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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES





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## THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY MEETING AGENDA

January 14, 2025 1:00 P.M. To Adjournment

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#### Call to order and Roll Call

Members: Allison Genco (Chair), Dr. Pamela Juniel, Tori Lawson-Boffelli, Vickie Ives, Jeff Duncan, Kelly Cantrelle, Dr. Dorian Stonebarger, Dr. Julian Goicoechea, Terry Gunnell, Lisa Swearingen, Maria Menjivar, Charlotte Williams, Dr. Sabina Malik, Gabby Everett, Jill Moe, and Marcia Blake.

- 2. Public Comment: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item unless the matter is included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. The Chair of the Council on Food Security (CFS) will place a five (5) minute time limit on the time individuals addressing the CFS. To provide public comment telephonically, dial 1-775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the meeting ID, enter 651 121 288#. Members of the public utilizing the call-in (audio only) number may raise their hand by pressing \*5. Persons making comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name.
- 3. For Possible Action: Approval of October 15, 2024, and September 30, 2024, meeting minutes Allison Genco, Chair
- 4. Informational Item: Approved on October 15, 2024 future virtual and in-person meeting dates. Allison Genco, Chair
  - Virtual April 15, 2025, 1:00 PM
  - In Person (Carson) and Virtual July 15, 2025, 1:00 PM
  - Virtual October 14, 2025, 1:00 PM
- 5. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to review and recommend applications to fill vacant council seats, per NRS 232.4966(4) Allison Genco, Chair
- **6. Informational Item:** Home Delivered Meals Program Presentation, Sara Meyers, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
- 7. Informational Item: Nutritional Health Literacy Survey Presentation, Alex Neal, Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity
- 8. For Possible Action: Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 232.4969 Food for People Not Landfills Program (FFPNL) updates and recommendations Lori Taylor, Office of Food Security.
- 9. Informational Item: FHN Hunger Funds (NOFO and Annual Report)–Lori Taylor, Office of Food Security.
- 10. For Possible Action: Review and possible recommendations on State Health Improvement Plan Action Steps and Objectives Alison Genco, Chair
- 11. For Possible Action: Review and possible recommendations for the 2025 and the 2027 Food Security Conference- Alison Genco, Chair
- 12. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on how to develop position papers during the 2025 State Legislative Session Allison Genco, Chair
  - BDRs, legislative briefs, etc.
- 13. Informational Item: CFS Goals Allison Genco, Chair
  - Outstanding 2025 Goals:
    - i. Increase CFS seats to include members from the tribe, housing and transportation sector, and individuals with lived experience.
    - ii. CFS members will attend Intertribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) meetings.

- iii. Review federal standards or policies that create barriers and food insecurity
- iv. Subjects/Topics related to Food Insecurity Statistics, such as the pounds of food distributed, and people served.
- v. Discuss changing the Annual Reporting period timeline align with Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) versus a calendar year.
- vi. Explore expansion of food hubs in the Northern and Southern Nevada regions
- vii. State Emergency Food Plan: written and shared widely with food providers (also identified in the SHIP)
- viii. Prioritize building awareness around food distribution, support, and general food access throughout Nevada.
- ix. Continue addressing food insecurity in hard-to-reach areas and/or food deserts.
- 14. For Possible Action: Discussion and approval of future agenda items- Allison Genco, Chair
  - Standing Agenda Items- CFS 2025 Goals, FFPNL, and SHIP Action Steps, which include ongoing food insecurity presentations that cover the following topics:
    - i. Barriers preventing the production, sale, and use or expansion of local foods, particularly in systems that serve senior centers, schools, and childcare centers, and review policies/regulations that restrict the use of agricultural products on site at schools and childcare centers.
    - ii. Generate baseline data regarding food waste and recovery in Nevada, including a list of food recovery partners.
  - 2025 and 2027 Food Security Conferences
  - 2025 State Legislative Session
  - SFY26-SFY27 FHN Funds
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- 16. Adjournment: Allison Genco, Chair

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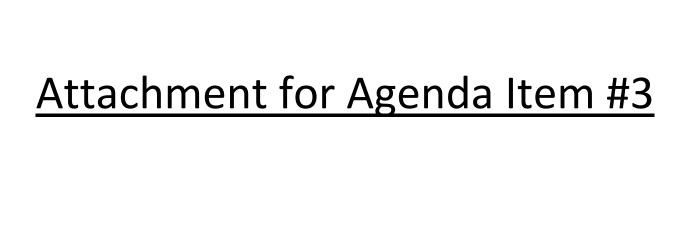
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CFS, DPBH, Attn: Rory Fuller 4150 Technology Way, Suite 210 Carson City, Nevada 89706





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# THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY SPECIAL SESSION DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Via Microsoft Teams September 30, 2024

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Allison Genco at 1:00 PM. Roll call was conducted by Rory Fuller. The following members were present:

- Allison Genco (Chair)
- Dr. Pamela Juniel
- Tori Lawson-Boffelli
- Vickie Ives
- Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
- Marcia Blake
- Charlotte Williams
- Jill Moe
- Dr. Sabina Malik
- Deacon Tom Roberts
- Jeff Duncan
- Gabby Everette
- Jesus Mendoza Jr.

#### A quorum was confirmed.

#### 2. Public Comment

#### First Public Comment Period:

No public comments were made during the first period.

#### 3. Corrective Action Regarding August 12, 2024, Meeting

Chair Genco explained that during the previous meeting held on August 12, 2024, the Council did not meet

the quorum requirements, rendering all actions from that meeting invalid under the Open Meeting Law. To rectify this, all agenda items are to be reconsidered today.

#### 4. Discussion and Action: Council on Food Security Annual Report

- **Presentation:** Chair Genco reviewed the annual report, emphasizing data outcomes and necessary future improvements.
- **Discussion:** The Council discussed adding specific references to programs such as Reach and Grow, Home Feeds Nevada, and Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, ensuring they are acknowledged and considered for future funding. Members expressed the importance of including additional state funding options and elaborating on the program's pillars and future plans.
- Motion: Marcia Blake moved to adopt the proposed changes to the annual report.
- **Second:** The motion was seconded by Sabina Malik.
- **Vote:** The Chair called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote, with all present members in favor.

#### **5. Public Comment**

Second Public Comment Period:

No public comments were made during the second period.

#### 6. Announcements and Adjournment

Chair Genco announced she would not attend the October meeting due to personal commitments but expressed confidence in Jeff Duncan as her proxy. She thanked the members for their participation.

Motion to Adjourn: Thomas Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Dr. Pamela Juniel seconded the motion.

**Vote:** All members present voted in favor; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 PM

#### **Notices**

Public notices were posted as required by law at various locations, including the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health website, to ensure public accessibility. Instructions were provided in advance for those needing accommodations. For further information or supporting documents, contact Rory Fuller at <a href="mailto:r.fuller@health.nv.gov">r.fuller@health.nv.gov</a>.



