

The Nevada Council on Food Security
[DRAFT] Minutes
October 6, 2020

The Nevada Council on Food Security held a public meeting on July 30, 2020 beginning at approximately 1:00 P.M. via video and teleconference. This meeting was held in accordance with Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006; Subsection 1; The requirement contained in NRS 241.023 (1) (b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended.

Board Members Present

Jennifer Ott, Director of Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)
Beth Handler, Deputy Director, Programs, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Candice McDaniel, Health Bureau Chief, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness (CFCW), Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), DHHS
Deacon Tom Roberts, President and Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (CCSN)
Rique Robb, Deputy Administrator of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD), Child Services
Dr. Kenneth Osgood, Southern Nevada Health District Board of Health
Homa Annoshepoor, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Division, NDA
Jesus Mendoza, Regional Administrator, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Western Regional Office (WRO)
Jhone Ebert Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada Department of Education (NDE)
Joe Garcia for Robert Thompson, Deputy Administrator Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)
Kelli Kelly, Director, Fallon Food Hub
Marcia Blake, Executive Director, Helping Hands of Vegas Valley (HHOVV)
Marie Baxter, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (CCNN)
Rebekah Stetson, Chief Executive Officer of Family
Brittany Price, Director of Sustainable Operations, MGM Resorts International

Board Members Not Present

Jodi Tyson, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Three Square Food Bank
Michael Brown, Director of the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development

Staff Present:

Sarah Metcalf, MPH, NDTR, CLC, Nutrition Unit Deputy Chief, Nutrition Unit, CFCW, DPBH, DHHS
Laura Urban, Food Security and Wellness Manager, Office of Food Security (OFS), Nutrition Unit, CFCW, DPBH, DHHS
Cathy Wright, Administrative Assistant III, Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC), CFCW, DPBH

Others Present:

Jenny Yeager, Director of Programs and Community Engagement, Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN)
Shane Piccinini, Government Relations, FBNN
Ashanti Lewis, Advocacy Manager, Three Square Food Bank

1. Roll Call

Chair Jennifer Ott called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chair Ott called for public comment and there was none.

3. ACTION ITEM: Approve minutes from the July 30, 2020 meeting

CHAIR OTT ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 30, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY DEACON TOM ROBERTS. MARIE BAXTER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

4. ACTION ITEM: Present and approve CFS Policy Subcommittee budgetary policy recommendation(s)

Homa Annoshepoor provided an overview of the CFS Policy Subcommittee. The Policy Subcommittee is comprised of representatives from the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN), Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (CCSN), and Helping Hands of Vegas Valley (HHOVV). The Policy Subcommittee vetted a several food security-related policy recommendations and ultimately decided to recommend three (3) policies to the greater CFS.

Each recommendation was presented via a justification template provided by each sponsoring partner. The justification to establish a state food purchasing program can be found [here](#). The justification to remove requirements restricting individuals committed of a drug felony within the past 20 years from receiving the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can

be found [here](#). The justification to increase Home Delivered Meal (HDM) Program reimbursement can be found [here](#).

Rique Robb requested the dollar amount be removed from the policy recommendation to increase the HDM Program Reimbursement.

The CFS agreed.

CHAIR OTT ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MENU OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS. RIQUE ROBB ABSTAINED. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY DR. KENNETH OSGOOD. MARIE BAXTER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

5. ACTION ITEM: Present, discuss, and approve next steps regarding *Food Security in Nevada: Nevada's Plan for Action*

Laura Urban presented on the history of the CFS and *Food Security in Nevada: Nevada's Plan for Action* (i.e. the Food Security Plan). The original Food Security Plan, developed in 2013 can be found [here](#). In 2016, the CFS established two (2) subcommittees to review and document progress on the Food Security Plan, as well as make recommendations for its revision. The *2013-2017 Plan Progress and Recommendations Report* documents the Subcommittees' findings and recommendations and can be found [here](#). Per this report, the latest iteration of the Plan was developed and finalized in 2018 and can be found [here](#).

