Summary of budget priorities (2021 session) presented by Three Square Governor’s Council on Food Security – Policy Subcommittee
February 3, 2020

State Food Purchasing Program

- **Purpose:** The purpose of this program is two-fold. 1) **Timely:** Nevada has received more than 19M lbs in TEFAP product since 2018 due to trade mitigation. This product has increased the volume and variety of food Nevada’s Food Banks have to offer agencies and clients in our network. As trade mitigation goes away, our food banks are in need of the types of healthy food that has been offered to us. While we are working many angles to backfill the meals that TEFAP has provided, we feel a SFPP is a good long-term strategy. 2) **Relationships:** Nevada has produce and food that is made right in our own state. By implementing a SFPP we can build relationships with these entities that will open the doors to the food we need now, plus opportunities in the future for food rescue, financial donations, farm to food bank, etc.

- **Inclusive of:** Grown, manufactured or vended agriculture products in Nevada

- **Inclusive of:** Agriculture products include meat, dairy/dry dairy, produce products (Fruits, vegetables, nuts & seeds) as well as food made in Nevada like juice, dry milk, tortillas, etc.

- **Funding:** it is probably too early to say how much funding this would take, but I do have a few scenarios worked up based on the list of agricultural commodities provided to me (attached).
  - I would strongly encourage though the funding plan incorporate food manufacturers located in Nevada, which was only referenced in the early projections provided. For example Ocean Spray and the dry milk factory aren’t listed among the commodity items on the early projections sheet. These are opportunities for us to develop a better relationship with them on the charitable side so that in addition to purchased items, the donation relationships also become stronger.

Medicaid Waiver Meals for Frail and Elderly

- **Purpose:** Aligns waiver services for home delivered nutrition assistance covered by Medicaid for both the Physical Disability (PD) Waiver, and the Frail and Elderly (F&E) Waiver.
  - Currently only the Physical Disability Waiver contains provisions for home delivered nutrition assistance, the Frail and Elderly Waiver does not include this service (though it used to, Nevada just wasn’t using it so it was removed.)
  - Medicaid home delivered nutrition assistance includes 2 meals per day, reimbursed at $5 per meal. This is a rate approved in the Nevada Medicaid State Plan.

- **Inclusive of:** There are seniors on the PD waiver that could move to the F&E waiver if it contained home delivered nutrition assistance services, thereby making more room for non-seniors with physical disabilities.

- **Inclusive of:** There are seniors receiving Meals on Wheels (one meal a day) that are on the F&E waiver, and if they had the ability to receive nutrition assistance through Medicaid, then they could be served by a Medicaid home delivered meal vendor (approved by the state) and be removed from the caseload of MOW.

- **Impact to people:** ?? Three Square hasn’t been informed the number of people, just the cost.
  - It is highly recommended that ADSD present on the number of lives this change would impact.

- **Cost:** Adding Home Delivered Meals to F&E Waiver (provided by ADSD at the request of Three Square)

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