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES





#### **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 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:

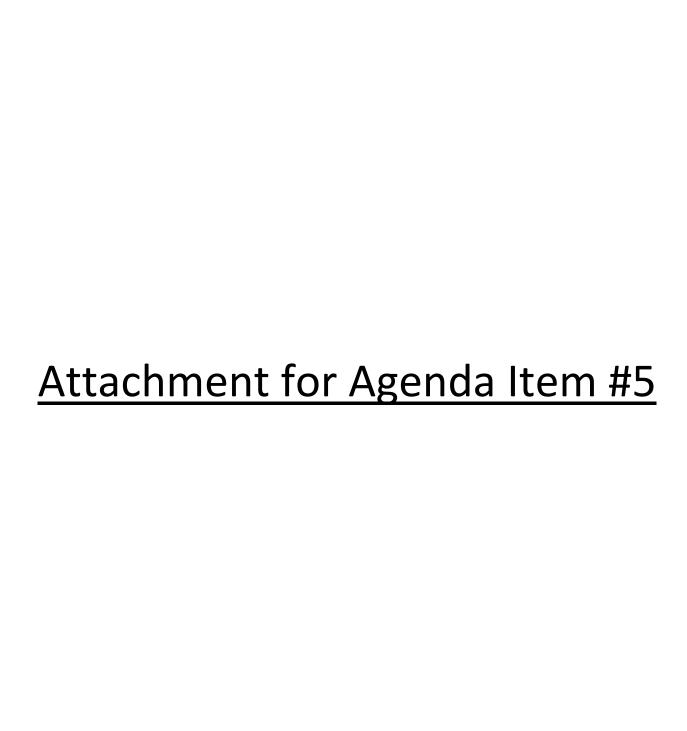
No further public comments were made.

#### 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



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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES





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#### **DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2024**

#### **RE: COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY SEEKING A MEMBER**

Per Nevada Revised Statutes [NRS] 232.496 through 232.4968, inclusive. The Council on Food Security is charged with various responsibilities related to the implementation of the food security strategic plan and the improvement of the quality of life and health of persons in this State by increasing food security throughout the state.

Appointments will be made based on representation within the food security ecosystem as outlined in NRS 232.4966.

- One member who is a representative of retailers of food.
- One member who is a representative of manufacturing that is not related to food.
- A person who is a representative of a local health authority
- A person who is a representative of an organization that provides community-based services, including, without limitation, services that focus on the social determinants of health, in southern Nevada

CFS is seeking a new member. If you are interested in being considered for possible appointment to the CFS please submit a letter of interest and a resume by Friday, January 7, 2025, to Lori Taylor, phone 775-546-8512, email: ltaylor@health.nv.gov or Sarah Rogers, phone 775-450-6063, email: srogers@health.nv.gov or to mailing address: 680 W. Nye Lane, suite 205, Carson City, Nevada 89703, Attn: Sarah Rogers. Materials submitted will be forwarded to the Council for consideration at the preceding council meeting. Upon Council approval, the candidate will be provided directions on submission for consideration of Gubernatorial appointment.

To who it may concern,

I would like to submit my letter of interest for the Nevada Governor's Food Security Council. I have years of experience on several local, state and national committees. I have served on the Food Distribution Program for Indians Tribal leader workgroup for five years. I truly feel that this gave me a lot of experience and insight to the importance of the feeding programs that are available to our citizens of Nevada and throughout the nation. The work I do as a Tribal Liaison for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada is very meaningful to me, I also have experience as a former Tribal leader for the Walker River Paiute Tribe for thirteen years. I understand the importance of collaborating and working together to in the best interest of those we serve. I would appreciate the opportunity to have a voice and perspective at the table. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to call me at

Sincerely,

**Amber Torres** 

## AMBER TORRES

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

To serve Tribal Nations, in the most meaningful capacity that will elevate the status of native people and enhance their way of life today and for the next seven generations. Preserve and protect our ancestry, traditional and cultural teachings, and to ensure that our tribal creation stories and legacies that all of Indian country has implemented are a part of the imprint for years to come.

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:**

#### Local Level

Elected to Walker River Tribal Council in 2010

Elected and served as Chairman since 2016, first Chairman elected to a four-year term

Served as Chair for the Congressionally Mandated

Intergovernmental Executive Committee, working closely with the Fallon Naval Air Station, Tribal nations from Nevada and many stakeholders including BLM, NFWF, BIA, etc. to restoring historical damage and create ongoing dialogue pertaining to the expansion. Represented Nevada tribes by serving on the Executive Board of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Equity Cabinet created by Congressman Steven Horsford, the Western Leaders Committee and selected by Governor Sisolak to serve on the Nevada Tribal Advisory Board

#### Regional Level

Served on the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona Steering Committee

#### National Level

Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee/SDPI for Indian Health Service Tribal Interior Budget Council for BIA

IHS Director's Advisory Work Group on Tribal Consultation National Indian Health Board

IHS Director's Workgroup on Improving Purchase Referred Care Native Farm Bill Coalition

USDA Tribal Leaders Consultation Workgroup for FDPIR Co-Chair for the IHS Budget Formulation Committee

Former Western Region representative for National Congress of American Indians

**HHS STAC** 

First ever, historical Secretary of Interior Tribal Advisory Committee WEWIN 2023 award recipient

Close working relationship with the White House administration, and invited to sit on many panels

As Chairman myself, excellent staff and tribal council were able to achieve many victories for our community over the years, a few that I am very proud of would be the creation of Walker River Ventures LLC, a cannabis cultivation and dispensary, acquiring Stanley Ranch which was a serious trespass issue over many years, telemedicine initiation at the clinic, negotiated a T-Mobile tower that would provide better telephone access and revenue to the tribe at their cost, acquired new gas pumps at the Smoke Shop for pertinent program operations, obtained the Tribal Historical Preservation Grant

for the first time, created new ordinances and codes for the Tribal court program, closed our open dump and burn site of over 25 years



<u>CONTACT:</u>

PHONE:

# HOBBIES: Exercising Helping others Taking pictures Public speaking

and settled the historical desecration of our lands with the Fallon Naval Air Station and the federal government. There were way too many to list but these are a few that were near and dear to my heart and will leave meaningful impacts for years to come.

#### **EDUCATION**

1997 Graduate at Yerington High School Cosmetology degree

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### National Indian Health Board

Interim Chief Operating Officer May 1, 2024 to August 23, 2024

My job is to work with the Executive Board, member organizations and CEO. I am working to create a strategic plan with the policies and processes to implement it, with the staff. I am the supervisor of the Senior Management Team and Department Directors, including HR, Meeting and Events Planning and administrative staff. Offer financial oversight in conjunction with the Finance Director and consultants. Management over a 45 person and growing national tribal serving organization. Determine and design tasks, set goals and measure accountability and growth that coincide with the strategic plan set in plan by the Executive Board and staff. Work on grant management with federal grants, contracts and philanthropic partners. Short term and long term planning for a sustainable organization. Capacity building, and developing new programs that reach Indian country. Hiring, recruiting and retaining staff with experience and expertise for successful delivery of program functions and deliverables that will change the everyday life of tribal communities.

