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THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY (CFS)

MEETING AGENDA

July 21, 2026

1:00 p.m. until Adjournment

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 4. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to approve the following meeting minutes:
 - May 13, 2026, AB405/SB233 Subcommittee Meeting
 - April 21, 2026, CFS Meeting
 - April 08, 2026, AB405/SB233 Subcommittee Meeting
 - June 10, 2026, AB405/SB233 Subcommittee Meeting
 5. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to nominate and appoint a Vice Chair.
 6. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to review the Request for Information (RFI), resumes, letters of interest, and approve candidates.
 7. For Information Only: Medicaid 1115 Waiver Presentations
 8. For Possible Action: Discussion, meeting updates, and possible action on study updates:
 - [SB233](#) Home Feeds Nevada study.
 - [AB405](#) Food Insecurity Study.
 9. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on submitting a Bill Draft Review (BDR) for the 2027 legislative session.

10. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the review of the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) deliverables, goals, and timelines.
11. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the review of the Food for People and Not for Landfill (FFPNL) Subcommittee and 2026 annual report.
12. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the review of the 2026 CFS Annual Report, including determination of 2027 goals.
13. For Possible Action: For discussion and possible action to review and determine future agenda items.
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15. Adjournment

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The Nevada Council on Food Security AB405/SB233 Subcommittee

APRIL 8, 2026

(DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES

Location: **Microsoft Teams and Carson City**

Type of meeting: **Special Session**

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members present:

Dr. Sabina Malik – Chair
Dr. Pamela Juniel
Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
Nishat Gould
(Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli
Jeff Duncan
Shane Piccinini
Vickie Ives
Marcia Blake

Members absent:

(Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli

Others Present:

Allen (Chungten) Pai, CDPHP
Amber Hise, CDPHP
Anais Infante, DPBH – Meeting Staff
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH
Dillon Winkelman, DPBH
Godwin Nwando, CDPHP
Lori Taylor, DPBH, Office of Food Security
Patricia Hoppe, NDA
Taliman Afroz, DPBH
Tammera Brower, DPBH
Troy Lovick, CDPHP

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The AB/SB Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by Chair Malik. Anais Infante conducted roll call, confirming that 7 of 9 members were present, establishing quorum.

2. **Public Comment:**

First Public Comment Period:

Public comment was opened at the start of the meeting. No public comments were provided; the Chair Malik closed the comment period.

3. **For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding study recommendations and updates for Home Feeds Nevada Study SB233.**

The subcommittee resumed discussion on potential actions and study recommendations for the Home Feeds Nevada initiative under SB233. Chair Malik requested that Amber Hise share the working spreadsheet used to track ongoing efforts and add April's completion of the policy assessment of 35 policies, noting that final data will be available by the May meeting. Discussion then shifted to program considerations for the Home Feeds Nevada report, including questions previously assembled by Dr. Allen Pai and Dillon Winkelman regarding program needs and allowable uses of funds, such as warehousing, transportation, and potential contracted drivers. Patricia Hoppe confirmed her team is finalizing responses to the questions provided by Amber Hise, clarifying that their agency conducts minimal food transportation and that certain assumptions may need correction; Patricia Hoppe will submit the completed responses and will be available for follow-up discussions as needed. Amber Hise proposed that Patricia Hoppe finalize the questions for review at the next meeting, and Chair Malik agreed. The group then identified takeaways for the next meeting, including monitoring grant opportunities and exploring creative funding or partnership options—such as collaborations with retailers, convenience stores, or healthcare and insurance partners—that could support Home Feeds Nevada without altering program structure.

Chair Malik noted the policy assessment will be formally concluded at the next meeting when scoring results are shared.

4. **For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding study recommendations and updates for Food Insecurity Study AB405.**

Chair Malik continued her presentation on reviewing more State Bills

NRS 232.4966 – Creation of the Governor's Council on Food Security

NRS 232.4968 – Duties of the Governor's Council on Food Security

NRS 268.0191 – Urban Agriculture Power

NRS 244.291 – Urban Agriculture Ordinance

Ordinance 11.10.150 – Alternative payment of fines donation program

17.24.140 – Sustainability

SB233 – Home Feeds Nevada

SB104 – School Gardens

AB171 – State Quarantine Officer (eggs)

AB479 – Tax on Agricultural Land

AB405 – Community Gardens and Urban Farms

AB352 – Cottage Food NDA will be managing

AB345 – Higher Ed Food Security

AB333 – Nevada State Fairgrounds

AB251 – Meat/Poultry Inspection

AB116 – Food Delivery Service Providers

Assessment questions were reviewed and additional context on Nevada's food system, including University of Nevada, Reno's Wolfpack Meats program, prompting participant appreciation and discussion. The subcommittee conducted a review on the final policy addressing food delivery service provider regulations, which require platforms to ensure food establishments maintain valid business licenses and prohibit orders from unlicensed vendors, though no oversight entity, tracking process, or fiscal note was specified. Chair Malik noted that data analysis would be completed and shared the following week, along with updated slides containing scoring information. Multiple participants, including Vickie Ives and Pamela Juniel, expressed appreciation for the clarity, organization, and effectiveness of the multi-year policy review process.

Chair Malik thanked attendees for their engagement and confirmed that final materials would be distributed before transitioning to the next agenda topic due to time constraints.

5. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Next Meeting:

Meeting:

Date: May 13, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams and Room 204 at 4150 Technology Way

Attachments:

Meeting agenda and packet (posted publicly in accordance with NRS 241)

*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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(DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2026

Time: 1:00PM – Adjournment

Location: **Microsoft Teams and Carson City**

Type of meeting: **Regular Meeting**

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members present:

Marcia Blake (Chair)
Amber Torres
Dr. Julian Goicoechea
Dr. Pamela Juniel
Kelly Cantrelle
Dr. Sabina Malik
Jeff Duncan
Roberto Carrillo
Sara Ramirez
Sarah Rogers proxy for Vickie Ives
(Tori) Samantha Lawson Betheli

Members absent:

Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi
Lori Lutu
Nishat Gould

Others Present:

Amber Hise, Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion (CDPHP)
Anais Infante, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) – Meeting Staff
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH
Dillon Winkelman, DPBH
Donadya McCullough, CDPHP
Dustin Parks, Three Square Food Bank
Godwin Nwando, CDPHP
Jennifer Yeager, Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN)

Kristle Muessle, Division of Social Services (DSS)
Lori Taylor, DPBH, Office of Food Security
Mat Cooper, FBNN
Sarah Gotcher, FBNN
Tammera Brower, DPBH

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**

Time the meeting was called to order: 1:06PM

Name of the presiding officer: Chair Marcia Blake

Roll call was conducted, 11 members were present and 4 absent. Quorum was confirmed.

2. **Public Comment:**

First Public Comment Period:

Dr. Malik discussed the following: NDA expanding cold storage in Southern Nevada; the USDA ended their Food Security Supplement questionnaire during the CENSUS; Feeding America is trying to find a way to keep tracking this information.

3. **For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes from July 01, 2025, Food for People Not Landfills (FFPNL), January 20, 2026, Council on Food Security (CFS), February 24, 2026, AB405/SB233, and March 10, 2026, AB405/SB233.**

Jeff Duncan moved to approve the meeting minutes from July 01, 2025, January 20, 2026, February 24, 2026, and March 10, 2026. Tori Lawson-Boffelli seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to review the Request for Information (RFI), resumes, letters of interest, and approve candidates.**

Lori Taylor informed the council DPBH released the RFI in December 2026 and shared it with Council members to encourage further distribution. Also clarified this item will remain as a standing agenda item until vacancies are filled.

