THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY (CFS)

MEETING AGENDA
October 20, 2026
1:00 p.m. until Adjournment

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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3. For Information Only: Council Chair will invite Council members to present on information of importance for themselves, families, or their individual agencies. Action may not be taken on any item provided as an update.

4. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to approve the following meeting minutes:
    - July 21, 2026, CFS Meeting Minute
    - August 12, 2026, Assembly Bill (AB) 405/Senate Bill (SB) 233 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
    - September 09, 2026, AB405/SB233 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

5. For Information Only: Welcome new members and members changing rolls.
    - Natalie Mazzullo – A person who possesses knowledge, skill, and experience in the provision of services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities.
    - Sarah Sanchez – Representative of a Food Bank in Northern Nevada
    - Keira Fincher – Representative of a Food Bank in Southern Nevada
    - Vickie Ives – Department of Human Services Director Designee
    - Blanca Ayala – Division of Public and Behavioral Health Administrator Designee

6. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to review the Request for Information (RFI), resumes, letters of interest, and approve candidates.
    - Kelli Kelly - one member who is a representative of persons engaged in the business of processing or distributing food.
    - Maria Menjivar - a representative of an organization that provides community-

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based services, including services that focus on the social determinants of health, in rural Nevada

7. For Information Only: Medicaid 1115 Waiver Presentations
    - Health Plan of Nevada (HPN)
    - CareSource
    - Anthem

8. For Information Only: Updates and final summary on two legislatively required studies.
    - SB233 Home Feeds Nevada study.
    - AB405 Food Insecurity Study.

9. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on submitting a Bill Draft Request (BDR) for the 2027 legislative session due November 18, 2026.

10. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the review and updates to the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) deliverables, CFS 2027 goals, and timelines.

11. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the Food for People and Not for Landfill (FFPNL) subcommittee and activities.

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

13. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to approve 2027 meeting dates and times.
    - January 19, 2027, from 1 pm to 3 pm
    - April 20, 2027, from 1 pm to 3 pm
    - July 20, 2027, from 1 pm to 3 pm
    - October 19, 2027, from 1 pm to 3 pm

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15. Adjournment

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The Nevada Council on Food Security (CFS)

(DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES

JULY 21, 2026

Time: **1:00PM – Adjournment**

Location: **Microsoft Teams**

Type of meeting: **Regular Meeting**

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ATTENDANCE:

Council Members present:

Marcia Blake (Chair)
Patricia Hoppe proxy for Dr. Goicoechea
Dr. Pamela Juniel
Kelly Cantrelle
Dr. Sabina Malik
Jeff Duncan
Sara Ramirez
Vickie Ives
(Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli
Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
Nishat Gould
Lori Lutu

Members absent:

Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi
Roberto Carrillo

Others Present:

Alexis Hogan, DPBH
Amber Hise, Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion (CDPHP)
Anais Infante, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) – Meeting Staff
Cole Bradham, Mom's Meals
Dalia Perez, NV Medicaid
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH
Dr. Tracey Green, CMO CareSource
Dustin Parks, Three Square Food Bank
Elizabeth Ramsey, Anthem Housing Program Manager

Jennifer Yeager, Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN)
Keira Fincher, Three Square Food Bank
Kevin Murray, SilverSummit Healthplan
Kerry Harger, Manager of Social & Health Equity, Molina Healthcare of Nevada
Kyla Neese, Molina Healthcare
Maria Menjivar
Nam Phan, CareSource
Mat Cooper, FBNN
Oscar Fernandez, DPBH
Sarah Sanchez, Director of Programs, Food Bank of Northern Nevada
Sasheen Cutchlow-CareSource
Tammera Brower, DPBH
Tanya Benitez, NV Medicaid
Taylor Moseley, CDPHP
Taylor Thompson, Director of Strategic Partnerships, CareSource NV

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

   Time the meeting was called to order: 1:03PM

   Name of the presiding officer: Chair Marcia Blake

   Roll call was conducted, 12 members were present and 2 absent. Quorum was confirmed.

2. Public Comment:

   First Public Comment Period:

   Chair Marcia Blake opened public comment, Tori Lawson-Boffelli informed attendees that the regulatory agenda from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has been released and encouraged the group to review it. She noted that several proposed rules may be of particular interest, including the definition of eligible food under SNAP. Tori Lawson-Boffelli advised members to examine the agenda closely, as some dates may still be inaccurate, and recommended that the group stay aware of these updates. She also indicated she would place the link to the regulatory agenda in the meeting chat to ensure easy access for all participants. No additional public comments were received, Chair Marcia Blake closed public comment.

