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NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 15, 2024

Time: 1:00 P.M. to Adjournment

Location: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Jeff Duncan (Chair Pro-Tempore)
Dr. Pamela Juniel
Dr. Sabina Malik
Marcia Blake
Maria Menjivar
Gabby Everett
Charlotte Williams
Sara Meyer (Proxy for Deacon Tom Roberts)
Vickie Ives
Jill Moe

Members Absent:

Allison Genco (Chair)
Tori Lawson-Boffelli (Present for part of the meeting)
Kelly Cantrelle (Present for part of the meeting)
Dr. Dorain Stonebarger
Dr. Julian Goicoechea
Jesus Mendoza Jr.
Lisa Swearingen

A quorum was confirmed by Rory Fuller.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pro-Tem Jeff Duncan at 1:00 P.M.

2. Public Comment:

Dr. Pamela Juniel commented on the success of the statewide Homeless Conference held the previous week by the Nevada Alliance addressing homelessness, housing, and food security topics were discussed.

3. Approval of 2025 Meeting Dates:

Motion by Dr. Sabina Malik to approve the 2025 meeting dates (January 14th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 14th, with July 15th meeting in-person). Motion seconded by Marcia Blake. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Approval of July 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Maria Menjivar to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2024 meeting. Motion seconded by Gabby Everett. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Review and Recommendation for Vacant Council Seats:

Discussions were held regarding the application processes for vacant council seats. Bethany Herzing's application was recommended to move forward to the Governor's office for the seat "persons engaged in the business of processing or distributing food".

Motion to support moving forward with Bethany Herzing's application made by Marcia Blake. Seconded by Maria Menjivar. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Southern Nevada Food Council Presentation:

Dr. Sabina Malik presented on the Southern Nevada Food Council's progress on the Healthy Food Access Map, highlighting new data layers and cooperative efforts with other agencies. (Presentation attached in meeting packet.)

7. Green Our Planet Presentation:

Presentation was scheduled by Ciara Byrne, Co-Founder & Co-CEO; the presentation provided insights and updates on Green Our Planet's initiatives and impact. (Presentation attached in meeting packet.)

8. The After Market Presentation:

Dewayne McCoy, CEO, provided an overview and update on The After Market's contributions to the food system and community engagement. (Presentation attached in meeting packet.)

9. Food for People Not Landfills Annual Report:

Standing Agenda item. Eser Irshad from Office of Food Security reported that there are no updates at this time.

10. Approval of 2024 Draft Annual Report:

The draft 2024 annual report was presented for review, and edits suggested.

- Add Dr. Title to Dr. Pamela Juniel.
- Fix footnote numbering on Pg. 6, and year on Pg. 5
- Pg. 5 taking last paragraph and making it into bullets and add image.
- Three Square food bank corrected to just "Three Square"
- Other Minor grammatical changes were made during the meeting.

Motion by Dr. Malik to include all the discussed edits and then send the draft for final approval.

Seconded Vickie Ives, Motion carried unanimously.

11. Review of State Health Improvement Plan Objectives:

Standing agenda item. Sarah Rogers led a discussion on the review of the State Health Improvement Plan objectives. (Attached in meeting packet.)

No action was taken.

12. Discussion of 2024 Goals and Setting 2025 Goals:

Discussion centered on ongoing goals listed on the agenda and new strategic goals.

Potential new future goals:

- Agenda item: 12-ii Southwest Regional Food Systems Project may be mistakenly named, and may be the Food Business Center, if so, that may be an avenue to a food hub, potentially a future council goal.
- Potentially adding Great Basin Community Food Co-op, a Northern Nevada food hub, as something for the council to explore in the future.
- Having the State Emergency Food Plan shared.
- Agenda item: 12-iii Home Delivered Meals Program as a presentation.

No Action was taken.

13. Future Agenda Items:

- keep the standing agenda items on Food for People Not Landfills, and the State Health Improvement Plan.
- FHN hunger funds annual report – January
- Presentation of Home Delivered Meals Program
- Standing agenda item on Food Security Conference, January, April, and July in 2025.
- Add legislative session agenda item to discuss BD Rs other legislative needs such as policy briefs or legislative briefs.

Motion by Jill Moe to add Items to future agenda(s), second by Dr. Malik, Motion carried unanimously.

14. Public Comment:

No further public comments were made.

15. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Marcia Blake, seconded by

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M. by Chair Pro-Tem Jeff Duncan.

Minutes Prepared by: Rory Fuller