5. **For Information Only: Final Reports-SFY25 Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN), 2025 Council on Food Security (CFS), and 2025 Food for People Not Landfills (FFPNL).**

Lori Taylor informed the council that the reports for FHN, CFS and FFPNL are final, with CFS and FFPNL posted at LCB. No questions proposed. This year's reports are being drafted, and the draft will be ready for review and feedback at July's meeting.

6. **For Information Only: Division of Social Services One Big Beautiful Act Bill (HR1) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Impact Presentation.**

Kelly Cantrelle discussed HR1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act key points in a presentation to the Council. Key points included SNAP, HRA1, and DSS impact on food stamp clients. Beginning October 01, 2026, the federal portion of the administrative costs for the SNAP program will reduce from 50% to 25%, which will be a 50/50 split. The SNAP education program dissolves October 30th. The new HR1 work requirements are more stringent and expanded to additional public body. There are exemptions in Nevada due to Nevada's high unemployment rate. The age limit altered, impacting the elderly population and working families. Parents with dependent children under the age of 18 used to be allowed to exempt that age changed to dependent children under the age of 13. The exemption for homelessness, veterans, and aged out of foster care has been suspended through October of 2030. HR1 eligibility changes included narrowing the criteria for non-citizens, refugees, parolees, and asylees are no longer eligible for the SNAP program. The ones that are eligible are U.S. citizens or nationals' people who have been here five years as a legal permanent resident. Starting May 01, 2026, anticipating close to 28,000 individuals who will lose SNAP eligibility due to not meeting the federal requirements.

7. **For Information Only: Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Three-Square Food Recovery Presentation**

Sarah Gotcher presented from the Food Bank of Northern Nevada Food to the Council on their food recovery/food waste Initiatives; Food Rescue redirects nutritious food that would otherwise go to waste. Service areas are Northern Nevada and Eastern slope of California including urban, rural, and frontier communities. Retail Rescue is a program that recovers surplus food from retail partners. Food Bank picks up on a schedule. There are 173 donors across the service area. Also receive donations from manufacturers, this program includes items from local food manufacturers. Distributor donations when there is a shift in delivery or the store no longer has room. For fiscal year 25 FBNN rescued about 6,123,311lbs which is about 45 partners the number has grown throughout fiscal year 26 FBNN has served around 160 thousand of our neighbors.

Dustin Parks from Three Square Food presented to the council on their food recovery/food waste initiatives. Food recovery means taking safe, wholesome food that would otherwise be discarded and redirecting it to people, its food that meets safety standards but has no commercial path forward. The multiple rescue channels are retail rescue (agency-enabled), retail rescue (fleet-support), rejected truck loads, hot foods rescue, events/expos, and hospitality streams. How it works, donor identifies surplus, pickup or delivery is scheduled, food safe handling and cold chain maintenance, storage, and rapid redistribution. The three ways council can help:

- Statewide alignment of policy and guidance with clear standards for safe donations, handling, and redistribution that includes prepared foods and large rejected loads. These efforts would remove significant friction from the system. The current ambiguity creates hesitation among potential donors.
- Investing in cold-chain capacity (primary limiting factor). Freezers, refrigerated trucks, dock equipment, and pantry infrastructure are not luxuries; they are the physical backbone of the work.
- Convening power matters. Bringing partners together consistently strengthens coordination, reduces duplication, and accelerates solutions. Cross sector coordination at the state level changes that.

Further discussion was made on food waste data. One in six Southern Nevadans is food insecure, and one in five children lives in a food-insecure household. On average, food-insecure residents miss 6.3 meals per week. These figures represent Nevadans and highlight the Three Square's Food Rescue Program operations at scale in Nevada. It is an active, functioning infrastructure, not a concept or proposal. With clearer policy alignment, targeted infrastructure investment, and strong cross-sector coordination, the program can save more and serve more.

Dr. Malik highlighted that Nevada has existing policies, such as "Food for People, Not Landfills," Good Samaritan protections, and existing gleaning statutes, that support food rescue efforts. She supported opportunities to strengthen the system through additional cold-storage, warehousing capacity, and clearer definitions related to gleaning. UNR's team rescued 12,000 pounds with five staff hours per week between February and April, which is equivalent to more than 10,000 meals, through partnerships with Three Square.

Dustin responded about compliance checks in California stating local municipalities are responsible for monitoring retailer compliance.

Dustin responded to retailer participation barrier which included partner capacity, access to cold-chain infrastructure (i.e., refrigerated vehicles), lack of necessary equipment and funding.

Dustin responded about staffing levels and shared that the retail-rescue program is managed by two staff members, with one additional staff member supporting other donor categories.

Discussions were made around the need for specific recommendations to refining gleaning definitions, improving refrigerated-van capacity, and the lack of food distributors in Las Vegas. Incentives (i.e., federal, state, tax reimbursement per pound) were also discussed to offset costs for retailers and encourage broader participation.

The Council reviewed FFPNL subcommittees' lack of participation and the need to continue food waste efforts with new members and cleared gleaning definitions. The need was emphasized for ongoing engagement rather than meeting only to fulfill reporting requirements.

8. For Possible Action: Discuss and possible action regarding the review and future direction of the FFPNL Subcommittee

Further discussions regarding the FFPNL Subcommittee were made including EPA "Feed it Onward" initiatives." Dr. Malik offered to lead the FFPNL Subcommittee. It was noted there is no requirement for FFPNL to function as a committee, as it falls under the DHS Director's Office, and the Council may choose how to structure or modify it in the future. The Chair inquired about participation limit for CFS members. Subcommittees cannot exceed CFS quorum.

The Chair proposed the discussion continue at the next CFS quarterly meeting due to time constraints. Jeff Duncan motioned to approve continue discussion at the next meeting. Tori Lawson-Boffelli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on decision to submit a Bill Draft Review (BDR) for the 2027 legislative session

The Chair proposed postponement of action on this agenda until further discussion on FFPNL to review similar legislation in other states.

DPBH clarified that the bill draft request (BDR) was assigned to the Council under SB 233 and must specifically relate to the Home Feeds Nevada program, with a submission deadline of December 1. She noted this is the first time the Council has been assigned a bill under legislation and that DPBH can assist with advancing the BDR once the Council determines its direction and completes the required form.

The Chair reiterated that a meaningful discussion on the BDR cannot occur until after the Council reviews updates under Agenda Item 11 concerning SB233 activities. She proposed moving Agenda Item 9 to follow Agenda Item 11. Hearing no objections, the Chair proceeded with the agenda adjustment.

10. For Possible Action: Standing discussion and possible action on the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) deliverables, goals, and timelines

The Chair opened Agenda Item 10 and referred to the Office of Food Security. It was advised for Council members review the reports in the packet members to refer to page 60 of the agenda packet where goals are identifiable to assist in deciding on current goals, future goals, and timelines. Drafts on new reports will be ready for review at the next CFS quarterly meeting in July and October to ensure alignment with current priorities.

The Chair reviewed the listed goals, observing that they reflect ongoing Council efforts, including increasing awareness of food distribution resources, continuing work to address food insecurity, guiding and monitoring FFPNL, food security conference, collaborating on emergency planning, and continuing in-person meetings.

No additional comments or revisions were proposed by Council members. The Chair closed Agenda Item 10 and noted that it will remain on the agenda for the July meeting.