The CFS discussed the future of the Plan and whether it should be updated. Ultimately, the CFS agreed the plan should be updated, but not until after the 81st Nevada Legislative Session. The strategy for the Food Security Plan revision will be discussed at the July 13, 2021 CFS meeting.

6. ACTION ITEM: Discuss and approve recommendations and next steps regarding the 2020 CFS Annual Report

Ms. Urban stated per Senate Bill (SB) 178, an annual report on CFS progress and recommendations must be submitted to the Director of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) by January 31st, 2021. Ms. Urban stated the 2021 Annual Report will be more comprehensive than previous years and will include more data on the current status of food insecurity in Nevada, including county-specific data and projections.

The CFS recommended including a summary of the two (2) CFS Subcommittees, as well as touch on the Statewide Senior Summit coordinated by CFS members Dr. Kenneth Osgood and Dr. Aurora Buffington.

Chair Ott asked CFS members to connect with Ms. Urban directly regarding additional topics to be included in the 2021 Annual Report.

7. Update on CFS Food for People, Not Landfills (FFPNL) Subcommittee

Brittany Price presented the FFPNL Subcommittee update on behalf of Jodi Tyson, FFPNL Subcommittee Chair.

Ms. Price stated the FFPNL Subcommittee continues to meet on twice per quarter. Currently, the Subcommittee is working on developing a baseline food donation report, per donation data from FBNN, Three Square Food Bank, and Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (CCNN). The FFPNL Subcommittee is currently strategizing how best to develop the required five (5) year program goal as well as develop the FFPNL Program seal required per SB178.

8. ACTION ITEM: Present and discuss future meeting dates

Ms. Urban presented the proposed 2021 CFS meeting dates. The handout can be found [here](#).

Marcia Blake requested the July 7, 2021 meeting be moved to the following week, July 13, 2021.

The CFS agreed.

Ms. Urban stated she will update the handout and share with CFS members after the meeting.

9. Member updates

Dr. Osgood gave an update on the virtual Senior Services Summit, which strived to connect and enhance collaboration among organizations offering nutrition and social services to older Nevadans. The Summit included eight (8) presentations from partnering agencies and organizations. In total, 111 people registered, of which 90 were from organizations and agencies including churches, pantries, and state agencies. Dr. Osgood and Dr. Buffington will keep the CFS apprised of next steps.

Dr. Buffington presented an update on behalf of the Southern Nevada Food Policy Council (SNFPC). Currently the SNFPC is providing feedback on the City of Las Vegas masterplan, specifically on the section regarding urban agriculture. The City of Las Vegas is requesting comments on their masterplan, due by October 20, 2020. The masterplan can be found [here](#). Feedback can be provided [here](#). Dr. Buffington stated the SNFPC hosted a healthy food access workshop with special guest, Karen Shore, who previously was the Director of the Food Trust. She stated World Food Day is October 16, 2020. World Food Day resources and information can be found [here](#).

Ms. Anoshepoor shared the NDA's success in reaching children, ages 18 and under, through their Child Nutrition Programs, including the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Through CARES Act Funding, NDA provided \$2.8 million dollars in grants to partners providing food to food insecure Nevadans and an additional \$2.8 million to the FBNN and Three Square Food Bank.

Kelly Kelli provided an updated on the Fallon Food Hub's efforts made possible via the NDA funding. Ms. Kelli stated the Fallon Food Hub distributed 18,000 pounds of locally grown produce over a nine (9) week period. She stated Fallon Food Hub is thankful to be a part of the NDA program and excited about how the connections made between local farmers and the community in Churchill County.

10. Present and approve future agenda items

Ms. Baxter suggested an agenda item in either January or April 2020 reviewing the initiatives funded via the CARES Act, and to strategize how the food security network will continue to meet the need once the CARES Act funding has concluded.

Deacon Roberts suggested an agenda item in January 2020 to discuss any emerging updates related to the 81st Nevada Legislative session.

11. Public Comment

Chair Ott called for public comment; there was none.

12. Adjournment

Director Ott adjourned the meeting at 2:55 P.M.

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