#### The Food Bank of Northern Nevada

Tribal Liaison

October 2023 to current

I work with the twenty-eight tribes throughout Nevada to provide food, (fresh fruits, vegetables, poultry, beef, canned goods, dry staples) to their tribal citizens. We have started food pantries and provide Mobile harvest, as well as the Senior Nutrition Program to the surrounding areas to combat food insecurity within their tribal nations. In collaboration with the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, tribes and the Food Bank we are able to provide food to the different communities in rural and urban areas, that are considered food deserts. I attend Council meetings and continue to build our meaningful relationships, to build programs that I hope they can one day run on their own to promote self determination and the foods that our people have access to. To elevate the health status of native people.

#### **Walker River Paiute Tribe**

Chairman

2016 to January 17, 2023

Supervisor to program directors and administration staff, worked with several tribal councils throughout the years to bring positive changes and revenue to the tribe, collaborated with surrounding tribal nations, represented Walker River Paiute Tribe at many meetings, public forums for a number of years, worked with local, state, tribal

and federal partners, negotiated contractual agreements along with legal counsel to present to council and community, working with tribal citizens and community

#### Walker River Tribal Health Clinic

Purchase Referred Care Specialist/Benefits Coordinator 2005 to 2016

Worked with IHS PRC staff to obtain approval for payment of referral, scheduled patients to obtain services to outpatient specialty providers, document ER visits for review and payment, arranged rides to and from appointment for the patient, screened patient for alternative resources of medical coverage, helped them apply for alternative sources of payment if qualified, helped patient review statements from the doctor's office and help get them out of collections, managed follow up and ongoing treatment for tribal citizens eligible for care in our service delivery area with many providers offices in Nevada and surrounding areas.

#### **SKILLS**

- Works well alone or with others
- Knowledge of Tribal programs and budgets
- Proven leadership and dedication
- Excellent customer service and networking skills
- Trainable, always willing to learn additional responsibilities
- Known figure in Indian country for making positive changes to programs tribes operate
- Understanding the importance of Native inclusion, representation and perspectives
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- Great working relationship with media sources supporting Indian country

#### **REFERENCES**





Sarah Rogers, MPH, NDTR, CLC (she/her)
Nutrition Unit Deputy Chief|Child, Family and Community Wellness
Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
T:

srogers@health.nv.gov | www.dhhs.nv.gov | www.dpbh.nv.gov

Dear Ms. Rogers and all,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Local Health Authority Representative as expressed since April when this position became vacant. With a solid background in public health, a deep commitment to community well-being, and an understanding of Nevada's health policies, I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the Nevada Council for Food Security and support the health needs of our local community including our rural, frontier and tribal partners.

I am enrolled in a Public Health Master's program with the University of Las Vegas, and I bring at least 15 years of experience working with public health government agencies including my current role as the Environmental Health and Public Health Preparedness Manager for the Central Nevada Health District. as well as private industry. My expertise encompasses public outreach, policy interpretation of state of Nevada statutes, local ordinances, enforcement and education.



The Local Health Authority Representative role excites me because it aligns with my passion for public health and community education and I am a local health authority official working for the first rural/frontier Health District for the State of Nevada. I am interested in pursuing this position to assist in any way I can and am eager to bring my experience in support of the committee's efforts.

I am confident that my background and enthusiasm for public health will make me a strong candidate for this position. I look forward to the opportunity to further discuss how my experiences and goals align with the needs of the Nevada Food Security Council. Thank you for considering my application. I am available at your earliest convenience to answer any questions and can be reached at

Respectfully,

Maria Menjivas Maria Menjivar

## MARIA ELENA MENJIVAR

### NEVADA and CALIFORNIA REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST TRAINED LEAD INSPECTOR AND INVESTIGATOR

A public service government employee with over 15 years of passionate, knowledgeable and skilled leadership in the practice and enforcement of food safety programs, policies and principles for compliance with local, state and federal regulations exercising sound, independent judgment within established guidelines. Ability to analyze, interpret and communicate effectively training in food sanitation standards and safety, employee health, equipment specifications, disease transmission, food menu and allergens to our community and currently permitted food facility business. Work with various cultural/ethnic groups in a diplomatic manner, established positive relationships while providing daily motivation, discipline and supervision for public safety.

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS BACHELOR'S DEGREE ENVIRONMENTAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

#### **CORE EDUCATION**

#### UNIVERSITY OF LAS VEGAS, NV August 2024 – PRESENT

Enrolled in Masters of Public Health Program

#### CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO August 2003 - May 2007

Graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Environmental/Occupational Health and Safety, Dean's List, with major coursework in Microbiology, Public Health Administration, Environmental/Human Health, Public Health Statistics and Occupational/Industrial Safety.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### CENTRAL NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER NOVEMBER 2023 - PRESENT

Manage a team for Environmental Health and Public Health Preparedness. Partner with stakeholders, industry and the community.

#### CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER May 2022 – NOVEMBER 2023

Managed a team of 7 inspector and administrative staff

#### STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RETAIL STANDARDS RENO, NV Jan 2020 - April 2022

Hired to provide Retail Food Standards for the State of Nevada Department of Public and Behavioral Health team

#### Underwriters Laboratories Agoura Hills, CA March 2019 - November 2020

Hired to perform food private auditing inspections and traveled Texas, CA and NV to complete private industry chain inspections

#### EL DORADO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA 96150 June 19, 2011 – February 2019

Hired to perform inspections, provide food safety direction, supervision and enforcement of public food and pool facilities including schools with duties of building architecture plan review for new and existing construction of commercial facilities in the South Lake Tahoe district.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Successfully implemented and created a new method for the posting of Construction Cards for the commercial plan review construction process increasing visual awareness of new permitted business permits in El Dorado County.
- Coordinated, directed and inspected food facilities, waste, toilet and water sources for large scale, heavily populated events such as the South Lake Tahoe Snow Globe and Slide the City Events in a sanitary and safe manner with proper recommendation and enforcement of staffing, supplies, equipment specifications and food/water safety.
- Completed over 600 routine inspections in 2016 with 100% of 70+ plan revisions and construction inspections of new businesses.

#### OWNER OF TAHOE BURGERS GRILL RESTAURANT SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA 96150 February 2013 – February 2015

Managed, created and developed food purchasing, menus, food cost and meals per labor, inventory and budgeting finances.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Developed facility operations/maintenance policies and procedures to achieve cost effective management of facilities and related equipment while decreasing costs and staff time.
- Fervently and frequently scouted food suppliers to maintain a food production cost of 30% or less to promote profit margin.

#### KERN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301 September 2008 – June 2011

Conducted inspections of food establishments, water supply systems, hotels, homes and dwelling units, public schools and swimming pools, to ensure compliance with state laws and regulations and county ordinances governing environmental conditions.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Performed multiple public presentations on food safety compliance in English and Spanish for the communities of Kern.
- Modernized and implemented new policies on mobile food facilities and temporary food facilities.