11. For Possible Action: Standing discussion, meeting updates, and possible action on study updates

The Chair initiated discussion regarding study updates and requested clarification on how inventory items are categorized. It was confirmed the items in question are tracked as stand-alone donated pounds within their reporting requirements to the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

The Chair opened the floor for further discussion from members participating in the SB233 and AB405 committees. DPBH reported the Chronic Disease Evaluation Team completed

an evaluation of available home-delivered feed programs and submitted a comprehensive list of questions to Patricia Hoppe at the Nevada Department of Agriculture, who is working through the responses. She further noted that DPBH is moving forward with securing a contractor to assist in drafting the required reports after efforts to obtain an intern were unsuccessful, with the goal of producing a solid draft by July. The Chair acknowledged the council will continue to meet monthly, aided by a tracking spreadsheet that outlines monthly deliverables. Additional information will be reviewed in July, including survey results and further discussion on Agenda Item 9 and direction for the assigned BDR.

12. For Possible Action: For discussion and possible action to review and determine future agenda items

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following was discussed:

- Continue focus on discussions and actions stemming from the presentations provided.
- Separate agenda items for board members to make public comment will now be required per DPBH and separate from “public comment”.
- SNAP benefits reductions and any plans to increase participation in other federal nutrition programs such as Child and Care Adult Food Program (CACFP) or Summer Food Program (SFSP) to support affected families. Program limitations were discussed noting that federal requirements restrict eligibility for CACFP and SFSP and caseloads are at capacity. Reductions in the Emergency Food Assistant Program (TEFAP) commodities limit additional support. Possible action would be outreach, policy change, and increased state investments.

13. Public Comment:

Second Public Comment Period:

The Chair opened the floor to public comment. No public comment was made.

Jeff Duncan motioned to adjourn, Tori Lawson-Boffelli seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Adjournment:

The Chair adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Next Meeting:

Meeting:

Date: July 21, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attachments:

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

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MAY 13, 2026

(DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES

Location: **Microsoft Teams and Carson City**

Type of meeting: **Special Session**

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members present:

Dr. Sabina Malik – Chair
Dr. Pamela Juniel
Nishat Gould
(Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli
Jeff Duncan
Shane Piccinini
Vickie Ives
Marcia Blake

Members absent:

Dr. Dorian Stonebarger

Others Present:

Alexis Hogan, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
Allen (Chungten) Pai, CDPHP
Anaïs Infante, DPBH – Meeting Staff
Bryan Wachter, President, Retail Association of Nevada
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH
Godwin Nwando, CDPHP
Lori Taylor, DPBH, Office of Food Security
Patricia Hoppe, NDA
Pierron Tackes, Director of Health & Social Policy, Guinn Center
Sarah Rogers, DPBH
Tammera Brower, DPBH
Troy Lovick, CDPHP

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The AB/SB Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by Chair Malik. Anais Infante conducted roll call, confirming that 8 of 9 members were present, establishing quorum.

2. **Public Comment:**

First Public Comment Period:

Public comment was opened by Chair Malik.

Tori Lawson-Boffelli noted that on April 30, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced plans to reorganize and relocate. She encouraged participants to reach out to her for details on how these changes might affect their organizations and the individuals they assist, clarifying that she serves as a Program Analyst for the United States of Department Agriculture (USDA) FNS National Office in Child Nutrition Programs and is open to further discussions.

Dr. Pamela Juniel indicated that the contract funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) which supported Homeless Children and Youth Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP-HCY) ended in March. She also noted that University of Nevada, Reno Center for Statistics, Migrations, and Surveys has completed the Nevada McKinney Vento Landscape Analysis and Evaluation Report. She emphasized the participation of graduate and doctoral students and mentioned that the report has been approved for public release, with more information to come. Dr. Pamela Juniel invited further discussions about the study's findings and how they could aid in ensuring that children and youth facing homelessness have access to vital resources, including food security, in line with tools like the Nevada Compass app.

A final request for public comments was made, but no additional comments were received. Chair Malik then concluded the comment period.

3. **For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding study recommendations and updates for Home Feeds Nevada Study SB233.**

Chair Malik recapped Home Feeds Nevada program from the last meeting. The team examined obstacles facing the program and considered the strategies employed by other states, observing that many depend on access to state general fund appropriations. Additionally, the group explored the idea of merging various grant sources as a possible approach.

Board members discussed key processes, historical state personnel coverage, and if the States Grant Office (Governor's Office of Federal Assistance) can identify funding sources, provide matching funds, or offer guidance on compliant funding frameworks. The team revisited potential connections

to Medicaid support, prescription pantry programs, and the Food Is Medicine grant, but it was noted the funding streams to the program could create operational challenges for food banks due to the program's small size and the complexities of product distribution. The board also discussed Nevada Health Authority application for a *Food is Medicine (FIM) State Officer Program*, which is a new initiative designed to help states and territories strengthen their FIM capacity and advance policies that improve access to healthy food for people with diet-related health conditions.

Chair Malik noted that in June the group can begin outlining the needs for a BDR request, including a dedicated coordinator position, funding for state matching requirements, and broader agricultural infrastructure needs such as logistics and transportation.

4. **For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding study recommendations and updates for Food Insecurity Study AB405.**

Chair Malik opened the discussion on AB405 and provided an update on the policy assessment process. She noted that the required assessment by the Southern Nevada Food Council (SNFC) approximately takes six months to complete and involves reviewing a wide range of potential policies related to food security. The group evaluated policies successfully implemented in other states and considered which would be most manageable, impactful, and feasible for implementation in Nevada. The Southern Nevada Food Council subsequently voted on its top ten recommended policies. Chair Malik offered to share these results to support continued discussion within the subcommittee. She also outlined the current plan, indicating that preliminary work—including the policy assessment, strengths and weaknesses analysis, the overlay, and the coordination-of-efforts section—should be largely completed by June and July 2026, leaving only the recommendations section outstanding.

Vickie Ives requested clarification regarding internal drafting timelines to ensure alignment with upcoming full-committee meetings. In response, Chair Malik and Sarah Rogers confirmed that the goal is to produce a draft for presentation at the July Council on Food Security meeting, followed by feedback, edits, and a finalized version by the subcommittee's September 2026 meeting to meet Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) submission deadlines. Sarah Rogers added that Alexis, recently hired as a contractor and former evaluator with their section, will support the drafting process. Participants agreed on the timeline, noting that although ambitious, it remains achievable. Chair Malik concluded the discussion by stating that the AB405 portion of the meeting was complete and transitioned the group to SB233.

5. Public Comment:

Second Public Comment Period:

Second public comment period opened.

DPBH contractor Alexis Hogan introduced herself and discussed her involvement in writing the necessary subcommittees reports for LCB submission. She has worked for DPBH cardiovascular and diabetes programs.

Chair Malik announced a Food Access Fare scheduled for May 30 at the Downtown Las Vegas Container Park from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The event will offer free resources, including a farmers' market, food, parking, snow cones, and family-friendly activities, with the intent of supporting residents affected by the reduction of SNAP benefits.

No further public comment was made; the meeting proceeded to adjournment.

6. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Next Meeting:

Meeting:

Date: June 10, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams and Room 204 at 4150 Technology Way

Attachments:

Meeting agenda and packet (posted publicly in accordance with NRS 241)

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The Nevada Council on Food Security AB405/SB233 Subcommittee

JUNE 10, 2026

(DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES

Location: **Microsoft Teams and Carson City**

Type of meeting: **Special Session**

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members present:

Dr. Sabina Malik – Chair
Dr. Pamela Juniel
Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
(Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli
Jeff Duncan
Shane Piccinini
Vickie Ives

Members absent:

Nishat Gould

Others Present:

Alexis Hogan, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
Allen (Chungten) Pai, CDPHP
Anais Infante, DPBH – Meeting Staff
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH
Dillon Winkelman, CDPHP
Emma Doty, UNR
Godwin Nwando, CDPHP
Lori Taylor, DPBH, Office of Food Security
Sarah Rogers, DPBH
Troy Lovick, CDPHP

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

The AB/SB Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by Chair Malik. Anais Infante conducted roll call, confirming that 7 of 9 members were present, establishing quorum.