3. For Possible Action: For Information Only: Council Chair will invite Council members to present on information of importance for themselves, families, or their individual agencies. Action may not be taken on any item provided as an update.

   Chair Marcia Blake invited Council members to share updates relevant to their agencies or any information beneficial to the Council. Jeff Duncan introduced Keira Fincher, the new Advocacy and Government Relations Officer at the Food Bank, noting that she would be assuming his responsibilities in advocacy and government relations and would likely

become the Food Bank's designated representative on the Council in the near future. He expressed his appreciation for her presence and expertise. Chair Marcia Blake welcomed Keira Fincher and expressed enthusiasm about her participation. No additional comments were offered, Chair Blake proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

4. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to approve the following meeting minutes:

   Chair Marcia Blake reviewed the meeting minutes requiring approval. These included the minutes from the May 13, 2026 AB405/SB233 Subcommittee meeting; the April 21, 2026 Council for Food Security meeting; the April 8, 2026 AB405/SB233 Subcommittee meeting; and the June 10, 2026 AB405/SB233 Subcommittee meeting. Chair Blake asked whether any members had changes to propose. Hearing none, she called for a motion to approve all listed meeting minutes.

   Jeff Duncan motioned for approval, and Sara Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. For Information Only: Discussion and possible action to nominate and appoint a Vice Chair.

   The Council discussed the nomination and appointment of a Vice Chair. Chair Marcia Blake noted Dr. Sabina Malik's significant leadership and contributions in advancing the AB405 and SB233 initiatives within a compressed timeline. She proposed Dr. Sabina Malik as Vice Chair of the Council on Food Security and invited discussions from members. Multiple members, including Dr. Dorian Stonebarger, Jeff Duncan, Tori Lawson-Boffelli, Dr. Pamela Juniel, Vickie Ives, Sara Ramirez, and Kelly Cantrell, voiced strong support for the nomination, expressing unanimous enthusiasm.

   Chair Marcia Blake requested a motion. Jeff Duncan motioned to appoint Dr. Sabina Malik as Vice Chair, and Dr. Pamela Juniel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

   Chair Marcia Blake welcomed Dr. Sabina Malik as the new Vice Chair, expressing gratitude for her dedication and contributions to the Council's work.

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

The Council reviewed the Request for Information (RFI), associated résumés, letters of interest, and candidates for open positions. Chair Marcia Blake announced that two Council members had submitted resignations since the previous meeting. The Northern Nevada Food Bank was represented by Jenny Yeager as a non-voting participant, and it was noted that the organization has already identified a candidate who has submitted an application for its vacant seat. The Council then reviewed current vacancies and the RFI previously distributed. Sarah Rogers presented the RFI and confirmed receipt of one application for the (K)7 position, A person who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Chair Marcia Blake introduced the applicant, Natalie Mazzullo, noting her extensive work with older adults, her collaboration with state staff, and her strong contributions to nutrition education and outreach. Additional Council members, including Dr. Sabina Malik and Jeff Duncan, expressed strong support based on their professional experience working with Natalie Mazzullo.

Dr. Sabina Malik motioned to accept Natalie Mazzullo's application, and Jeff Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Marcia Blake proceeded to review remaining vacancies, including representatives for non-food manufacturing, gaming/hospitality/restaurant industries, farm or ranch food production, food processing or distribution, community-based services focusing on rural social determinants of health ((K)5), and local health authorities ((K)8). She encouraged members to share the RFI within their networks and invite interested individuals to submit applications or attend a meeting. Sara Ramirez requested that the RFI be resent so she could forward it to prospective candidates, and Sarah Rogers agreed to do so. Chair Marcia Blake closed Agenda Item 6.