#### TULARE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES VISALIA, CA 93277 June 2007 – July 2008

Worked as an environmental health specialist trainee and completed education in all laws and regulations for food and biological safety. KEY ACHIEVEMENT

Successfully passed the California State examination and became a California Registered Environmental Health Specialist.

Department of Health and Human Services Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Attn: Lori Taylor and Sarah Rogers

Via email (Itaylor@health.nv.gov and srogers@health.nv.gov)

January 7, 2025

Re: Council on Food Security

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Nishat Gould, and I would like to express my interest in serving as a member of the Council on Food Security. I grew up in the Las Vegas valley and after finishing my education out of state, I returned to be close to my family and to continue to be a part of the local community. I recently reached out to Three Square to find ways to get involved in the organization's important mission and was excited to learn about this opportunity through my contact there.

I currently work as an in-house attorney for Generous Brands, which is an umbrella over two household brands you may be familiar with – *Bolthouse Farms* and *Evolution Fresh*. *Bolthouse Farms* and *Evolution Fresh* produce consumer packaged goods, such as juices, smoothies, salad dressings. Both brands sell their products to a diverse set of retailers and consumers nationwide. Given this, I believe I would bring the perspective and potential reach of food brands and retailers to the CFS.

On a personal note, my husband and I have two young children, one who just turned five (5) and one who is about to turn three (3). They both currently attend private schools. We were recently talking to one of their school's directors about ways to improve the snack program at the school to include more nutritious and less processed/pre-packaged foods. During that conversation, it really hit home that our children are very lucky to have not only access to food, but also to nutritious food and to the resources to learn about nutrition and healthy eating habits, both at home and at school. I know others are not so fortunate and that hunger continues to be a widespread issue in the state of Nevada, in the country, and worldwide.

I would love to be part of the efforts being put forth by the CFS to improve food security throughout the state of Nevada not only for children, but other highly affected groups such as low-income working families, single-parent households, and seniors. I believe I would bring value to the council –not only as a representative of a food brand, but also as a Las Vegas local and an involved parent. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nishat B. Gould Vice President – Deputy General Counsel Generous Brands

#### **NISHAT B. GOULD**

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### GENEROUS BRANDS (d/b/a BOLTHOUSE FARMS and EVOLUTION FRESH)

#### Vice President, Deputy General Counsel

Los Angeles, CA June 2021 – present

Develop strategic recommendations for cross-functional teams and executives (including marketing, sales, operations, quality assurance, research and development, and IT) to support commercialization and drive sales while mitigating risks for a company in the premium refrigerated beverage space.

- Oversee and supervise team members implementing and advising on regulatory and legal compliance of product labels, claims, social
  media and marketing materials and assessing overall potential liability.
- Draft and review commercial agreements (including marketing agreements, co-manufacturing agreements, licensing agreements, services agreements, NDAs, SaaS agreements, supplier agreements, etc.) while working collaboratively with the business to optimize costs and efficiency of commercialization.
- Manage ongoing defense of marketing and false advertising litigation and claims against the company.

#### LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL K. LANNING, APLC

Los Angeles, CA

2017 - 2019

Legal Counsel and Business Consultant

Provided legal and small business management services to boutique, estate planning law firm with over 5,000 clients.

- Drafted documents to effectuate transfers of real property and corporate entity interests via sale and/or gift, organizational documents for creation of corporate entities, trusts, transaction letters, etc.
- Managed client relationships and advised clients with assets up to hundreds of millions of dollars on estate planning matters, including tax
  implications of property transfers (e.g., capital gains, transfer, gift, estate) based on the type of transfer, ownership structure, and
  discounted valuation principles.
- Analyzed and provided recommendations regarding potential improvements of internal workflow processes, recruiting, and marketing.

#### RED BULL NORTH AMERICA, INC.

Santa Monica, CA

2015 - 2017

Legal Counsel, Business Affairs

Developed strategic recommendations for all U.S. and Canada executives and teams (including marketing, sales, distribution, operations, finance, human resources, and IT) to drive sales and support innovative brand building while mitigating risks for U.S. market leader in energy drink sales.

- Drafted and reviewed commercial agreements (including sponsorship agreements, merchandising agreements, NDAs, services agreements, SaaS agreements, supplier agreements, etc.) up to \$10 million in value while working collaboratively with the regulatory, intellectual property, media, risk management, and outside counsel teams to execute cost-effective, well-managed projects.
- Provided legal support for company events and initiatives by: (1) negotiating multifaceted contracts with venues, logistics operators, sponsors, and event producers; and (2) managing related social media contests/sweepstakes and production of marketing collateral to ensure compliance with federal advertising guidelines.
- Executed strong strategic partnerships with charities, retail accounts, professional sports teams (e.g., NBA, MLB), gaming companies, and other partners, focusing on brand visibility, content creation, media rights, exclusivity, product placement, and/or distribution.

#### UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP

Santa Monica, CA

2014

MBA Intern, Business Analysis

Supported business development for sales and marketing arm of global music company.

- Conducted regression analyses of digital album ad placement and promotions for distribution partners such as Google and Apple.
- Determined significance of variables affecting lift in sales resulting from promotions to identify trends and areas for improvement.

#### LE PAIN OUOTIDIEN

London, United Kingdom

2013

#### MBA Intern, Business Development and Marketing

Developed marketing, branding, and business development strategies to increase profitability by researching and analyzing competition, best practices, trends, and opportunities for international restaurant chain with over 200 locations.

- Conducted local competitive market assessments for two unprofitable retail locations and identified relevant strategic partnerships to
  pursue new growth opportunities and increase customer acquisition and retention rates.
- Created and managed social media/website content, evaluated industry trends, and managed customer relationships to increase customer awareness and engagement and drive retail sales.

#### SNELL & WILMER, LLP

Las Vegas, NV

2007 - 2012

Attorney

Represented financial and lending institutions in corporate bankruptcy reorganization proceedings and receivership cases in connection with distressed commercial and residential real estate for Southwest regional law firm with over 400 attorneys.

- Analyzed loan documents, income streams, and occupancy levels for leased properties, market conditions, current and historical corporate
  financial statements, and bank statements to evaluate property values and basic measures of profitability and feasibility of corporate
  reorganization under Chapter 11 proceedings.
- To pursue foreclosure outside of bankruptcy, the sale of property, or restructuring of borrower's real estate secured debt within bankruptcy, negotiated deal terms and drafted contracts to reach and finalize settlements.
- Researched and evaluated legal and factual issues and worked closely with various cross-functional teams, real estate appraisers, and
  outside counsel to implement strategies within budgets from \$50,000 to \$500,000 for a constant caseload of 20 to 30 cases, with client
  claims up to \$20 million.