2. Public Comment:

First Public Comment Period:

Public comment was opened by Chair Malik and written comments were acknowledged.

Public comment provided by Emma Doty, a recent graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno, discussing her food security experience at the government level. She supports the AB405 work and emphasized the importance of including student voices in discussions due to food insecurity on campus and the need for food resources while on campus. She raised concerns about the increasing cost of living affecting students' capacity to stay in school and pushed for more support and collaboration to meet these needs. Ms. Doty explained that although she had a conversation with Assemblywoman Flanagan when the bill was introduced, she did not take part in creating the policy.

A final request for public comments was made with no additional comments being received.

Chair Malik concluded the comment period.

3. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding study recommendations and updates for Home Feeds Nevada Study SB233.

Chair Malik initiated discussion on the various components of the report. The Council then reviewed partners and organizations to be reflected in the report. Members identified Helping Hands of Vegas Valley, Nevada Hand, and other partners served through the Northern Nevada Food Bank or Three Square. Under the "Grow" pillar, the Council confirmed the inclusion of the Nevada Department of Agriculture, the Nevada Farm Bureau, and the Coalition for Small Agriculture Roundtables. Master Gardeners were also added to the list.

A discussion followed regarding a former community garden near Tonopah. Members noted that the garden is no longer active but had previously contributed to the development of school-based gardening programs. The Council acknowledged the evolution of this work and its continued impact, despite the garden's closure.

The Council then reviewed timelines and expectations for the upcoming July 8 meeting. It was anticipated that the Regional Transportation Commission would present map results related to food insecurity and vacant lots. Additionally, Kelli Kelly, a former Council member, would be invited to present the Southern Nevada Food Council's policy toolkit developed through a recent scoping project. This toolkit outlines policy priorities based on feasibility, need, and urgency, and Council feedback will be requested for use in the report.

Further, members will review Alexis Hogan's draft during the July 8 meeting, and SB233 materials will be provided if available. Clarification was also provided regarding the remaining work on the SB233 feasibility study.

The Council agreed to close the current agenda item and return to the previous one to maintain proper sequence.

4. **For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding study recommendations and updates for Food Insecurity Study AB405.**

The board had multiple discussions regarding the study and updates for AB405. DPBH recommended the final 15 minutes reserved for feedback on the initial draft of the AB405 report drafted by DPBH. Chair Malik agreed and responded that the report is comprehensive and well-organized outlining the group's work on the study. Recommendations included acknowledging the Southern Nevada Food Council for its foundational work supporting the studies referenced in the report, removing policy assessment scores instead of summarizing the policies reviewed, identifying strengths and weaknesses, and for members to revisit the section describing the role of the Council for accuracy and clarity. DPBH clarified the language in the section was largely drawn from the NRS, and statutory language was used with some additional edits.

Additional feedback must be provided at the next meeting on July 8 meeting, at which time the RTC and toolkit results will be reviewed.

The meeting concluded with acknowledgments from several participants.

5. **Public Comment:**

Second Public Comment Period:

Second public comment period opened by Chair Malik.

No public comment was made; the meeting proceeded to adjournment.

6. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM.

Next Meeting:

Meeting:

Date: July 8, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attachments:

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Attachment for Agenda Item #6

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DATE: JULY 13, 2026

RE: COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY SEEKING A MEMBER

DURING THE 80TH SESSION OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE, SENATE BILL 178 PASSED, CODIFYING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY (CFS) (NEVADA REVISED STATUTES [NRS] 232.496 THROUGH 232.4968, INCLUSIVE). THE COUNCIL 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 THE STATE BY INCREASING FOOD SECURITY THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA WILL MAKE APPOINTMENTS BASED ON REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE FOOD SECURITY ECOSYSTEM AS OUTLINED IN NRS 232.4966.

j (2) One member who is a representative of manufacturing that is not related to food

j (3) One member who is a representative of the gaming industry, hospitality industry, or restaurant industry

j (4) One member who is a representative of farmers or ranchers engaged in food production

j (5) One member who is a representative of persons engaged in the business of processing or distributing food

k (5) 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 rural Nevada

k (7) A person who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities

k (8) A person who is a representative of a local health authority

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 TO AMBER HISE, AHISE@HEALTH.NV.GOV OR, SARAH SROGERS@HEALTH.NV.GOV OR TO MAILING ADDRESS: 4150 TECHNOLOGY WAY SUITE 210 CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89706, 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 GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT.

EDUCATION

Master of Education	2004
Lesley University, Cambridge, MA	
<i>Educational Technology, Concentration in Math & Science K-12 Capacity Building</i>	
Bachelor of Science	1997
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV	
<i>Community Health Education, Concentration in College-Aged and Adult Community Health</i>	

AWARDS AND HONORS

Outstanding Service Award	2025
University of Nevada at Reno, Extension-Clark County	
Outstanding Administrative Faculty	2024
University of Nevada at Reno, Extension-College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources	
Collaboration Award	2021
University of Nevada at Reno, Extension-Clark County	
Governor Appointed Member	2019-2026
Nevada Governor's Commission on Aging	
Faculty Development Award	2015, 2016, 2018, 2021
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine	
Health Literacy and Aging Scholar	2015
United States Senate, Harry Reid Certificate of Commendation and Certificate of Senatorial Recognition	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV	2010-present
Coordinator, Healthy Aging, Extension, College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources	2019-present
Editor and Featured Contributing Author, <i>Healthy LIVING While Aging! Newsletter</i>	
Associate Director, Nevada Geriatric Education Center, Sanford Center for Aging	2012-2022
Curriculum Director, Geriatric Training Program, Department of Internal Medicine	2010-2011
Lessons of the Heart, LLC, Las Vegas, NV	2009-2012
Owner and Education Consultant	
Clark County School District, Las Vegas, NV	2002-2009
Development Director, Vegas Public Broadcasting System (PBS)	2008-2009
Grants Administrator, Grants Development and Administration	2002-2008
Area Health Education Center of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV	1997- 2002
Associate Director, K-16 Student Programs	1999-2002
Program Manager, Student Programs	1997-1999



<i>University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV</i>	<i>1984-1997</i>
Student Health Educator, Student Health Center	1996-1997
Community Health Education Volunteer, Student Health Center	1992-1996
Accounting Clerk, Controller's Office	1984-1991

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATION**Collaboration Building and Partnership Development**

- Follow best practices in recruiting and engaging collaboration
- Successful team leader with experience in action teams and working group development
- Statewide resource for innovative program and educational offerings in public health and workforce development

Grant/Fiscal Management

- Successfully written over 30 grants and contracts
- Provided administrative oversight and compliance for over \$100M in grant funding
- Served as principal investigator and project director for federal and state funded grants and contracts

Human Resource Management

- Supervised, hired, and trained over 20 team members
- Leadership and team building for staff, management and board members
- Volunteer development in community service and outreach
- Proficient in Interfolio Faculty180 and Workday

Professional Development

- Facilitate Board of Examiners approved licensing and workforce development for state licensed health professionals
- Develop curricula for Nevada Systems of Higher Education health profession students and faculty, Clark County School District administration, teachers, and middle and high school students
- Professional conference planning for 19 statewide and Western regional conferences aimed at health professionals and community members (e.g., caregiving, elder care, falls prevention, food security, honoring native American elders, women's and correctional health)

