regional Office
Julian Goicoechea	<i>Director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture or designee from within the Department.</i>	Nevada Department of Agriculture, Director
Kelli Kelly	<i>One member who is a representative of persons engaged in the business of processing or distributing food</i>	Director; Fallon Food Hub
Lisa Swearingen	<i>Director or his or her designee from within the Department of Health and Human Services</i>	Chief, Eligibility and Payments Unit, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
Marcia Blake	<i>A person who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities</i>	Executive Director; Helping Hands of Vegas Valley
Maria Menjivar	<i>One member representing community-based services (Rural Nevada).</i>	Environmental Health Division Manager, Carson City Health and Human Services
Marie Baxter	<i>A person who is a representative of an organization that provides community-based services, including, without limitation, services that focus on the social determinants of health, in northern Nevada</i>	CEO; Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada
Maurice Johnson	<i>A person who is a representative of a food bank serving southern Nevada</i>	Director of Operations; Three Square Food Bank
(Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli	<i>A person who possesses knowledge, skill, and experience in the provision of services to children and families</i>	Program Analyst – USDA Food and Nutrition Service
VACANT	<i>One member who is a representative of farmers or ranchers engaged in food production</i>	
VACANT	<i>One member who is a representative of manufacturing that is not related to food.</i>	

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representative of retailers of food.*

Attachment for Agenda Item
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Priority: Social Determinants of Health			
Focus Area: Food Security			
Goal 1: Reduce food insecurity and improve Nevada's overall food security ecosystem to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.			
SMART Objective 1.1: Improve collaboration, communication, coordination, and information and data-sharing among food ecosystem partners by developing and delivering a well-designed presentation to the Nevada legislature on food insecurity and food needs in Nevada. Collaborating with existing organizations like DPBH and CFS, as well as other relevant food ecosystem partners, to increase the effectiveness of these presentations. Host two (2) Food Security fairs/conferences in Southern and Northern Nevada, bringing together local food ecosystem partners, community members, and policy makers, to engage through various keynote speakers and discussions. Also, the provision of opportunities to interact with local vendors, farmers, and community organizations to learn about local foods and resources is essential.			
Priority Population(s): Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.			
Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS)		Supporting Partners: DHHS Nutrition Unit, NV Department of Agriculture (NDA), Food Banks, Food Pantries, Council on Food Security (CFS), Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and sponsors.	
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
<p>1.1.1 Present one (1) presentation to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (HHS) each Biennium.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A designated CFS council member will connect with the Joint Interim Standing Committee LCB support staff on HHS (JISCHHS) and request for a member of the CFS to present annually to the committee. CFS to identify a topic(s) to present to the Joint Interim Standing Committee each biennium, including recommendations that align with Objective 1.2 and 1.2.3 strategy. CFS to identify a member to present to JISCHHS who will prepare and present a presentation, follow up on Committee questions, and provide ongoing presentations as necessary and/or requested by JISCHHS and/or CFS. <p><i>All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.</i></p>	<p>LCB to be initially contacted by 05/31/2024.</p> <p>LCB contacted again in 2026 by 05/31/2026.</p> <p>CFS identifies a member to present by 02/29</p> <p>A minimum of one (1) annual presentation by 12/31</p> <p>Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.</p>	<p>CFS completed two (2) presentations to JISCHHS by 2027.</p>

<p>1.1.2 Organize and host two (2) Food Security Fairs/Conferences: one, (1) in Southern Nevada and one (1) in Northern Nevada. Fairs/Conferences to include stakeholders/partners and service providers/vendors as identified by the food security partners, CFS, and the workgroup.</p>	<p>The Leader and Event Planning Lead will be the OFS in collaboration with CFS to arrange the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an ongoing workgroup to determine logistics of the Fairs/Conferences. • A Survey with Food Security stakeholders/partners and service providers to determine the target audience, presenters (WIC, Child Welfare, Seniors, SNAP, food banks and pantries, transportation service, NDA, early education, mobile grocery shopping, etc.), location, remote option, vendors, date, and time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Target Audience for the fair/conference at minimum must include an invitation to the following programs: WIC, SNAP, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Summer Food Service Program, and food service vendors across the spectrum of food services, including at least one (1) agency with a fleet. • Identify potential source(s) of funding and/or sponsorship. • Establish a Venue/Location, Food, and Fairs/Conferences Schedule/Agenda. • Determine if guidelines are necessary. • Invitations to both conferences are to include legislative partners as identified by the CFS. <p>Communication Lead will be OFS support staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailing members, reminders, invites, and RSVPs. <p>Day-Of-Support Lead will be OFS support staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note-Taking, Tech Support, Printing, Food Logistics, Greeter, Post Refection Survey, etc. 	<p>Workgroup Established by 02/29/2024.</p> <p>Survey to Partners by 05/31/2024.</p> <p>Funding Source and sponsors Identified by 12/31/2024.</p> <p>Efforts and presentations to be documented in the CFS Annual report by 01/31</p> <p>Schedule/Agenda for the Fairs/Conferences to be completed 3 months before Fair/Conference Date.</p> <p>Northern Nevada Fair/Conference held, and Post Reflection Surveys completed by 12/31/2025.</p> <p>Southern Nevada Fair/Conference held, and Post Reflection Surveys completed by 12/31/2027.</p>	<p>One (1) Fair/Conference in Southern Nevada and one (1) Fair/Conference in Northern Nevada with a CFS Annual Report that includes a provider and vendor list, conference presentation summaries, and a contact list to assist in the elimination of the hunger gap in Nevada.</p>
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<p>Resources: https://www.roomtoread.org/media/cqglk30h/step-by-step-guide-to-holding-a-summit.pdf, Southern Nevada Food Council, Northern Nevada Food Council, Washoe County Food Policy Council, Nevada Farm Bureau, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), Mental Health Stakeholders, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), Southwest Regional Food Business Center Project, and Food Service partners identified in the 2022 survey for the 2023 Food Security Strategic Plan.</p>
<p>Goal Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food insecurity rate • Number of clients served by food security service providers • Percent of population eligible for SNAP who participate