#### **EDUCATION**

# USC MARSHALL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Master of Business Administration • Honors: Merit-Based Fellowship, 2012-2014 UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF LAW Juris Doctor • Honors: Dean's Outstanding Merit Scholarship, 2005-2008 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES Bachelor of Science, Psychobiology (cum laude) Los Angeles, CA Bachelor of Science, Psychobiology (cum laude)

#### ADDITIONAL

Admissions and Licenses: California Real Estate Broker License (2018); State Bar of California (2009); State Bar of Nevada (2008)



#### **Nevada Department of Health and Human Services**

4150 Technology Way Carson City, NV 89706

**Subject:** Letter of Interest – Sara Ramirez, President and CEO of Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada

Dear Members of the Council on Food Security,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the Council on Food Security in my capacity as the President and CEO of Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada. Catholic Charities has been at the forefront of addressing food insecurity in Southern Nevada for decades, and it would be an honor to contribute my expertise and leadership to the council's critical mission.

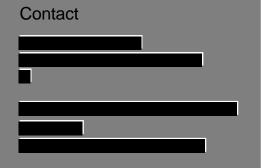
As the head of one of the largest nonprofit social service providers in the region, I oversee programs that directly impact food security, including the operation of one of Southern Nevada's largest food pantries and meal service programs. In 2023 alone, our organization served over 933,000 meals and provided food assistance to 47,000 individuals and families. These efforts have given me firsthand knowledge of the challenges and opportunities in combating hunger in our community.

My experience also includes collaboration with diverse stakeholders, including government agencies, private organizations, and community groups, to develop innovative and sustainable solutions to food insecurity. I believe these partnerships are essential to achieving the council's goals of reducing hunger and ensuring access to nutritious food for all Nevadans.

If granted the opportunity to serve on the Council on Food Security, I would bring a deep commitment to addressing hunger, a wealth of experience in nonprofit management, and a dedication to creating equitable food systems. I am confident that my expertise aligns with the council's mission and that together we can make meaningful strides in reducing food insecurity across our state.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to contribute to the council's work and look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with its esteemed members.

Sincerely,
Sara Ramirez
President and CEO
Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada



Top Skills
Strategic Leadership
Executive Leadership
Social Entrepreneurship

### Sara Ramirez

Executive Director | Master of Science in Social Work Austin, Texas, United States

#### Summary

Dynamic, visionary, and results-driven nonprofit executive with over 20 years of leadership experience, specializing in transforming organizations, driving growth, and maximizing community impact. Proven success in scaling operations, optimizing financial performance, and building high-impact partnerships across diverse sectors. Extensive experience in board governance, fundraising, and strategic planning, with a track record of leading organizations to achieve exponential growth and sustainability.

#### Experience

Catholic Charities of Central Texas
Executive Director
September 2013 - Present (11 years 2 months)
Austin, Texas Area

- •Strategic Leadership: Spearhead the oversight of 7 departments, guiding a dedicated team of 97 staff members and managing a robust budget of \$12.8 million across a diverse 25-county region.
- •Transformational Governance: Designed and implemented a new Board Governance Model, aligning with strategic objectives and driving an impressive 800% increase in individuals served (18,000+ annually).
- •Revenue Growth: Increased revenue by 525%, implementing a diversified funding strategy that includes raising over \$2 million annually.
- •Operational Excellence: Championed the redesign of administrative and service delivery policies, achieving compliance with Council on Accreditation best practices, significantly enhancing service quality and efficiency.
- •Program Innovation: Expanded program portfolio to include 7 innovative initiatives focused on eradicating poverty, fostering community empowerment,

and addressing urgent needs. New programs include Counseling Services, Veteran Services and Refugee services.

- •Crisis Response Leadership: Led the organization's response to major disasters, including the 2013 West Explosion, Memorial Day Floods of 2015, and Hurricane Harvey. Successfully developed a Continuity of Operations Plan during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring uninterrupted service delivery and distributing over \$4 million in direct client aid within six months.
- •Community Engagement: Actively engaged in local, state, and federal initiatives, serving as:

Past Chair, Catholic Charities USA's Executive Committee of Diocesan Directors

Board Director, One Star Foundation

Board Member, Best Single Source Plus Collaborative

Board Director, Travis County Emergency Food and Shelter Board

Board Member, Travis County VOAD

Catholic Charities Fort Worth 9 years

Vice President of Advancement October 2008 - September 2013 (5 years)

Key Accomplishments:

- •Increased financial contributions by 94%, resulting in over \$14 million raised to close year-end budgetary gaps and capital campaign projects.
- •Advised the CEO as part of the Executive Leadership Team, helping grow the operating budget from \$12M to \$21M over five years.
- •Generated over \$2.7 million of value-add to organizational services through the use of volunteers and in-kind donations.
- •Served as C-Level Project Manager for a new state of the art 5-chair Dental Clinic with a self sustaining budget of \$500,000.
- •Established a \$2.8M endowment in its first year for long-term sustainability
- •Redesigned marketing strategies to incorporate consistent messaging across 43 programs and 5 divisions and increased media impressions by 300% in one year.

- •Led project management for community-wide initiatives and served on multiple Board committees.
- •Served on project management teams for community-wide initiatives such as Project Access of Tarrant County.
- •Provided leadership for the Development and Public Relations Committee of the Board of Directors and served on Ad hoc committees as necessary.

Vice President of Quality Assurance
October 2006 - October 2008 (2 years 1 month)

Key Accomplishments:

- •Successfully led the organization through national accreditation in 15 months, which placed the organization as one of only six nationally accredited organizations in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.
- •Designed and implemented a new organizational wide Performance and Quality Improvement System which was acknowledged as "One of the best and well integrated PQI systems seen in 30 years" by a tenured Council on Accreditation Peer Reviewer.
- •Designed and implemented a training program for leadership development, as well as a 360-degree performance evaluation system for 220 staff and field practicum for 30 student interns annually.

Director of Programs
October 2005 - October 2006 (1 year 1 month)

Key Accomplishments:

- •Successfully implemented an evidence-based child abuse prevention curriculum into a competitive contract and brought an additional \$150,000 into Tarrant County for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- •Served as lead mentor in community level program planning including Mental Health Connection and Arlington Child Abuse Task Force.

#### Program Manager

October 2004 - October 2005 (1 year 1 month)

Key Accomplishments:

•Successfully managed program revenue and controlled program expenditures within an established budget of \$300,000.

- •Redesigned program operations for efficient and effective service delivery to promote high quality services to children.
- •Served as the liaison to Fort Worth Independent School District, Child Protective Services and contracted medical professionals.