7. For Information Only: Medicaid 1115 Waiver Presentations

Cole Bradham from Mom's Meals provided the first presentation. Cole Bradham thanked the State for its leadership in advancing important policy and emphasized his team's willingness to continue serving as a resource in areas such as contracting, billing, data

sharing, and reporting. He expressed appreciation for the ongoing commitment to innovation from the MCOs and highlighted Moms Meals' role in supporting members through value-added benefits. Cole introduced himself as the Vice President of Business Development at Moms Meals, noting his involvement in government and policy work with state Medicaid agencies to expand access to medically tailored meals and nutrition solutions. He described Moms Meals as a mission-driven organization focused on improving life through better nutrition at home, emphasizing the impact of the program on members' health and well-being. Cole outlined the organization's 27-year history and its ability to drive outcomes, efficiency, and ROI for state programs through scalable services and robust network adequacy, including nationwide meal delivery within three business days. He highlighted the company's strong presence in Nevada, including a 25,000-square-foot fulfillment center in Las Vegas employing approximately 120 people, and reiterated their commitment to local sourcing, community partnerships, and ongoing investment. Cole detailed the organization's broad experience serving diverse populations across Medicaid, Medicare, state agencies, PACE, behavioral health, reentry, childhood nutrition, and more. He noted the flexibility in referral processes and their ability to ingest referrals through multiple methods, including paper forms and SFTP eligibility files. Cole concluded by thanking attendees and inviting any questions from the group.

After Cole Bradham's presentation, he welcomed questions from the group. Chair Marcia Blake thanked him and yielded the floor to Dr. Dorian Stonebarger asked for clarification regarding the time limits associated with program participation, referencing the varied timelines in the case studies provided. Cole responded that there is no strict limit on how long an individual may utilize the program. He explained that while Moms Meals offers clinical guidance during benefit implementation, most state ILOS programs typically support three to six months of meals, though meaningful outcomes have been observed within six to ten weeks for certain high-risk conditions. He added that maternal programs benefit from earlier engagement, improving outcomes and available data. Cole emphasized that program duration ultimately depends on the specific goals of the initiative, the population being served, and the acuity of the individual, noting distinctions between programs such as post-discharge care versus chronic conditions like heart disease or diabetes.

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Dr. Sabina Malik introduced the Home Feeds Nevada program, describing its local food purchasing model managed through the Nevada Department of Agriculture and state food banks. She discussed current efforts to scale and sustain the program and requested a follow-up conversation with Cole, who agreed. Cole also referenced prior collaborations with Three Square Food Bank and the Just One Project and agreed to provide his email for continued communication.

The second presentation was delivered by Kevin Murray from SilverSummit Health Plan. He provided an overview of the organization's partnership with Mom's Meals and their food-as-medicine initiatives. He noted that Mom's Meals, a national USDA-inspected provider with broad experience across managed care plans, currently delivers approximately 225 to 300 meals per month to SilverSummit members, with diabetes and low-salt menus being the most frequently ordered. The program presently focuses on maternal health, specifically serving members diagnosed with gestational diabetes and preeclampsia, but SilverSummit plans to expand the benefit to a wider range of ILOS-qualified members. Murray highlighted the program's structure, which includes 30 meals provided after hospital discharge, manual referrals to Mom's Meals, and subsequent outreach and care coordination to ensure meal selection, satisfaction, and delivery quality. He emphasized the provider's reliability, noting a 98% delivery success rate and their rigorous stress-testing of packaging to withstand Nevada's extreme temperatures. Murray then discussed SilverSummit's broader strategy to address health-related social needs, with food insecurity treated as a key driver of health outcomes. The plan collaborates with numerous community partners, including Rescue Mission, Catholic Charities, and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, acknowledging that addressing food insecurity requires collective effort. Looking ahead, he outlined three phases of program expansion: applying lessons learned to housing supports, embedding medically tailored meals into housing programs for recently housed members, and scaling implementation in alignment with Medicaid policy, provider readiness, sustainability, and measurable outcomes. Murray closed by reaffirming the positive impact of medically tailored meals across their markets, expressing interest in continued collaboration, and providing his contact information for follow-up. Chair Marcia Blake thanked him and opened the floor to questions.