<p>Priority: Social Determinants of Health</p>			
<p>Focus Area: Food Security</p>			
<p>Goal 1: Reduce food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem in Nevada to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.</p>			
<p>SMART Objective 1.2: Partner with local farmers, food vendors, tribal communities, and other community organizations to support initiatives aimed at increasing mobile access (food trucks, community gardens, mobile markets, etc.) to healthy foods throughout the State of Nevada, specifically the underserved and remote areas (Churchill County, Elko, Esmeralda County, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Lyon, Storey, Douglas, and White Pine).</p>			
<p>Priority Population(s): Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.</p>			
<p>Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS)</p>		<p>Supporting Partners: CFS, OFS, sponsors, stakeholders/partners from Nevada tribal nations, housing, and the transportation sector. Supporting partners will also include NDA, The Division of Plant Health and Compliance works and Division of Food and Nutrition and local farmers.</p>	
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
<p>1.2.1 Recommend a revision of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS 232) to add up to Three (3) seats on the CFS for individuals who have lived experience with Food insecurity and/or homelessness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFS to make recommendations to Nevada’s Legislature Interim Health and Human Service Committee through an interim HHS presentation. • CFS to make recommendations to the Director of the Health Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) through the CFS Annual Reports that are submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB). • Seats to be specific to individuals from the housing and transportation section(s) and include at least 	<p>A presentation completed by 10/31/2024.</p> <p>Recommendation to DHHS Director by 01/31/2025</p> <p>CFS 2024 Annual Report with recommendations completed by 01/31/25</p>	<p>Three (3) additional seats for the CFS by 2027.</p>

	two (2) members from Nevada’s tribal communities (North/South).		
1.2.2 Allow representative(s) from the housing, transportation sector, and tribal communities to present during the Food Security Fairs/Conferences and CFS.	<p>CFS to identify partners who can present at the CFS annually and the Fairs/Conferences that will improve awareness on policy and programs around the housing, transportation sector, and tribal communities to mitigate drivers of food insecurity.</p> <p><i>All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.</i></p>	<p>One (1) annual presentation to CFS by 12/31.</p> <p>One (1) presentation at each fair/conference (2025 & 2027)</p> <p>Efforts and presentation to be documented in the CFS Annual Report each year.</p> <p>Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.</p>	<p>By 2027 completed a minimum of four (4) presentations.</p> <p>CFS Annual Reports to include summary of presentations.</p>
1.2.3 Meet at minimum of one (1) time per biennium with the Legislature Interim Health and Human Services Committee	<p>CFS will brief the NV Legislature Interim Health and Human Service Committee on food security issues and identify programs/policies that will increase food security; and make presentations regularly to county/city boards to raise awareness about need and programs.</p> <p><i>All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.</i></p>	<p>One (1) presentation by CFS to the Legislature Interim Health and Human Services Committee in 2025 and again in 2027</p> <p>Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.</p>	<p>By 2027 completed a minimum of two (2) presentations.</p> <p>CFS Annual Reports to include summary of presentations.</p>
Resources: CFS, OFS, NDA, Southern Nevada Council on Food Security, and Northern Nevada Council on Food Security.			

Priority: Social Determinants of Health			
Focus Area: Food Security			
Goal 1: Reduce food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem in Nevada to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.			
SMART Objective 1.3: Support new strategic partnerships and increase awareness among the food security ecosystem regarding service providers and funding opportunities that can assist with distributing food to people, particularly individuals at increased/higher risk for food insecurity. The Office of Food Security (OFS) and the Council on Food Security (CFS) will leverage a statewide Food Security Fair/Conference and other existing marketing to assist with awareness.			
Priority Population(s): Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.			
Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS)		Supporting Partners: OFS, CFS, sponsors, Food Banks, Food Pantries, NDA Division of Food and Nutrition, Food Security Service Providers, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS).	
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.3.1 Support the state lead in needs related to the federal SNAP EBT Modernization Technical Assistance Center grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFS and/or CFS to coordinator SNAP EBT Stakeholders/partners to present at the CFS annually. • OFS and/or CFS to provide administrative support with identified partners to present at the CFS each year. • Allow representative(s) from SNAP to present at both the Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference on SNAP EBT Modernization and other funding opportunities that can assist with distributing food to people. 	<p>One (1) presentation to CFS annually by 12/31.</p> <p>One (1) SNAP presentation at the Northern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/25.</p> <p>One (1) SNAP presentation at the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/27.</p> <p>Efforts and presentation to be documented in the CFS Annual Report</p>	Increase funding awareness among the Food Security ecosystem regarding the SNAP EBT Modernization and other grant funding.

		each year. Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	
1.3.2 Support a minimum of two (2) service providers in attending In-Person to both Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The workgroup established in 1.1.1 Strategy will work in collaboration with the CFS and OFS to assist in identifying a minimum of two (2) service providers to attend each Food Security Fair/Conference. OFS will work in collaboration with the workgroup and CFS to identify sponsors to support the attendance of a minimum of two (2) service providers who will attend both the Southern and the Northern Nevada In-Person Food Security Fairs/Conference. Transportation Service providers shall include but not limited to services that bring the food to the people and the people to the food with equity among the rural and urban communities. 	<p>Identification of partners by 03/31/2025 for Northern Nevada Fair/Conference.</p> <p>Identification of partners by 03/31/2027 for the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference.</p> <p>Northern Nevada Fair/Conference Attendance by 12/31/2025.</p> <p>Southern Nevada Fair/Conference Attendance by 12/31/2027.</p>	Support new strategic partnerships that can assist with transportation needs and efforts to distribute food to people.
Resources: https://www.fns.usda.gov/grant/snap-ebt-modernization-technical-assistance-center , Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), the Grant Lab, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), and Nevada Food Banks.			

Priority: Social Determinants of Health
Focus Area: Food Security
Goal 1: Reduce food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem in Nevada to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.
SMART Objective 1.4: Utilize existing outreach channels and participate in marketing opportunities to inform eligible individuals and eligible households about WIC and SNAP benefits, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Summer Food Service Program, and any other additional summer food, school lunch, and breakfast programs. Increase awareness of existing campaigns that emphasize the benefits, requirements, and application processes for sponsors.

Priority Population(s): Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.			
Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS)		Supporting Partners: Sponsors, OFS, CFS, Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), school stakeholders (Department of Education, school districts, etc.), and NDA Division of Food and Nutrition.	
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.4.1 Support in the identification of partnerships to increase WIC and SNAP participation and support rural program efforts for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The OFS and/or CFS will collaborate with WIC, SNAP, DWSS, and academic partners to identify a representative who is willing to present at CFS about WIC, SNAP, and existing partnerships statewide. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation to include barriers preventing partners from accepting supplemental nutritional assistance applications, which will be tracked via CFS Annual Reports. CFS to collaborate with NDA to Identify at minimum three (3) rural representatives for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and/or Summer Food Service Program to present during the CFS annually. This can include, but not limited to NDA program staff. Allow representative(s) from WIC, SNAP, the NDA Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program to present at both the Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference. CFS and OFS to collaborate with the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) Division of Food and Nutrition and school stakeholders (food distribution on Indian Reservations, school lunch and breakfast recipients, etc.) to increase awareness around NDA administered 	<p>Four (4) presentations to the CFS annually by 12/31.</p> <p>Identification of partners for CFS presentation by 04/30 annually.</p> <p>Identification of partners by 03/31/2025 for Northern Nevada Fair/Conference.</p> <p>One (1) presentation at the Northern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/25.</p> <p>Identification of partners by 03/31/2027 for the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference.</p> <p>One (1) presentation at the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference by</p>	<p>Increase participation in programs designed to reduce food insecurity.</p> <p>Sixteen (16) presentations to the CFS by 2027.</p>

	<p>programs aimed to improve food Security (Child and Adult Care Food Program, Food Distribution on Indian Reservations, School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, Summer Food Programs, etc.).</p>	<p>12/31/27.</p> <p>All efforts and presentation summaries are to be included in the CFS Annual Report.</p> <p>Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.</p>	
<p>Resources: Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), Southern Nevada Council on Food Security, Northern Nevada Council on Food Security, State of Nevada’s Council on Food Security, Division of Public Behavioral Health-The Office of Food Security, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Nevada Department of Education, and Statewide Food Banks.</p>			