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services High Risk Investigator August 2002 - October 2004 (2 years 3 months)

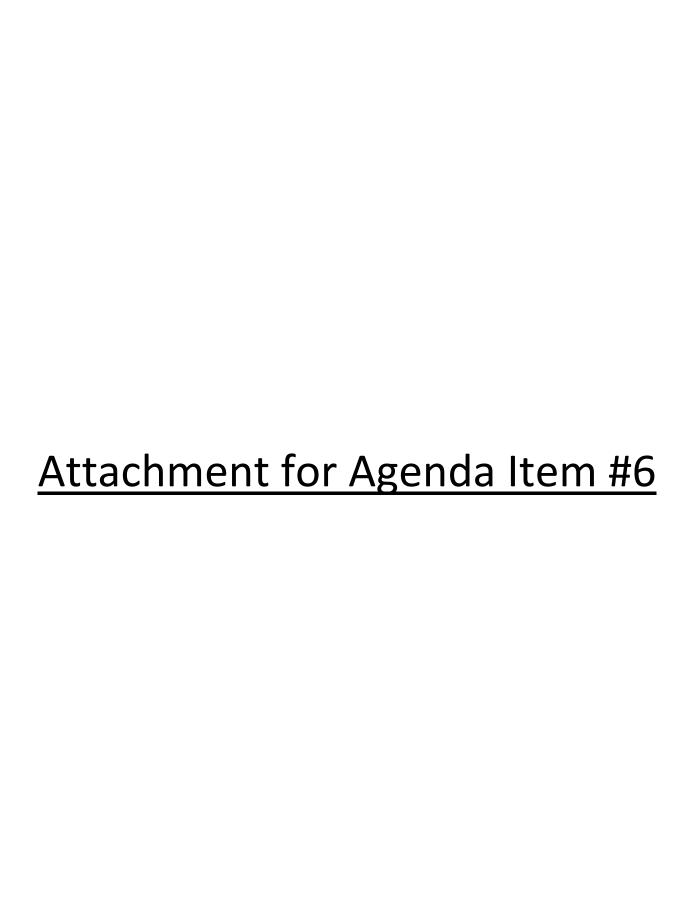
Key Accomplishments:

- •Maintained an average caseload size of 25 and conducted thorough assessments to evaluate the risk of harm for children in order to assess the degree of State intervention need.
- •Coordinated needed services with local police departments, medical professionals, social service agencies and legal professionals to advocate on behalf of children and families.

#### Education

The University of Texas at Arlington
Master of Science (M.S.), Social Work · (2000 - 2002)

Texas Tech University
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Psychology · (1996 - 2000)





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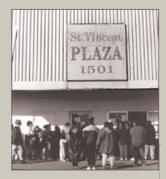
## HELP AND HOPE

A GIFT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES





The 1960s were a time of development for the thrift stores, a child care center and the St. Vincent Dining Facility.



1980's



In 1995, the name Catholic Community Services of Nevada was changed to Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, reflecting our outreach to Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine counties. The southern Nevada population had tripled to more than 700,000 residents. As more seniors migrated to southern Nevada, the Senior Services division was created to assist those in need. Catholic Charities began the process of a five-year plan to rebuild St. Vincent Plaza in 1996.

1990's

#### 1940's

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada began in 1941, Bishop Thomas K. Gorman acknowledged the need for a social service organization that would benefit Nevada. As the southern Nevada community began to grow, so did the need for additional programs and services for our residents.



1960's

#### 1970's

During the 1970s and 1980s the population of southern Nevada doubled, requiring new programs for senior citizens, refugee and immigration services, a home for girls in crisis, an emergency shelter, a work program for homeless men, and an employment services center.





# SNAPSHOT OF OUR HISTORY

## Meals on Wheels Program Overview

- CCSN's Meals on Wheels (MOW) program provides seven nutritionally balanced meals to an average of 2,450 seniors in Southern Nevada each week.
  - Seniors enrolled in the program are homebound, many living with disabling conditions.
  - Each delivery comes with 7 nutritionally balanced frozen meals, a half gallon of milk and fresh fruit.
- Seniors receive additional support including access to modified meals, nutrition supplements, and Case Coordination services.
  - Modified meals includes pureed and chopped, while Supplements include Nepro and Ensure.

## Meals on Wheels Program Overview

- CCSN delivery drivers go into seniors' homes, placing the meals in their freezer and providing weekly check-ins
- Meals on Wheels helps seniors stay independent and in their homes
- CCSN also provides pet food to seniors with animal companions









## Meals on Wheels Program Overview

- CCSN recently completed a warehouse and tray line expansion to increase capacity for the program
  - Can produce 1,500 meals in one hour
  - 10% decrease in product waste
  - Capacity to prepare & store meals for up to 3,500 seniors daily

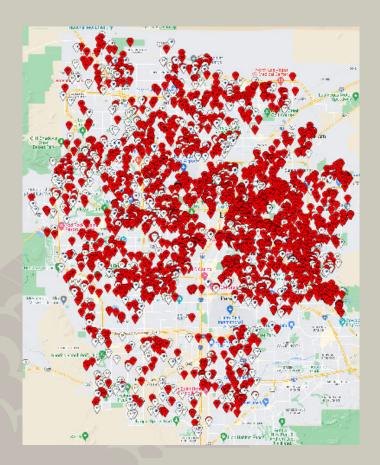








## Meals on Wheels Program Demographics



**2,463** ACTIVE PEOPLE RECEIVING MEALS ON WHEELS

**910** HOMEBOUND SENIORS WAITING FOR FOOD

#### **RECIPIENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

Average Age: 74 Female 57%

Male 43%

62% White or Caucasian

25% Black or African American

8% Asian

2% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

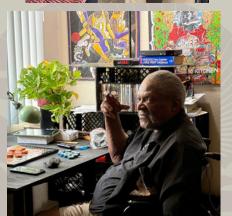
1% American Indian or Alaska Native

1% Other

1% Refused to Answer

## Meals on Wheels Program Impact





Robert played professional football in the 1970's. In 2006, he relocated to Las Vegas for an employment opportunity in the resort corridor and later retired making Nevada his new home. In 2020, Robert was referred to Meals on Wheels due to different health issues.

Robert is wheelchair bound and it is difficult for him to leave his home and go to the store. Standing to prepare food is very difficult. "If you got food in your corner you got everything, it is really important to me because I cannot leave my home very easily," said Robert. Cupping his hands Robert stated, "I got the meals so I am ok, I am so grateful!"

## **Meals on Wheels Program Cost**

- Each Meal is \$8.90 to produce, package, and deliver
- FY25 operating budget for CCSN's MOW program is \$7.8M
  - Funding comes from government and private funds

#### **Meals on Wheels**

Cost Per Week \$62

\$3,250

#### **Assisted Living**

Cost Per Week \$1,140

Cost Per Year **\$59,400** 

# Sara Meyer Vice President of Development Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada

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## **Nutritional Health Survey!**

Where we purchase food and what we eat affects our health. Your experiences matter!

Help us understand your grocery shopping and eating habits so we can plan for the future.

Take the nutritional health literacy and access survey linked below.





Scan or Click QR Code to access the survey



Nevada
Office of Minority Health & Equity

**Questions or Concerns Contact:** 

Alexandra Neal, MS 775-420-0367 NOMHE@dhhs.nv.gov

## Attachment for Agenda Item #10

**Priority:** Social Determinants of Health

Focus Area: Food Security

**Goal 1:** Reduce food insecurity and improve Nevada's overall food security ecosystem to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.