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Dr. Pamela Juniel, on behalf of the Nevada Department of Education, introduced herself, offered comments and thanked both presenters for the valuable information shared. She explained that she leads the Nevada Compass App initiative, a statewide resource designed to support children and youth experiencing homelessness by connecting them with essential services. She expressed interest in partnering with the SilverSummit Healthplan and Mom's Meals to ensure their programs and resources are included in the app and provided the link and her contact information in the meeting chat. Dr. Pamela Juniel also described her involvement with the Thrive From the Start team, which recently received a grant to develop a state action plan focused on supporting expectant parents experiencing homelessness and ensuring access to resources for their young children. She invited both presenters to connect with her directly and stated that she was attending as a proxy for the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

8. For Possible Action: **Discussion, meeting updates, and possible action on study updates: SB233 Home Feeds Nevada study and AB405 Food Insecurity Study.**

Dr. Sabina Malik opened the floor for discussion and possible action on the draft report's findings. She noted that the draft reports for the studies were prepared by Alexis Hogan and had been distributed for review and requested any comments on their structure, especially regarding repetitive sections. Patricia Hoppe identified minor formatting issues such as inconsistent font sizes and asked how best to communicate those edits. Dr. Sabina Malik advised that Patricia could send the edits directly to her for coordination with Alexis or place notes in the meeting chat. Amber Hise offered to make corrections live during the meeting if provided with corresponding page numbers. Vickie Ives reminded the Council that open meeting laws prohibit sidebar discussions outside of public view, recommending live edits as an appropriate alternative. Sarah Rogers informed the Council that final reports must be routed to LCB (Legislative Council Bureau) beginning in September, and unless a special session is scheduled, this would be the last opportunity for the full Council to review the reports. She noted that the subcommittee will continue meeting in August and September and could complete all remaining revisions.

Dr. Sabina Malik began a motion to allow the subcommittee to finalize revisions. Tori Lawson-Boffelli moved to authorize the subcommittee to complete the revisions, citing

that grammatical and spacing edits would be better addressed outside the full meeting. Dr. Dorian Stonebarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Sabina Malik provided a brief review of the AB405 study components, noting that the report includes four sections, beginning with an evaluation of existing laws and policies addressing food security and food insecurity. Dr. Dorian Stonebarger offered clarification regarding the inclusion of state resources such as loans from the State Infrastructure Bank, and Alexis confirmed she would incorporate the information and reach out as needed. Dr. Sabina Malik requested additional comments on the current draft. Tori Lawson-Boffelli identified a minor issue concerning board member listings and offered to provide an updated name list in the chat for inclusion. Dr. Pamela Juniel expressed appreciation for the progress of the report and highlighted opportunities to integrate findings into the Nevada Compass app, which supports statewide access to food service provider information for children and youth experiencing homelessness. She noted ongoing collaboration and assured the council that the app's link will remain active as updates continue.

Dr. Sabina Malik asked for a motion to allow the subcommittee to finalize any remaining edits. Sara Ramirez began a motion to authorize the subcommittee to complete the drafts and Dr. Pamela Juniel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Council discussed potential action regarding submission of a Bill Draft Request (BDR) for the 2027 legislative session, noting that the BDR submission deadline is December 1, 2026. Dr. Sabina Malik summarized potential bill concepts based on the subcommittee's top five policy recommendations, including revisiting universal meals (vetoed in the prior session), seeking renewed funding for the Home Feeds Nevada program—already associated with an existing BDR under SB233—and proposing updates to provisions established under AB405 (Food for People, Not Landfills), such as refining definitions related to gleaning and clarifying retailer responsibilities to reduce food waste. Staff confirmed that only one BDR opportunity is currently available. Because the BDR process is new for the division, Vickie Ives will contact constituent services and the Legislative

Counsel Bureau for procedural clarification and will provide guidance to members via email before the next quarterly meeting. Members were encouraged to share any additional ideas for bill concepts, and the possibility of a special meeting was noted if required. The subcommittee will meet on August 12, 2026, and following that meeting, the Council will determine whether a special meeting is necessary before the October 2026 Council meeting to ensure timely development of the BDR ahead of the December 1 deadline.

10. For Possible Action: **Discussion and possible action regarding the review of the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) deliverables, goals, and timelines.**

The Council reviewed progress on the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), including deliverables, goals, and timelines outlined in the strategy graphic on page 56. For strategies 1.2.2 and 1.2.3, members confirmed that the required presentations have been delivered and that ongoing reporting will continue through the SHIP's current cycle ending in 2027, with updates documented in each year-end report. The Council noted recent presentations from CFS and SNAP and received clarification on SNAP technology grant milestones, including last year's technology grant award, the current year's grant application, and the ongoing system modernization work initiated in the prior legislative session. The Council also discussed the active RFP process for new EBT cards, including chip-enabled technology, with contract decisions anticipated in the coming months. Milestones related to statewide conference preparation were reviewed, including the completed identification of partners and the upcoming October 2026 conference, where required presentations will be integrated to support SHIP deliverables. Members agreed to continue tracking presentation requirements, conference-related obligations, and annual reporting deadlines tied to SHIP objectives. With no further questions, Agenda Item 10 was closed.

