

Governor's Council on Food Security Policy Subcommittee
Minutes
March 3, 2020

The Council on Food Security Policy Subcommittee held a public meeting on March 3, 2019 beginning at approximately 1:05 P.M. at the following locations:

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

Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance
4220 S. Maryland Pkwy. Building D, Suite 810
Las Vegas, NV, 891119

Board Members Present

Homa Annoshepoor, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Division, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) (Carson City)
Deacon Tom Roberts, President and Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (CCNN) (Phone)
Marcia Blake, Executive Director, Helping Hands of Vegas Valley (HHOVV) (Las Vegas)
Diane Hogan, Community Nutrition Supervisor, Food and Nutrition Division, NDA (Phone)

Board Members Not Present

Shane Piccinini, Government Relations, Food Bank of Northern Nevada (Carson City)

Ex-Officio Members Present

N/A

Staff Present:

Laura Urban, Food Security and Wellness Manager, Office of Food Security (OFS), Child, Family and Community Wellness (CFCW), Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Cathy Wright, Administrative Assistant III, Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC), CFCW, DPBH

Others Present:

Robert Thompson, Deputy Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)(Las Vegas)
Aurora Buffington, PhD, RDN, LD, FAND, Assistant Professor/Public Health Nutrition Specialist, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) (Las Vegas)
Joe Dibble, RDN, LD. School Nutrition Supervisor, NDA (Carson City)
Allison Schnitzer, Health Educator II, RD, LD, Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Regis Whaley, MPH, CHES, Director of Business Support, Three Square Food Bank
Donna Gould, Health and Nutrition Intern, UNCE

1. Roll Call

Chair Homa Anooshepoor called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

Roll call was taken, and it was determined a quorum of the Council on Food Security (CFS) Policy Subcommittee was present, per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 439.519 § 2.

2. ACTION ITEM: Approve the Minutes from the February 3, 2020 Meeting

HOMA ANOOSHEPOOR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 3, 2020 MEETING. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY DEACON THOMAS ROBERTS. MARCIA BLAKE SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

3. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Present School Wellness policy recommendations

Allison Schnitzer presented on School Wellness Policy recommendations on behalf Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) and the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE). Her presentation can be found [here](#).

The Policy Subcommittee suggested SNHD and UNCE share their school wellness policy recommendations with the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) for feedback.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Present on home delivered eligibility in the Medicaid Frail and Elderly Waiver (FE Waiver)

Crystal Wren presented the number of individuals on the FE Waiver currently participating in/using home-delivered and congregate meals. Currently, both congregate and home delivered meals are not covered under the FE Waiver. As of January 31, 2020, there were 2,234 FE Waiver clients. In FY2019, 111 FE Waiver clients received congregate meals. In FY2020, 97 FE Waiver clients received congregate meals. In FY2019, 717 FE Waiver clients received home delivered meals, and in FY2020 537 FE Waiver clients received home delivered meals. Between FY2019 and FY 2020, approximately 27% of FE Waiver recipients received meals through congregate meal sites or home delivered meals.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Present update on Senate Bill 323 (SB323), regarding revising provisions governing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Robert Thompson shared an update on SB323, specifically regarding the status on the Nevada Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) waiver. Mr. Thompson stated the Washoe County ABAWD waiver expired December 2018. DWSS was approved for another waiver, however due to changes in the Farm Bill all new waivers will expire March 31, 2020 nationwide. The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) reapplied for another waiver but was found ineligible under waiver criteria for all of Nevada, with the exception of tribal areas.

DWSS has banked hardship exemptions. Due to changes in the Farm Bill, bank exemptions will expire at the end of the Federal Fiscal year, Oct 1, 2020; thus DWSS determined it appropriate to use banked exemptions to delay the “ABAWD clock” for non-Washoe counties for one more month (April 2020) with the “calendar clock” now starting May 1, 2020. If these exceptions are not used, they will expire.

The next group of Nevadans impacted by the Farm Bill change will begin transitioning off the ABAWD waiver in August 2020. DWSS estimates 25,000 adults will transition off the ABAWD waiver. Currently, the only approved ABAWD waiver going forward in Nevada is in the tribal areas.

6. ACTION ITEM: Present Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (CCSN) policy priorities

Deacon Roberts presented CCSN's policy recommendations around home delivered meals. His presentation can be found [here](#). Additional accompanying documents for his presentation can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Deacon Roberts stated CCSN will be requesting an additional fifty-cent increase in reimbursements for the meals on wheels program, as well as additional funding to address the meals on wheels waiting list.

7. ACTION ITME: Present, discuss and approve budgetary policy recommendations Laura Urban summarized the Nevada Council on Food Security (CFS) Policy Subcommittee Recommendations. Her handout can be found [here](#).

Per the Policy Subcommittee, two (2) additional recommendations were added to the handout, including: 1) enhance nutrition education opportunities for seniors and 2) allocate funding to address the meals on wheels waiting list.

The Policy Subcommittee reviewed the recommendations and agreed additional fiscal information was needed prior to approval. They requested budgets be drafted for each recommendation and shared with the Policy Subcommittee. They requested an additional meeting be scheduled for late March to review, prioritize, and approve budgetary recommendations before the CFS meeting scheduled for April 7, 2020.

Ms. Urban stated she will issue a survey to assess availability for a follow-up subcommittee meeting in late March.

8. Present and approve future agenda items

Ms. Urban stated the agenda for the meeting in late March agenda will include three (3) items:

- 1) approval of March 3, 2020 meeting minutes;
- 2) review, prioritize, and approve budgetary policy recommendations; and
- 3) present and approve future agenda items.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.