**SMART Objective 1.1**: Improve collaboration, communication, coordination, and information and data-sharing among food ecosystem partners by developing and delivering a well-designed presentation to the Nevada legislature on food insecurity and food needs in Nevada. Collaborating with existing organizations like DPBH and CFS, as well as other relevant food ecosystem partners, to increase the effectiveness of these presentations. Host two (2) Food Security fairs/conferences in Southern and Northern Nevada, bringing together local food ecosystem partners, community members, and policy makers, to engage through various keynote speakers and discussions. Also, the provision of opportunities to interact with local vendors, farmers, and community organizations to learn about local foods and resources is essential.

**Priority Population(s):** Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.

Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS) **Supporting Partners:** DHHS Nutrition Unit, NV Department of Agriculture (NDA), Food Banks, Food Pantries, Council on Food Security (CFS), Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and sponsors.

Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.1.1 Present one (1) presentation to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (HHS) each Biennium.	<ul> <li>A designated CFS council member will connect with the Joint Interim Standing Committee LCB support staff on HHS (JISCHHS) and request for a member of the CFS to present annually to the committee.</li> <li>CFS to identify a topic(s) to present to the Joint Interim Standing Committee each biennium, including recommendations that align with Objective 1.2 and 1.2.3 strategy.</li> <li>CFS to identify a member to present to JISCHHS who will prepare and present a presentation, follow up on Committee questions, and provide ongoing presentations as necessary and/or requested by JISCHHS and/or CFS.</li> </ul>	LCB to be initially contacted by 05/31/2024.  LCB contacted again in 2026 by 05/31/2026.  CFS identifies a member to present by 02/29  A minimum of one (1) annual presentation by 12/31	CFS completed two (2) presentations to JISCHHS by 2027.
	All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.	Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	

1.1.2 Organize and host two (2) Food Security Fairs/Conferences: one, (1) in Southern Nevada and one (1) in Northern Nevada. Fairs/Conferences to include stakeholders/partners and service providers/vendors as identified by the food security partners, CFS, and the workgroup.

### The Leader and Event Planning Lead will be the OFS in collaboration with CFS to arrange the following:

- Establish an ongoing workgroup to determine logistics of the Fairs/Conferences.
- A Survey with Food Security stakeholders/partners and service providers to determine the target audience, presenters (WIC, Child Welfare, Seniors, SNAP, food banks and pantries, transportation service, NDA, early education, mobile grocery shopping, etc.), location, remote option, vendors, date, and time.
  - The Target Audience for the fair/conference at minimum must include an invitation to the following programs: WIC, SNAP, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Summer Food Service Program, and food service vendors across the spectrum of food services, including at least one (1) agency with a fleet.
- Identify potential source(s) of funding and/or sponsorship.
- Establish a Venue/Location, Food, and Fairs/Conferences Schedule/Agenda.
- Determine if guidelines are necessary.
- Invitations to both conferences are to include legislative partners as identified by the CFS.

#### Communication Lead will be OFS support staff.

• Emailing members, reminders, invites, and RSVPs.

#### Day-Of-Support Lead will be OFS support staff.

 Note-Taking, Tech Support, Printing, Food Logistics, Greeter, Post Refection Survey, etc. Workgroup Established by 02/29/2024.

Survey to Partners by 05/31/2024.

Funding Source and sponsors Identified by 12/31/2024.

Efforts and presentations to be documented in the CFS Annual report by 01/31

Schedule/Agenda for the Fairs/Conferences to be completed 3 months before Fair/Conference Date.

Northern Nevada Fair/Conference held, and Post Reflection Surveys completed by 12/31/2025.

Southern Nevada Fair/Conference held, and Post Reflection Surveys completed by 12/31/2027. One (1) Fair/Conference in Southern
Nevada and one (1)
Fair/Conference in
Northern Nevada with a
CFS Annual Report that includes a provider and vendor list, conference presentation summaries, and a contact list to assist in the elimination of the hunger gap in
Nevada.

Resources: <a href="https://www.roomtoread.org/media/cqglk30h/step-by-step-guide-to-holding-a-summit.pdf">https://www.roomtoread.org/media/cqglk30h/step-by-step-guide-to-holding-a-summit.pdf</a>, Southern Nevada Food Council, Northern Nevada Food Council, Washoe County Food Policy Council, Nevada Farm Bureau, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), Mental Health Stakeholders, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), Nevada Department of Transportation NDOT), Southwest Regional Food Business Center Project, and Food Service partners identified in the 2022 survey for the 2023 Food Security Strategic Plan.

#### **Goal Indicators:**

- Food insecurity rate
- Number of clients served by food security service providers
- Percent of population eligible for SNAP who participate

**Priority:** Social Determinants of Health

Focus Area: Food Security

**Goal 1:** Reduce food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem in Nevada to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.

**SMART Objective 1.2:** Partner with local farmers, food vendors, tribal communities, and other community organizations to support initiatives aimed at increasing mobile access (food trucks, community gardens, mobile markets, etc.) to healthy foods throughout the State of Nevada, specifically the underserved and remote areas (Churchill County, Elko, Esmeralda County, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Lyon, Storey, Douglas, and White Pine).

**Priority Population(s):** Food insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on school-aged children, low socioeconomic status people and seniors.

<b>Lead Agency:</b> Office of
Food Security (OFS) and
Council on Food security
(CFS)

**Supporting Partners:** CFS, OFS, sponsors, stakeholders/partners from Nevada tribal nations,housing, and the transportation sector. Supporting partners will also include NDA, The Division of Plant Health and Compliance works and Division of Food and Nutrition and local farmers.

Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.2.1 Recommend a revision of Nevada Revised Statue (NRS 232) to add up to Three (3) seats on the CFS for individuals who have lived experience with Food insecurity and/or homelessness.	<ul> <li>CFS to make recommendations to Nevada's         Legislature Interim Health and Human Service         Committee through an interim HHS presentation.</li> <li>CFS to make recommendations to the Director of the         Health Department of Health and Human Services         (DHHS) through the CFS Annual Reports that are         submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).</li> <li>Seats to be specific to individuals from the housing         and transportation section(s) and include at least</li> </ul>	A presentation completed by 10/31/2024.  Recommendation to DHHS Director by 01/31/2025  CFS 2024 Annual Report with recommendations completed by 01/31/25	Three (3) additional seats for the CFS by 2027.

two (2) members from Nevada's tribal communities (North/South).		
CFS to identify partners who can present at the CFS annually and the Fairs/Conferences that will improve awareness on policy and programs around the housing transportation sector, and tribal communities	One (1) annual presentation to CFS by 12/31.	By 2027 completed a minimum of four (4) presentations.
to mitigate drivers of food insecurity.	One (1) presentation at each fair/conference (2025 & 2027)	CFS Annual Reports to include summary of presentations.
	Efforts and presentation to be documented in the	
	each year.	
All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.	Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	
CFS will brief the NV Legislature Interim Health and Human Service Committee on food security issues and identify programs/policies that will increase food security; and make presentations regularly to	One (1) presentation by CFS to the Legislature Interim Health and Human Services Committee in	By 2027 completed a minimum of two (2) presentations.
county/city boards to raise awareness about need and programs.	2025 and again in 2027	CFS Annual Reports to include summary of
All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.	Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	presentations.
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**Priority:** Social Determinants of Health

Focus Area: Food Security

**Goal 1:** Reduce food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem in Nevada to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.

**SMART Objective 1.3:** Support new strategic partnerships and increase awareness among the food security ecosystem regarding service providers and funding opportunities that can assist with distributing food to people, particularly individuals at increased/higher risk for food insecurity. The Office of Food Security (OFS) and the Council on Food Security (CFS) will leverage a statewide Food Security Fair/Conference and other existing marketing to assist with awareness.

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Lead Agency: Office of Food Security (OFS) and Council on Food security (CFS) **Supporting Partners:** OFS, CFS, **s**ponsors, Food Banks, Food Pantries, NDA Division of Food and Nutrition, Food Security Service Providers, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS).

Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.3.1 Support the state lead in needs related to the federal SNAP EBT Modernization Technical Assistance Center grant	<ul> <li>OFS and/or CFS to coordinator SNAP EBT Stakeholders/partners to present at the CFS annually.</li> <li>OFS and/or CFS to provide administrative support with identified partners to present at the CFS each year.</li> <li>Allow representative(s) from SNAP to present at both the Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference on SNAP EBT Modernization and other funding opportunities that can assist with distributing food to people.</li> </ul>	One (1) presentation to CFS annually by 12/31.  One (1) SNAP presentation at the Northern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/25.  One (1) SNAP presentation at the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/27.	Increase funding awareness among the Food Security ecosystem regarding the SNAP EBT Modernization and other grant funding.
		Efforts and	
		presentation to be	
		documented in the CFS Annual Report	

		each year.  Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	
ninimum of two (2) service providers in attending In-Person to both Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference.	<ul> <li>The workgroup established in 1.1.1 Strategy will work in collaboration with the CFS and OFS to assist in identifying a minimum of two (2) service providers to attend each Food Security Fair/Conference.</li> <li>OFS will work in collaboration with the workgroup and CFS to identify sponsors to support the attendance of a minimum of two (2) service providers who will attend both the Southern and the Northern Neveda In-Person Food Security Fairs/Conference.</li> <li>Transportation Service providers shall include but not limited to services that bring the food to the people and the people to the food with equity among the rural and urban communities.</li> </ul>	Identification of partners by 03/31/2025 for Northern Nevada Fair/Conference.  Identification of partners by 03/31/2027 for the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference.  Northern Neveda Fair/Conference Attendance by 12/31/2025.  Southern Nevada Fair/Conference Attendance by 12/31/2027.	Support new strategic partnerships that can assist with transportation needs and efforts to distribute food to people.

**Resources:** <a href="https://www.fns.usda.gov/grant/snap-ebt-modernization-technical-assistance-center">https://www.fns.usda.gov/grant/snap-ebt-modernization-technical-assistance-center</a>, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), the Grant Lab, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), and Nevada Food Banks.

**Priority:** Social Determinants of Health

Focus Area: Food Security

**Goal 1:** Reduce food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem in Nevada to help eliminate the existing hunger gap.

**SMART Objective 1.4**: Utilize existing outreach channels and participate in marketing opportunities to inform eligible individuals and eligible households about WIC and SNAP benefits, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Summer Food Service Program, and any other additional summer food, school lunch, and breakfast programs. Increase awareness of existing campaigns that emphasize the benefits, requirements, and application processes for sponsors.

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and seniors.	od insecure individuals in Nevada statewide with a focus on	school-aged children, low soci	oeconomic status people
Lead Agency: Office of	Supporting Partners: Sponsors, OFS, CFS, Supplemental N	utrition Drogram for Moman	Infants and Children
Food Security (OFS) and	(WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP		
Council on Food security	districts, etc.), and NDA Division of Food and Nutrition.	, scribbi stakeribiders (Departir	ient of Education, school
(CFS)	districts, etc. J, and NDA Division of Food and Natifition.		
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
<b>1.4.1</b> Support in the		Four (4)	•
identification of	The OFS and/or CFS will collaborate with WIC,  SNAP, DMCS, and academic partners to identify.	presentations to the	Increase participation in programs designed to
	SNAP, DWSS, and academic partners to identify	'	
partnerships to increase WIC and SNAP	a representative who is willing to present at CFS	CFS annually by	reduce food insecurity.
	about WIC, SNAP, and existing partnerships	12/31.	Sixtoon (16)
participation and support rural program efforts for	<ul><li>statewide.</li><li>Presentation to include barriers</li></ul>		Sixteen (16) presentations to the CFS
the Child and Adult Care		Identification of partners	by 2027.
Food Program and	preventing partners from accepting	for CFS presentation by 04/30 annually.	by 2027.
Summer Food Service	supplemental nutritional assistance	04/30 ailitually.	
Program.	applications, which will be tracked via		
Flogram.	CFS Annual Reports.	Identification of partners by 03/31/2025 for	
	CFS to collaborate with NDA to Identify at	Northern Nevada	
	minimum three (3) rural representatives for the	Fair/Conference.	
	Child and Adult Care Food Program and/or	,	
	Summer Food Service Program to present		
	during the CFS annually. This can include, but	One (1) presentation at	
	not limited to NDA program staff.	the Northern Nevada	
	Allow representative(s) from WIC, SNAP, the	Fair/Conference by	
	NDA Child and Adult Care Food Program, and	12/31/25.	
	Summer Food Service Program to present at		
	both the Southern and Northern Nevada Food	Identification of partners	
	Security Fair/Conference.	by 03/31/2027 for the Southern Nevada	
	CFS and OFS to collaborate with the Nevada	Fair/Conference.	
	Department of Agriculture (NDA) Division of		
	Food and Nutrition and school stakeholders	0 (4)	
	(food distribution on Indian Reservations,	One (1) presentation at	
	school lunch and breakfast recipients, etc.) to	the Southern Nevada	
	increase awareness around NDA administered	Fair/Conference by	

programs aimed to improve food Security	12/31/27.
(Child and Adult Care Food Program, Food	
Distribution on Indian Reservations, School	All efforts and
Lunch and Breakfast Programs, Summer Food	presentation
Programs, etc.).	summaries are to be
	included in the CFS
	Annual Report.
	Efforts to continue
	through 12/31/2027.

**Resources:** Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), Southern Nevada Council on Food Security, Northern Nevada Council on Food Security, State of Nevada's Council on Food Security, Division of Public Behavioral Health-The Office of Food Security, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Nevada Department of Education, and Statewide Food Banks.