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.**

The Council discussed the status and future direction of the Food for People, Not Landfills Subcommittee in preparation for the 2026 annual report. Members revisited earlier conversations regarding whether the subcommittee should continue operating independently or be integrated within the Council, noting that a report must still be

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submitted to meet statutory requirements. Sarah Rogers explained that a draft memo summarizing the year's activities had been prepared, reiterating that the subcommittee's work remains an unfunded mandate. Tori Lawson-Boffelli clarified that the Just One Project independently operates their food-rescue program through a partnership with the Venetian. The annual report must route for approval prior to the October 2026 Council meeting, the Council discussed whether a special session was needed; however, members agreed to proceed without an additional review meeting.

Dr. Dorian Stonebarger moved to approve submission of the 2026 Food for People, Not Landfills report with the recommended changes, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Sabina Malik. The motion passed unanimously

12. For Possible Action: **Discussion and possible action regarding the review of the 2026 CFS Annual Report, including determination of 2027 goals.**

The Council reviewed the 2026 Food Council Annual Report. Chair Marcia Blake noted that the document included accomplishments and recommendations that would need further expansion. Members discussed the inclusion of information related to two previously reviewed bills and provided additional recommendations. Dr. Sabina Malik suggested investing in or developing partnerships that strengthen food system capacity and infrastructure in Nevada, promoting strategies for local procurement, and summarizing Council accomplishments in concise bullet points. She provided brief summaries for SB33 and AB405. Sarah Rogers recommended adding language related to ongoing efforts to prioritize "Food For People, Not Landfills," and Council members agreed. Chair Marcia Blake emphasized including the newly established BD as a future focus area. During review of member seat descriptions, Dr. Dorian Stonebarger identified a correction to update Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi's designation to the Western Regional Office. After discussion, Chair Marcia Blake called for a motion to approve the 2026 Council on Food Security Year-End Report with additional information from the ABSB subcommittee.

A motion to approve the 2026 Year-End Report with these additions was made by Dr. Dorian Stonebarger and seconded by Tori Lawson-Boffelli, and the motion carried with all members in favor.

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

The Chair opened the floor for discussion with the Council members on ideas or agenda items that they wanted to add for October's meeting. No one had further items to add. Agenda item was closed.

14. Public Comment

Second Public Comment Period:

The Chair opened the floor to public comment. Tori Lawson-Boffelli provided public comment, noting a public briefing scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 2:00 PM regarding the relocation and reorganization of the USDA. She stated that former administrator Cindy Long, FRAC (The Food Research & Action Center), and union representatives would participate in the briefing, and encouraged stakeholders to attend due to potential impacts on program operations and services. She reported that 80% of surveyed Food and Nutrition Administration employees indicated they would not relocate, which may significantly reduce staffing from approximately 800 employees to around 160 nationwide, affecting the administration of 16 nutrition programs. Lawson-Boffelli invited anyone with questions to reach out to her directly.

15. Adjournment:

The Chair adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Next Meeting:

Meeting:
Date: October 20, 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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The Nevada Council on Food Security AB405/SB233 Subcommittee

AUGUST 12, 2026

(DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES

Location: **Microsoft Teams**

Type of meeting: **Regular**

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ATTENDANCE:

Council Members present:

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

Members absent:

Dr. Pamela Juniel
Jeff Duncan

Others Present:

Abbie Allerman, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP)
Alexis Hogan, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
Allen (Chungten) Pai, CDPHP
Anais Infante, DPBH – Meeting Staff
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH
Dillon Winkelman, CDPHP
Donadya McCullough, CDPHP
Godwin Nwando, CDPHP
Keira Fincher, Three Square Food Bank
Kelli Kelly, Nevada Small Business Development Center
Patricia Hoppe, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)
Sarah Rogers, DPBH
Tammera Brower, DPBH
Taylor Moseley CDPHP

Troy Lovick CDPHP

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

   The AB/SB Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by Chair Dr. Sabina Malik. Anais Infante conducted roll call, confirming that 6 of 8 members were present, establishing quorum.