Teaching & Curricula

- Master trainer for AARP Disrupt Aging Classroom and Dementia Friendly America Dementia Friends USA
- Instruct Nevada Systems of Higher Education health profession students and faculty, Clark County School District administration and teachers
- Experience as an adjunct faculty, county and state workforce development trainer, university course coordinator, university guest lecturer and national presenter
- Presentations, publications, posters and editorial activities available upon request
- Develop and implement a six-week math and science capacity building, health career awareness, and health education statewide summer program with lessons focused on heart and cardiovascular disease, lungs and respiratory system, cellular biology, forensic science and DNA, viruses and microbiology, and anatomy and physiology for 125 students grades six through 12

CERTIFICATIONS

Tiny Habits® , certified coach	2025-2026
AARP , Disrupt Aging Classroom, certified facilitator	2020-2022



University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine , Improving Care of Elders through Community and Academic Partnership, certified interprofessional geriatrics care provider	2021
National Commission for Health Education Credentialing , Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) #5901	1997-2007

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTOR

AARP – Master Trainer <i>Disrupt Aging Classroom</i>	2021-2026
University of Nevada, Reno – Interdisciplinary Curriculum Committee <i>Gerontology Academic Program</i>	2021-2022
Dementia Friendly America – Master Trainer <i>Dementia Friends</i>	2018
Nevada System of Higher Education – Guest Faculty Lecture <i>Aging it can Happen to You</i>	2012-2019
University of Nevada, Reno – Faculty Instructor <i>Geriatric Training Scholar Program</i>	2010-2012
State of Nevada Department of Education – State Trainer <i>Intervention and Prevention of Remediation</i>	2007
Clark County School District – County Trainer <i>Grant Writing, Management and Evaluation</i>	2004-2007
College of Southern Nevada – Adjunct Faculty <i>Introduction into the Health Professions and Health Profession Skills</i>	1999-2001
University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Course Coordinator <i>Science and Elementary Education Dyad</i>	1998-1999
University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Health Education Instructor <i>Body Talk, Eroticizing Latex: Safer Sex 101, Demystifying HIV</i>	1998-1999

PUBLICATIONS

- Mazzullo, N. (2021). *Forgetful? Or is it a sign of something more serious?*, **Nevada Today NSights**, University of Nevada, Reno, June 2021.
- Mazzullo, N. (2021). *Creating communities of strength by celebrating older adults*, **Nevada Today NSights**, University of Nevada, Reno, May 2021.
- Mazzullo, N. & Clarke, A. (2021). *Improving the health of older Nevadans. SNAP-Ed Success Stories*, national syndication.
- Mazzullo, N. & Lindsay, A. (2020 – present). *Healthy LIVING while aging!*, **University of Nevada, Reno, Extension**.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION



National Council on Aging, <i>professional member</i>	2022
Gerontological Society of America, <i>professional member</i>	2016 - present
American Society of Aging, <i>professional member</i>	2016 - present



PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program, <i>peer reviewer</i>	2022
United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services SNAP-Ed Toolkit, <i>peer reviewer</i>	2022
University of Nevada, Reno Sanford Center for Aging Service-Learning Committee, <i>member</i>	2022
State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division Older Adult Nutrition Services Grant, <i>peer reviewer</i>	2021 - present
Nevada Office of the Attorney General, Abuse in Later Life Statewide Coordinated Community Response Team, <i>member</i>	2020-2022
Three Square Food Bank, Senior Hunger Steering Committee, <i>member</i>	2020-2024
Governor's Commission on Aging <i>member</i> , Policy & Legislative Sub-committee <i>member</i>	2020-present
University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Public Health's Bachelor of Science, <i>founding advocacy member</i>	2020
Nevada CAN (COVID Aging Network) Rapid Response Team Social Services Action Team, <i>training logistics co-lead</i>	2020-2021
Nevada CAN Rapid Response Team Food and Medication Action Team, <i>team member</i>	2020-2021
Governor's Commission on Food Security, <i>work group member</i>	2019-2020
Nevada Healthy Aging Alliance, <i>founding faculty</i>	2019-present
American Society of Aging, Aging in America Conference, <i>peer reviewer</i>	2016-present
Nevada Alliance to Transform the Culture of Aging, <i>support team member</i>	2016-2017
Community-Based Services and Support for Older Adults in Clark County, <i>panelist</i>	2016
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, <i>diversity advocate</i>	2014-2015
University of Nevada, Reno President's Committee on Cultural Diversity, <i>member</i>	2014-2015
Clark County Community Assessment and Education to Promote Behavioral Health Planning and Evaluation, <i>community representative</i>	2014
Las Vegas Ryan White Part A HIV/AIDS Program, <i>planning council member</i>	2014
High Sierra Health Education Center, <i>health career outreach coordinator</i>	2011
Nevada System of Higher Education College Access Challenge, <i>education specialist</i>	2009-2010
Coalition to Prevent Childhood Obesity, <i>member</i>	2006-2007
United States Department of Health and Human Services Allied Health Grant, <i>peer reviewer</i>	2001
Clark County School District Health Occupation Advisory Committee, <i>member</i>	2000-2001
United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Career Opportunity Program Grant, <i>peer reviewer</i>	1999-2002
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine Clinical Family Medicine, <i>academic faculty appointment</i>	1997-2002



GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

ADSD Project Hello Trainings, <i>principal investigator</i> - \$119,936	2022
SNAP-Ed Healthy Aging, <i>supporting</i> - \$1,402,592	2018-2022
ADSD Staff Video Trainings, <i>principal investigator</i> - \$111,180	2016-2022
ADSD Urban Caregiver Conference, <i>principal investigator</i> - \$113,088	2016-2022
Nevada Department of Veterans Services Veterans in Care, <i>contract</i> - \$10,000	2016-2017
Nevada AIDS Education Training Center Core & Minority Initiative, <i>supporting</i> - \$224,436	2014-2015
High Sierra AHEC Freshman MD, Nevadans in Medicine, <i>sub-award</i> - \$10,000	2011
Variety Children's Learning Center Oscar Night America, <i>contract</i> - \$9,000	2010-2011
Explore Knowledge Charter School Professional Development, <i>contract</i> - \$6,000	2010
North Las Vegas Fire Department Northern S.T.A.R.S., <i>contract</i> - \$12,000	2010
Nevada State College Upward Bound, <i>contract</i> - \$6,000	2010
Nevada DoE P-16 Council College Access Challenge Grant, <i>contract</i> - \$60,000	2009-2010
MGM Mirage Voice Foundation Described Caption Media, <i>project director</i> - \$32,000	2009
Nevada DoE Innovation and Prevention of Mediation, <i>administrator</i> - \$71,000,000	2006-2008
Nevada DoE Office of Special Education Early Childhood, <i>administrator</i> - \$4,200,000	2006-2008
Nevada DoE 21 st Century Community Learning Center, <i>administrator</i> - \$4,300,000	2003-2008
Nevada DoE Office of Special Education Caseload Reduction, <i>administrator</i> - \$5,800,000	2003-2008
Nevada DoE Office of Special Education IDEA Local Plan, <i>administrator</i> - \$103,000,000	2006-2007
United States DoE Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, <i>administrator</i> - \$5,200,000	2004-2006
Nevada DoE Comprehensive School Reform, <i>administrator</i> - \$1,900,000	2004-2006
United States Department of Indian Education Title VII, <i>administrator</i> - \$169,000	2004-2005
Beaumont Foundation of America Educational Technology, <i>administrator</i> - \$348,000	2004-2005
Nevada DoE Office of Special Education Response to Intervention, <i>administrator</i> - \$20,000	2004-2005
Nevada DoE Office of Special Education Improving Transition Outcomes, <i>administrator</i> - \$54,000	2004-2005
Eli Broad Foundation School Board of Trustees Policy Governance, <i>administrator</i> - \$200,000	2004-2005
Nevada DoE Office of Special Education School Renovation, <i>administrator</i> - \$99,000	2003-2004
Nevada DoE Office of Special Education Student Support Project, <i>administrator</i> - \$200,000	2003-2004
Nevada DoE Office of Special Education Administrator's Institute, <i>administrator</i> - \$40,000	2002-2003
Nevada Dept. of Human Services Task Force for a Healthy Nevada, <i>administrator</i> - \$439,000	2002-2003
Neighborhood Services Dept. Community Development Block Grant, <i>project director</i> - \$59,000	2000-2002
US Dept. Health & Human Services Health Career Opportunity Grant, <i>project director</i> - \$840,000	1999-2002



NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Mazzullo, N., Helm, M. & Lindsay, A. (2022). *A model to improve the health of low-income older adults through partnership between an extension and income-restricted senior living complex*. Workshop accepted to **Aging in America conference**, New Orleans, LA.
- Mazzullo, N. & Swager, P. (2018). *Leveraging resources to reach urban and rural veteran caregivers, lay and professional*. Workshop presented at the **Aging in America conference**, San Francisco, CA.
- Swager, P. & Mazzullo, N. (2018). *Training our future providers while addressing geriatric and IPE competencies*. Roundtable presented at the **Aging in America conference**, San Francisco, CA.
- Haslem, H., Mazzullo, N. & Swager, P. (2016). *Pedagogical strategies for developing empathy among students*. Workshop presented at the **Association for Gerontology in Higher Education**, Long Beach, CA.
- Swager, P., Engelbrecht, S., Harris, S., Mazzullo, N. & Ward, S. (2015). *Reaching Nevada's most valuable elders*. Workshop presented at the **Aging in America conference**, Chicago, IL.
- Mazzullo, N., Harris, S., Haslem, H. & Swager, P. (2015). *Aging sensitivity: adaptations for different audiences*. Workshop presented at the **Aging in America conference**, Washington, DC.
- Swager, P., Charles, P. & Mazzullo, N. (2014). *Did we make a difference? Several approaches to program evaluation and research*. Workshop presented at the Mission Possible 2.0: **Action Nevada conference**, Reno, NV.
- Swager, P., Charles, P., Mazzullo, N., Rosenberg, L. & Van Buege, S. (2014). *The synergism of partnerships*. Symposium presented at the **Aging in America conference**, San Diego, CA.
- Mazzullo, N. (2002). *Integrating developmental assets into academic enrichment programs*. Keynote speaker at the Making a Difference One Child at a Time: **The Developmental Asset Approach conference**, Las Vegas, NV.
- Mazzullo, N. (2002). *Working together to develop ways to teach adolescents about sexual health*. Workshop presented at the Saying No in a Culture of Yes: **Adolescent Health Summit**, Las Vegas, NV.
- Mazzullo, N. & Yuhos, R. (2002). *Leveraging grant dollars to impact the community and increase visibility*. Workshop presented at the **National AHEC Workshop: Connecting Vision, Values, and Technology**, Little Rock, AR.
- Mazzullo, N. (2002). *Recognizing excellence: developing a forum for high school research*. Workshop presented at the **National AHEC Workshop: Connecting Vision, Values, and Technology**, Little Rock, AR.
- Mazzullo, N. (2002). *Preparing a generation of high school students to discover the essential aspects of clinical forensic medicine*. Keynote at the **Health Careers Opportunity Program Project Director Conference: Changing the Nation Today for a New Generation**, Silver Springs, MD.
- Mazzullo, N. (2001). *Educational partnerships and pipelines*. General Session Panelist at the Annual National **Association of Minority Medical Educators conference**, La Jolla, CA.
- Mazzullo, N. & Swager, P. (2001). *Kids into geriatric health career: models, methods, and modalities*. Workshop presented at the 54th Annual Scientific Meeting of the **Gerontological Society of America: 2001- A Gerontological Odyssey Exploring Science, Society, and Spirituality**, Chicago, IL.
- Mazzullo, N. (2001). *Recognizing the excellence: developing a forum for high school research*. General session presented at the **Biomedical Research & Education Conference**, Las Vegas, NV.
- Mazzullo, N. (1999). *The science and elementary education dyad (SEED): a community, university, and school district partnership*. Workshop presented at the **National AHEC Workshop, AHEC Leading the Way to the Future**, Louisville, KY.



POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Mazzullo, N. (2016). *Aging sensitivity: adaptations for different audiences*. Poster presented at the Celebration of **Scholars in Aging**, Reno, NV.
- Bennett, J., Charles, P. & Mazzullo, N. (2013). *The communication pendulum: striking a balance between technology and in-person*. Poster presented at the **Pacific AIDS Education & Training Center**/Northwest AETC Asilomar Faculty Development conference, Pacific, CA.
- Mazzullo, N. & Dewey, M. (2002). *Leveraging tobacco settlement dollars for high school health promotion*. Poster presented at the **National AHEC Workshop: Connecting Vision, Values, and Technology**, Little Rock, AR.
- Mazzullo, N. (2001). *Community collaborations: preparing Nevada's youth today*. Poster presented at the **Health Careers Opportunity Program Project Directors conference: Transcending Today's Promise into Tomorrow's Future**, Rockville, MD.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

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| Inside Education Vegas Public Broadcasting System Television, <i>Creating a College Going Culture in the State of Nevada</i> , television interview | 2010 |
| Reno Gazette Journal , <i>Creating a College Going Culture in the State of Nevada</i> , newspaper article interview | 2009 |
| KUNR Public Radio , <i>Creating a College Going Culture in the State of Nevada</i> , radio interview | 2009 |
| Day One Las Vegas , <i>Talking to Teens About Sex: When Should Kids Know About Sex</i> , television interview | 2002 |
| KLAS Channel 8 Eyewitness News: Special Edition, Inside Health , <i>Talking to Teens About Sex: When Should Kids Know About Sex</i> , television interview | 2002 |



Attachment for Agenda Item #7



Housing Supports & Services – In Lieu of Services (ILOS): Food Is Medicine

Nevada Medicaid In Lieu of Services (ILOS) Overview

What is ILOS?

Medicaid approved services that serve as medically appropriate alternatives to traditional care. They address social drivers of health, especially housing instability and food insecurity, to improve outcomes and reduce avoidable utilization.

Key Areas of Focus

- Housing transition and sustainment
- Food Is Medicine interventions
- Care coordination for high-risk members



Planned ILOS Development

Provider Type 50 development

- Nevada Medicaid is actively building the ILOS framework. We attend monthly ILOS meetings and review each new release on provider type, billing, and enrollment.
- We're configuring our contracting, claims, and authorization systems and developing member and provider guidance, preparing to publish as the state shares more detail



Why ILOS and Food Is Medicine Matter

ILOS allows Medicaid to address housing and food insecurity as part of care delivery.

- Reduces ED visits and hospitalizations
- Supports recovery and chronic disease management
- Aligns care with real-life member needs

Food Is Medicine supports clinical outcomes through medically tailored nutrition including:

- Condition Specific Meals tailored to meet nutritional needs for conditions like diabetes, cardiac, renal, and maternal health diets
- Member Choice Model respects cultural preferences to improve engagement
- Standardized meals are reviewed by nutritionists to ensure clinical appropriateness



What are Housing Supports?

SilverSummit delivers Housing Supports & Services (HSS) through **ROOTS**, our housing support program for Medicaid members. These Medicaid-covered services link members experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing housing to stable housing and community resources.

Services Available: Housing transition planning, help locating and moving into housing, one-time move-in costs, and ongoing tenancy support to sustain housing.

Who Qualifies: SilverSummit Medicaid members who are homeless or at risk with a qualifying need, such as a recent hospital, jail, or treatment discharge, pregnancy, serious behavioral health needs, frequent ER use, or experience with violence or exploitation.

