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THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY MEETING AGENDA (CFS)

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE

January 14, 2025

(Draft) Meeting Minutes

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

Attendance:

Members present:

- Allison Genco (Chair)
- Pamela Juniel
- (Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli
- Charlotte Williams
- Vickie Ives
- Jeff Duncan
- Kelly Cantrelle
- Lisa Swearingen
- Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
- Brittany Mally *proxy for Dr. Julian Goicoechea
- Dr. Sabina Malik
- Terry Everette
- Jill Moe
- Marcia Blake
- Maria Menjivar

Members absent:

- Gabby Everette

A quorum was confirmed.

Others Present:

- TaShika Lawson
- Sarah Rogers
- Michelle Harden
- Lori Taylor
- Rory Fuller
- Theresa L. Reyome
- Anais Infante
- Alexis Hogan
- Allen (Chungten) Pai
- Amber Hise
- Anakaren Lamas
- Bjorn Blomquist
- Darlene K. Douthitt
- Emily Sanchez
- Eser Irshad
- Imran William
- Tami M. Conn
- Tamera Brower
- Taylor Moseley
- Troy Lovick
- Yanyan Qiu
- Patrica Hoppe

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Time the meeting was called to order: 1:15PM

Name of the presiding officer: Allison Genco

2. Public Comment:

First Public Comment Period:

TaShika Lawson inquired if there was a task force and how often the task force meets. She also wanted to know how often the Governor's office touches base on this with regards to the Southern Nevada Region on the historic West side. Chair Allison Genco clarified TaShika's inquiry by informing the task force meets quarterly but the Southern Nevada Council meets regularly. Chair Genco asked Dr. Sabina Malik to provide more clarity, which Dr. Malik confirmed that the Southern Nevada Food Council meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month at 2PM.

Vickie Ives wanted to let folks know that the Maternal Child Health Title V needs assessment which determines how funding is spent on that award for the next five years will be launching soon and shared information for those that may be interested can participate in Spring.

3. Approval of September 30, 2024, and October 15, 2024, meeting minutes:

Chair Genco asked for a motion to approve the 2024 meeting minutes (September 30th and October 14th). First Motion was moved by Jeff Duncan. Motion second by Dorian E. Stonebarger. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Virtual and In-Person Meeting Date Confirmation

Virtual and in-person meetings will go on as intended. Sarah Rogers stated that we will need to address a location in the South. Sabina offered UNR extension as a location for meeting in the South.

5. Discussion and Approval to review and recommend Vacant Council Seats

Discussions were held regarding the applications for vacant council seats. Deacon Tom retired, and Sara Ramirez has applied for the position "A person who is a representative of an organization that provides community-based services" and is currently awaiting approval. Carlos Carrillo was previously approved by the Council but has not submitted needed paperwork to complete appointment. Maria Menjivar is transitioning from Rural Representative to of Local Health Authority. Charlotte Williams announced that she will be stepping down and a Representative of a Food Bank in Northern Nevada and recommended Amber Torres to occupy this seat to allow for more diverse representation as Amber is Native American. Resumes and letter of interests were reviewed and approved for Amber Torres for "A person representative of a food bank in Northern Nevada", Maria Menjivar for "A person representative of a Local Health Authority", and Nishat B. Gould for "One member who is a representative of a retailer of food". Chair Genco asked for a motion to approve applications. Dorian E Stonebarger provided first motion and. Charlotte Williams seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Home Delivered Meals Program Presentation:

Sarah Meyers of Catholic Charities of South Nevada's presentation was moved to April 15th meeting.

7. Nutritional Health Literacy Survey Presentation:

Alex Neal of Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity's Presentation was moved to April 15th meeting.

8. Food for People Not Landfills Program (FFPNL) Updates and Recommendations – Lori Taylor, Office of Food Security

Food for People Not Landfills Program update has been postponed to April 15th meeting. Six AmeriCorps members with the Office of Food Security will help with efforts related to food security. At least two are assigned to the Council. Current FFPNL member positions have been confirmed except for Gabby Everett and Cassie Snow. Marcia Blake informed everyone that Gabby Everett appears to no longer be with Three Square. Chair Genco asked for a motion to add a community partner that does food rescue to FFPNL. First motion by Jeffrey S. Duncan. Motion seconded by Dorian E. Stonebarger. Motion unanimously approved.