2. Public Comment:

   First Public Comment Period:

   Public comment was opened by Chair Dr. Sabina Malik; no comments were received. Chair Dr. Sabina Malik concluded the comment period.

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

   Members began to review and discuss the draft report for AB405. Shane Piccinini stated that he had read the document but had no comments at this time. Chair Dr. Sabina Malik noted that the policy scoping section, including the ranked and voted policy items, appeared to be missing from the version she received. She also observed that Table 4, which outlines statewide food security coordination efforts, should be moved from Finding 1 to Finding 3 to better align with the section on coordination across state, local, and private entities. Marcia Blake confirmed that earlier drafts dated August 5th contained charts on pages 11–13 and expressed uncertainty about why they were removed. The group discussed Existing Collaborative Efforts listed on pages 20 and 21 as they did not fully match the information captured in Table 4. Specifically, food distribution networks collaborate annually rather than frequently, and the description of local food councils could be strengthened. Sarah Rogers stated that Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) are collaborating on a project to have WIC staff at Welfare offices to improve WIC enrollment. The "Agriculture and Food Procurement Initiatives" section requires edits, since the section currently provides definitions as opposed to examples of collaboration. Chair Dr. Sabina Malik also raised concerns that the "Emerging Themes" section did not reflect prior discussions and suggested replacing it with the results of the policy scoping process, including recommendations for potential policy directions. Members agreed that providing clear recommendations—particularly emphasizing the value of stronger statewide coordination—would enhance the draft. Alexis Hogan confirmed that she will continue to compile all comments for incorporation.

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

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The committee discussed the draft report for SB233. Chair Dr. Sabina Malik invited the members to provide comments or edits for the draft report. She emphasized the importance of offering clear and strong language for both AB405 and SB233, noting that the AB405 report reflects the Council's recommendations on a wide range of food security matters discussed throughout the year. Chair Dr. Sabina Malik encouraged members to share any innovative ideas for strengthening SB233 to support the continuation and success of the program. Both reports are due back to the agency by August 27, with comments submitted directly to Anais Infante. The last draft is expected to be distributed on September 3rd, and the committee members will provide their final review on September 9th. Chair Dr. Sabina Malik expressed hope that the Senate committee members will attend the September 9th meeting to discuss potential components of the Bill Draft Report (BDR). She reminded the group that while report comments can be broad and creative, the BDR itself will be more conservative. Chair Dr. Sabina Malik introduced a motion to submit comments on both draft reports via email by August 27th to Anais. The motion was seconded by Tori Lawson-Boffelli and passed without opposition.

5. Public Comment:

Second Public Comment Period:

Second public comment period opened by Chair Dr. Sabina Malik. Vickie Ives briefly noted that the Interim Health and Human Services Committee had discussed potential consolidation of certain reporting requirements for the Council on Food Security. She stated that the details of this discussion are recorded in the committee's work session documents and confirmed that the item had moved forward as written, including the proposal to combine some of the Council's reporting. Chair Dr. Sabina Malik thanked Vickie Ives for the update and reminded members to ensure that they provided comments on both reports by the stated deadline. She concluded by reminding that the Council will reconvene on September 9.

6. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Next Meeting:

Meeting:
Date: September 9, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams

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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

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

(DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES

Location: **Microsoft Teams**

Type of meeting: **Special Session**

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ATTENDANCE:

Council Members present:

Dr. Sabina Malik – Chair
Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
Nishat Gould
Jeff Duncan
Marcia Blake
Shane Piccinini
Vickie Ives

Members absent:

(Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli
Dr. Pamela Juniel

Others Present:

Alexis Hogan, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
Amber Hise, CDPHP
Anais Infante, DPBH – Meeting Staff
Dillon Winkelman, CDPHP
Donadya McCullough, CDPHP
Keira Fincher, Three Square
Patricia Hoppe, NDA
Sarah Rogers, DPBH
Tammera Brower, DPBH
Taylor Moseley, CDPHP

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

   The AB/SB Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Chair Malik. Anais Infante conducted roll call and confirmed 7 of 9 members were present, establishing a quorum.

2. Public Comment:

   First Public Comment Period:

   Public comment was opened by Chair Malik; no comments were 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.