How to Refer: Providers can connect members to the ROOTS team by calling **Member Services at 1-844-366-2880 (TTY 711)** or by emailing CommunitySolutions@SilverSummitHealthPlan.com to get in contact with a specialist.



Value-Added Benefits



Our value-add benefits go beyond standard Medicaid offerings to address food, transportation, and the everyday barriers that affect members' health.

- **Grocery Benefit:** Monthly allowance to buy groceries and ease food insecurity.
- **My Health Pays®:** Complete healthy activities and earn dollar rewards.
- **Enhanced Transportation for HRSN Needs:** Rides that connect members to food, housing, and community resources, not just medical visits.
- **Gas Cards:** Fuel assistance so members can reach appointments, work, and essential errands.
- **Pathway to Progress:** Rewards-based workforce development program that supports members in reaching education and employment goals with a \$50 grocery gift certificate.
- **Over the Counter Benefits:** \$30 every quarter for your household's over the counter needs.

Why ILOS and Food is Medicine Matters

Who they are

National provider of medically tailored, home-delivered meals; USDA- and FDA-inspected facilities with a strong presence in Las Vegas.

What they offer

- Nine dietary preference menus and 60+ meal choices designed by registered dietitians and professional chefs for diabetes, heart, renal, high-risk pregnancy, and more.
- Meals are designed to support most common nutrition-sensitive conditions and dietary needs. Store in the refrigerator for up to 14+ days.
- Crafted from high-quality ingredients and free from ingredients like added MSG, partially hydrogenated oils, high-fructose corn syrup, added trans fats, artificial sweeteners such as sucralose, and preservatives banned in the EU.
- Produced in USDA and FDA-inspected facilities.

Delivery

- Home delivery (including rural/underserved areas), convenient safe packaging with 14+ day refrigerated shelf life, plus nutrition counseling and education.
- Delivering 225-300 meals to members each month with a 98% success rate within 2-days of ordering.

*Future ILOS populations will qualify for up to 90 days of Medically Tailored meals

What Members Receive

- Eligible postpartum mothers diagnosed with Gestational Diabetes and/or Preeclampsia receive 30 fully prepared meals, delivered to their homes in two shipments of 15 meals each, post discharge from the hospital.

Who is Eligible

- Currently: Postpartum mothers diagnosed with Gestational Diabetes and/or Preeclampsia.



Mom's Meals

SilverSummit has partnered with Mom's Meals as a pilot program for medically tailored meal delivery, starting with postpartum mothers diagnosed with gestational diabetes and/or preeclampsia. This model will help inform broader Food Is Medicine expansion under ILOS, including for members experiencing housing instability.

Eligible members receive

- 30 prepared meals after hospital discharge
- 9 clinically appropriate menu options with 60+ meal choices overseen by registered dietitians
- Integrated Care management services with our Start Smart for Your Baby Program



Stability Through the Lens of Health-Related Social Needs

SilverSummit Approach

- Addresses food insecurity as a key social driver of health.
- Leverages existing Value-Added Benefit (VAB) programs, with a focus on families and Maternal Child Health, partnering with Mom's Meals for condition specific delivery.
- Partners with long standing community organizations like Three Square, The Just One Project, The Las Vegas Rescue Mission, FISH, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities & Food Bank of Northern Nevada to expand access to and strengthen local food systems. SilverSummit is a national Feeding America Food Bank partner.

Why It Matters for HSS Members

- Food insecurity is the second most reported need, following housing instability.
- Consistent access to nutritious food supports physical and mental health, medication adherence, and overall stability.
- Transportation remains a key barrier, so our VABs are designed to support access to critical resources such as food banks.



Expanding Food is Medicine

Apply Lessons from VAB and Housing ILOS

Use what we've learned launching value-added benefits and Housing Supports & Services to refine eligibility, referral, and delivery before scaling.

Embed in the HSS ILOS Benefit

Extend medically tailored meals to recently housed qualified members affected by food insecurity, as one part of a coordinated stabilization strategy alongside housing transition and sustainment supports.

Scale Intentionally

Sequence implementation to align with Medicaid policy and ensure readiness, sustainability, and measurable outcomes.





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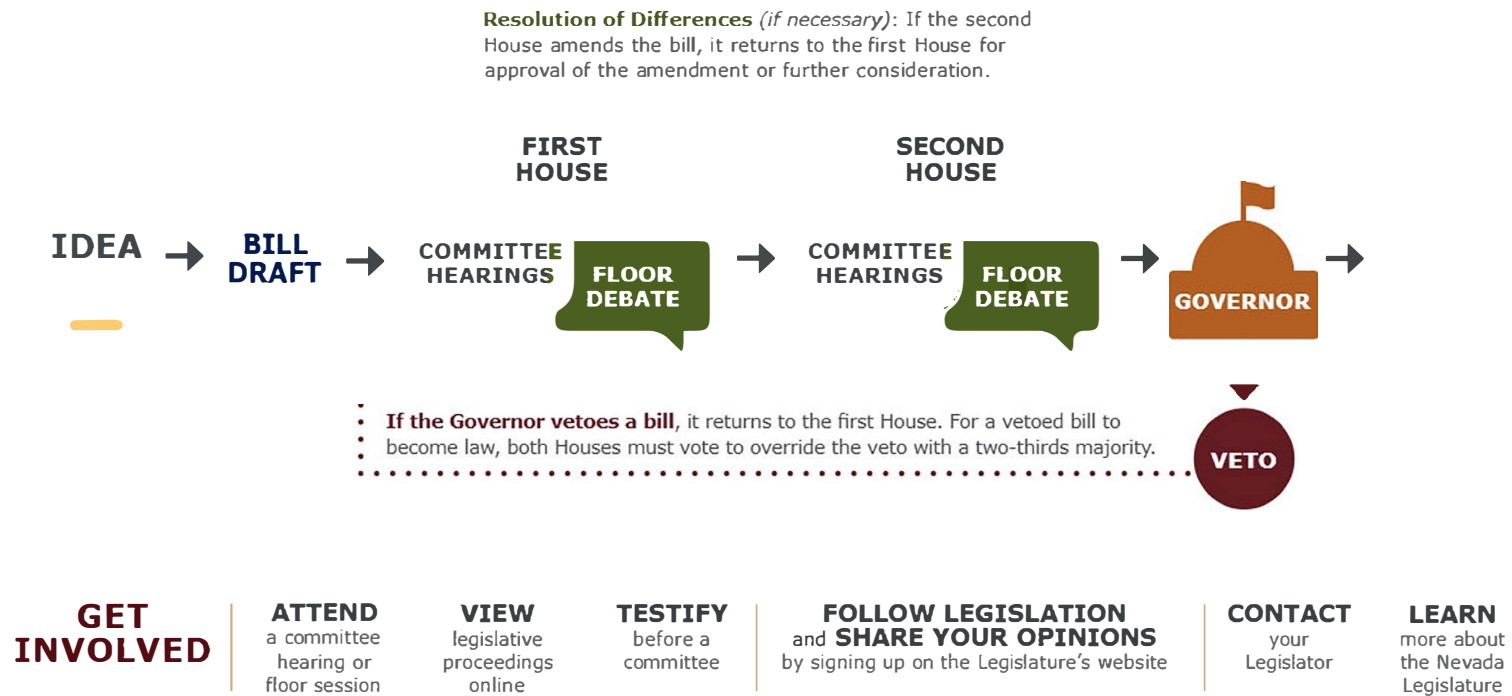
Thank You.