9. FHN Hunger Funds (NOFO and Annual Report) – Lori Taylor, Office of Food Security

Lori Taylor provided updates that the Funds for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) Hunger Funds next annual report is in draft form. FHN NOFO's have been updated to include a requirement to display SNAP-Ed materials provided by DPBH for state fiscal year 26 and 27. FHN Hunger Funds were increased from \$2,000,000 per year to \$2.4 million annually. New FHNNOFO is set to be released on or around January 17, 2025.

10. State Health Improvement Plan Action Steps and Objectives

Currently there is one work group, the Northern Nevada Food Security Conference Workgroup along with plans to establish a Southern Nevada Food Security Conference Workgroup. The Council is uncertain on having the two groups work simultaneously, therefore it will push the inception of the second work group until October 2025. Members unanimously agreed to start the Southern Nevada Food Security Conference Workgroup at the end of the first conference so it can build off the existing work. Lori Taylor stated there is a current list of interested persons for potential work group participation, Dr. Malik offered assistance to

recommend additional people from the Southern Nevada Food Council. Dr. Malik provided suggested locations for the 2027 Food Security conference. Suggested locations included North Las Vegas or Las Vegas' Historic West Side, stating it would make the meeting available to consumers or stakeholders that wish to be involved. University of Nevada, Reno Extension was also considered.

11. 2025 and 2027 Food Security Conference

- Inter-local with UNR in progress for October 6 - 7, 2025 conference.
- Logistics such as transportation, hotel, travel, etc. are still being configured.
- Survey will be resent to discuss priorities on what to place on the agenda and requesting proposals soon.

12. 2025 State Legislative Session

- Special sessions were set to be held throughout legislative session, allowing the Council to discuss and address relevant bills.
 - Special session dates: February 11th, March 11th, and May 13th
 - There is acknowledgement on the universal school meals and will soon expect to see a bill drafted
- Meeting with Small agriculture roundtables, expanding cottage food and craft food cap on Thursday January 16, 2025, at 1PM virtual.
- Hunger Action Day for legislature is set for February 17th.
- Northern Nevada Food Bank and Three Square Food Bank were each given \$2,000,000 to address food insecurity during the 2023 legislative session and will provide information on how the dollars were used during the 2025 session.

No BDR set to put forward for this legislative session. Additional federal funding from USDA has been received by Home Feeds Nevada., which is also referred to as LFPA Motioned by Dr. Sabina Malik for approval. Motion seconded by Jeff Duncan.

13. CFS 2025 Goals

- Increase council on food security seats to include representation from tribal, housing, and transportation sector, and individuals with lived experience.
- CFS members hope to attend Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada meetings and if able.
- Review federal standards or policies that create barriers and food insecurity risks.
- subjects and topics related to food insecurity. Statistics such as the pounds of food distributed, and people served.
- Discussion on potential change to the CFS annual reporting period timeline to align with federal fiscal year versus a calendar year.

14. Future Agenda Items

- UNR received a food hub planning grant feasibility study and a business plan
- Establishing the emergency food plan to be a part of the April meeting.
- Home Delivered Meals Presentation.
- Nutrition Literacy Presentation

Motion by Marcia Blake to add items to future agenda(s), second by Pamela Juniel. Motion was unanimous.

15. Public Comment:

Second Public Comment Period:

Tashika Lawson inquired on a few concerns for the communities and how they will receive assistance:

- where to find an updated list for Food Security Council meetings that are projected for 2025:
- what the current process for identifying community resource partners, providing services and getting them into a pipeline
- expanding access to others, for example, adding a search tool to the governor's page that can connect to an app as the last update is dated from 2014 on Southern Nevada's Food Access page and current USDAs map was last updated in 2019
- include emergency adults for optimizing the modernization of the future
- Food preservation: if there a committee established that focuses on reducing food waste by encouraging safe food preservation, education and practices
- Nevada Feed Program: local farms had reached out about Nevada Feed discontinued services in December which left micro and small farms with unsold produce and trying to release it back to the public as the produce has a short shelf life

Tashika was assisted by Allison Genco after the meeting regarding her concerns. Jill Moe discussed key events coming up for Nevada farmers such as farmer's market promotion program trainings, urban agriculture conferences, beekeepers conference. Business Builder Grant Award Program was just released along with Technical Assistance rewards which aims to improve Nevada's capacity to provide food to the population.

16. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Allison Genco, second by Maria Menjivar. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM.

Minutes Prepared by: Anais Infante

Next Meeting:

Special Meeting: Counsel on Food Security Special Session

Date: February 11, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting