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The Nevada Council on Food Security (CFS)

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

(DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES

Location: **Microsoft Teams and Carson City**

Type of meeting: **Special Session**

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members present:

Allison Herzik
Amber Torres
Kelly Cantrelle
Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
Dr. Julian Goicoechea
Dr. Sabina Malik
Jill Moe
Dr. Pamela Juniel
Tori Lawson-Boffelli
Nishat Gould
Roberto Carrillo
Lori Lutu
Sara Ramirez

Members absent:

Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi
Lisa Swearingen
Marcia Blake
Vickie Ives

Others Present:

Lori Taylor, Office of Food Security DPBH
Anais Infante, DPBH – Meeting Staff
Kate Reynolds, The Nevada Independent
Nikolai Apilado, Three Square
Amber Hise, CDPHP
Dillon Winkelman, DPBH
Mayra Servin, UNR Orvis School of Nursing Student
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH
Taylor Moseley, DBPH

1. **Call to Order:**

Time the meeting was called to order: 1:05PM

Name of the presiding officer: Allison Herzik

2. **Public Comment:**

No public comment was made. The public comment period was closed.

3. **Data Presentations: Three Square, Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Southern Nevada Food Policy Council**

Three Square – Jeff Duncan

Jeff Duncan presented food security data and narrated the history of Three Square. See the presentation in the meeting packet for further information.

Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN) – Jenny Yeager

Jenny Yeager presented food security data collected by FBNN and through partnership with Feeding America. See the presentation in the meeting packet for further information.

Jenny Yeager informed the board, FBNN will be hosting a Northern SNAP Policy Conference on October 3, 2025.

Southern Nevada Food Council – Dr. Sabina Malik

Dr. Sabina Malik presented on food security data that impacts Southern Nevada. See the presentation in the meeting packet for further information.

4. **Discussion and possible action on work for AB405 Food Insecurity study**

Allison Herzik notified the board she spoke with the sponsor of bill AB405 to prevent any overlapping efforts and confirmed that she would remain informed. She referred to Jenny's presentation and committed to ongoing promotion of SNAP. Allison Herzik requested updates from Kelly Cantrelle concerning SNAP and funding, as the government shutdown might impact support for many individuals. Kelly Cantrelle reported that SNAP applications have decreased and that they are actively working to reduce error rates. The Department of Social Services currently reports an error rate of 6.59%, with a target to keep it below 6% to avoid incurring SNAP share costs. The ABAWD waiver is set to expire on January 31st, with an anticipated return on February 1st. Tori raised questions regarding the impact of benefit distribution during the recent government shutdown, which lasted for 35 days. Kelly Cantrelle began to clarify that the Welfare office operates at full

capacity to process applications during such times. If the office does not receive feedback, she reassured that they make daily calls to complete any necessary interviews or verifications, ensuring that applicants receive financial assistance before funds are depleted. Chair Herzik stressed the importance of prioritizing an emergency food plan given the rapid changes occurring. Chair Herzik also expressed a desire to discuss the legislative evaluation of laws, the contributions of the Southern Nevada Food Council, and to present this information to the Legislative Council Bureau. Additionally, there will be a follow-up on the coordination of efforts among state and local governments, as well as private organizations, and an agreement to consider the formation of a subcommittee to discuss further details in the upcoming meeting.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on work for SB233 Home Feeds Nevada study

The Council did not have any comments regarding SB233 and no action was taken.

6. Public Comment:

Second Public Comment Period:

Dr. Pamela Juniel announced to all that the Office of Student and School Supports, along with the Office of Early Learning and Development from the Nevada Department of Education, played a key role in the development of the Nevada Compass app. This application aims to raise awareness, identify, and promptly enroll children facing homelessness. Dr. Pamela Juniel also sought the Council's assistance in compiling a list of food providers. The app features various providers within a specific geographic area to facilitate access to food, mental health services, legal assistance, and more. Its expected launch is in December 2025.

7. Adjournment:

Chair Herzik motioned to adjourn. Dr. Dorian Stonebarger first approved of the motion, seconded by Tori Lawson-Boffeli. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 PM.

Next Meeting:

Meeting:

Date: October 14, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attachments:

Meeting agenda and packet (posted online and at physical locations in accordance with Open Meeting Law).

*Minutes prepared by Anais Infante using the following reference:

Robert, H. (2020). *Robert's rules of order: Newly revised (12th ed.)*. Da Capo Press.

Nevada Revised Statutes. *Open Meeting Law (NRS 241)*.

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