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THE NEVADA LEGISLATIVE PROCESS: **HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW**



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**The Nevada Legislature consists of two Houses: the Senate (21 members) and Assembly (42 members).
The Legislature holds a regular session for 120 days in each odd-numbered year, beginning on the first Monday in February.**

IDEA

Ideas for bills come from elected officials, state and local governments, businesses, organizations, and citizens.

BILL DRAFT

Requests for the drafting of bills may be made by Legislators, legislative committees, the Governor, constitutional officers, local governments, and certain other entities. Bill drafts are prepared by the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

FIRST HOUSE

When a bill is submitted to the House floor, it is read for the first time, assigned a bill number, and referred to a committee.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND ACTION

To move a bill forward in the process, a committee may vote to recommend that the full House pass the bill as written, pass it with amendments, or re-refer it to another committee for further consideration. The committee may also send the bill back to the full House without a recommendation. If the committee does not take any of these actions, the bill fails.

FLOOR DEBATE AND ACTION

If the committee reports the bill to the House floor with a recommendation to pass it, the bill is scheduled for a second reading. Upon second reading, the House votes on whether to adopt any proposed amendments. The bill is then placed on General File for a third reading, when the House debates the legislation and takes a final vote. If the bill passes, it is sent to the second House.

SECOND HOUSE

The same process is repeated in the second House.

RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES *(IF NECESSARY)*

If the second House approves the bill as it was passed by the first House, the bill is sent to the Governor. However, if the second House amends the bill, it returns to the first House for consideration of the amendment. If the Houses do not agree on the amendment, they may each appoint members to a conference committee to resolve the differences. If the committee reaches agreement, both Houses must then approve the committee's recommendation before the bill may be forwarded to the Governor.

GOVERNOR

Upon receipt of the bill, the Governor may choose to sign it into law within certain time frames or allow it to become law without a signature. The Governor may also veto the bill, in which case it returns to the Legislature. A veto override requires a two-thirds majority vote of each House. If the Governor's veto is overridden, the bill becomes law.

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BILL DRAFT REQUEST FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Person or Entity Authorized to Submit BDR:

Person Submitting Request:

Person to Contact for Clarification or Additional Information:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

- 1. Intent of Proposed Bill or Resolution** (Describe the problem to be solved, intended effect, and/or the goal(s) of the proposed bill or resolution – may be attached as separate document):

- 2. If known, list any existing state law that is sought to be changed or which is affected by the measure (NRS Title(s), Chapter(s) and Section(s) affected, Statutes of Nevada Chapter(s) and Section(s) affected and/or Nevada Constitutional provision):**

3. **Any additional information that may be helpful in drafting the bill or resolution** (May include any relevant legislative measures, cases or federal laws or other supporting materials – may be attached):

4. **Effective Date:**

- ☐ Default (October 1, 2025)
- ☐ July 1, 2025
- ☐ January 1, 2026
- ☐ Upon Passage and Approval
- ☐ Other

5. **Description of any known cost to the State or a local government that would result from carrying out the changes in the measure if enacted:**

REQUIRED PREFILING:

A bill draft requested by an entity other than a legislator or a legislative committee may be required to be prefiled on or before November 20, 2024. By statute, such a measure that is not prefiled on or before that date is deemed to be withdrawn. There is no authority to waive this requirement.

Please submit completed Bill Draft Request form to Asher Killian, Legislative Counsel, by:

- E-mail at BDRs@lcb.state.nv.us;
- Fax at (775) 684-6761; or
- Mail at 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747.

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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.	- 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. - 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. - 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. <i>All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.</i>	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 Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	CFS completed two (2) presentations to JISCHHS by 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.
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Resources: <https://www.roomtoread.org/media/cqglk30h/step-by-step-guide-to-holding-a-summit.pdf>, 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

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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.

Lead Agency: 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 Statute (NRS 232) to add up to Three (3) seats on the CFS for individuals who have lived experience with Food insecurity and/or homelessness.	• CFS to make recommendations to Nevada's Legislature Interim Health and Human Service Committee through an interim HHS presentation. • 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). • Seats to be specific to individuals from the housing and transportation section(s) and include at least	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).		
1.2.2 Allow representative(s) from the housing, transportation sector, and tribal communities to present during the Food Security Fairs/Conferences and CFS.	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 to mitigate drivers of food insecurity. <i>All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.</i>	One (1) annual presentation to CFS by 12/31. One (1) presentation at each fair/conference (2025 & 2027) Efforts and presentation to be documented in the CFS Annual Report each year. Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	By 2027 completed a minimum of four (4) presentations. CFS Annual Reports to include summary of presentations.
1.2.3 Meet at minimum of one (1) time per biennium with the Legislature Interim Health and Human Services Committee	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 county/city boards to raise awareness about need and programs. <i>All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.</i>	One (1) presentation by CFS to the Legislature Interim Health and Human Services Committee in 2025 and again in 2027 Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	By 2027 completed a minimum of two (2) presentations. CFS Annual Reports to include summary of presentations.
Resources: CFS, OFS, NDA, Southern Nevada Council on Food Security, and Northern Nevada Council on Food Security.			

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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.			
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: OFS, CFS, sponsors, 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	- OFS and/or CFS to coordinator SNAP EBT Stakeholders/partners to present at the CFS annually. - OFS and/or CFS to provide administrative support with identified partners to present at the CFS each year. - 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.	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. Efforts and presentation to be documented in the CFS Annual Report	Increase funding awareness among the Food Security ecosystem regarding the SNAP EBT Modernization and other grant funding.

		each year.	
		Efforts to continue through 12/31/2027.	
1.3.2 Support a minimum of two (2) service providers in attending In-Person to both Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference.	- 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. - 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 Nevada In-Person Food Security Fairs/Conference. - 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.	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 Nevada 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: https://www.fns.usda.gov/grant/snap-ebt-modernization-technical-assistance-center , Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), the Grant Lab, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), and Nevada Food Banks.			

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Focus Area: Food Security

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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.

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: Sponsors, OFS, CFS, Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), school stakeholders (Department of Education, school districts, etc.), and NDA Division of Food and Nutrition.	
Strategies	Action Steps and Responsible Parties (optional)	Timeline	Target Results
1.4.1 Support in the identification of partnerships to increase WIC and SNAP participation and support rural program efforts for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program.	- The OFS and/or CFS will collaborate with WIC, SNAP, DWSS, and academic partners to identify a representative who is willing to present at CFS about WIC, SNAP, and existing partnerships statewide. - Presentation to include barriers preventing partners from accepting supplemental nutritional assistance applications, which will be tracked via CFS Annual Reports. - CFS to collaborate with NDA to Identify at minimum three (3) rural representatives for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and/or Summer Food Service Program to present during the CFS annually. This can include, but not limited to NDA program staff. - Allow representative(s) from WIC, SNAP, the NDA Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program to present at both the Southern and Northern Nevada Food Security Fair/Conference. - CFS and OFS to collaborate with the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) Division of Food and Nutrition and school stakeholders (food distribution on Indian Reservations, school lunch and breakfast recipients, etc.) to increase awareness around NDA administered	Four (4) presentations to the CFS annually by 12/31. Identification of partners for CFS presentation by 04/30 annually. Identification of partners by 03/31/2025 for Northern Nevada Fair/Conference. One (1) presentation at the Northern Nevada Fair/Conference by 12/31/25. Identification of partners by 03/31/2027 for the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference. One (1) presentation at the Southern Nevada Fair/Conference by	Increase participation in programs designed to reduce food insecurity. Sixteen (16) presentations to the CFS by 2027.

	programs aimed to improve food Security (Child and Adult Care Food Program, Food Distribution on Indian Reservations, School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, Summer Food Programs, etc.).	12/31/27. All efforts and presentation 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.			

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