   The subcommittee resumed review and edits of SB233. Before proceeding, Chair Dr. Sabina Malik revisited the discussion with Shane Piccinini regarding inviting legislators to attend the October meeting and asked for an update on outreach efforts. Shane Piccinini reported that he had started sending invitations and is actively working to coordinate participation; however, he noted that the ongoing election season significantly affected legislators' schedules, making confirmations more difficult. The subcommittee discussed the timeline and process for finalizing and routing the required reports. Chair Dr. Sabina Malik wondered if it were possible for some members to meet another time outside of Open Meeting Law (OML). Sarah Rogers clarified that, due to OML requirements, any additional edits must be reviewed and approved during a public meeting and cannot be handled through email, survey, or the listserv, as such methods would not meet public-access standards. She emphasized the need to begin routing by the last week of September, estimating a three-month review process and noting that the current schedule allows approximately two months for routing. Members examined the remaining edits, which included minor grammatical corrections, updates to names, and the addition of information regarding the Reno and Elko food hubs. The subcommittee determined that these changes were minimal and could be incorporated without necessitating an additional meeting, provided they were approved during this session. A motion to approve both reports with the edits discussed, including the correction noted by Shane Piccinini, was made by Dr. Dorian Stonebarger and seconded by Marcia Blake. The motion passed unanimously.

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

   Dr. Sabina Malik opened the discussion by thanking all participants for their contributions, comments, and thoughtful input provided for the AB405 draft report. She noted that this meeting would serve as the final opportunity to offer feedback before submitting comments to Alexis. Chair

Dr. Sabina Malik reviewed the major components of the Executive Summary, which reflects all completed studies, including the Policy Analysis, community gardens and urban farms assessment, the coordination assessment, and the policy scoping section. During the meeting, Chair Dr. Sabina Malik sought clarification on the official name of the Council. Sarah Rogers confirmed that it is formally the Nevada Council on Food Security as codified in the NRS, though the Governor's Council on Food Security is alternatively used. Chair Dr. Sabina Malik then summarized key findings from Study #1, highlighting the policy results table and the categorization of policies based on impact and the presence of key language such as fiscal notes, responsible agencies, and tracking requirements. She emphasized that 13 of 18 high-impact policies included these characteristics, whereas 15 of 17 low-impact policies did not. Key themes included the prominence of food distribution policies in high-impact findings, gaps in production and processing policies due to unclear implementation language, and the resulting low-impact rankings. Chair Dr. Sabina Malik then began reviewing Study #2, presenting maps developed with the Center for Regional Studies that overlay 2024 Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) vacant lot inventory data with food insecurity and healthy food access data. She described the mapping of clusters of vacant parcels and noted limitations due to the age of the land inventory. ZIP code-level mapping was shared and an explanation of how ranking was informed by Three Square's 2017 food insecurity data. Chair Dr. Sabina Malik concluded by thanking everyone for their efforts on these four extensive studies and expressing appreciation for the time and work contributed.

5. Public Comment:

Second Public Comment Period:

Second public comment period opened by Chair Malik. No comments were received. Chair Malik concluded the comment period.

6. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm.

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Next Meeting:

Meeting:
Date: October 14, 2026

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attachments:

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Attachment for Agenda Item #6

Joe Lombardo
Governor

Laura Rich
Director

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

NEVADA DIVISION of PUBLIC and BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Andrea R. Rivers, *MS*
Administrator

Ihsan Azzam, Ph.D., M.D.
Chief Medical Officer

DATE: October 16, 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

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.

KELLI MAE KELLY

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Food systems strategist, policy practitioner, and economic development advisor with expertise in agricultural entrepreneurship, public policy implementation, and regional food systems development. Experienced in legislative strategy, grant administration, stakeholder engagement, and coalition-building. Secured and managed more than $2 million in funding for food systems and economic development initiatives that support producers, small businesses, and community resilience across Nevada.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Food Systems Policy & Governance • Economic & Community Development • Agricultural Entrepreneurship • Legislative Strategy • Grant Development & Administration • Stakeholder Facilitation • Public Policy Research • Coalition Building • Public Speaking & Facilitation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nevada Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
Agriculture & Food Systems Business Advisor I 2024 - Present

- Assisted in the launch of 40+ new businesses.
- Supported capital infusion efforts exceeding $1.5 million for Nevada small businesses.
- Provided more than 800 hours of technical assistance to 350+ small businesses.
- Advises agricultural producers, food manufacturers, and rural entrepreneurs on business planning, regulatory navigation, financing, and operational development.
- Leads statewide initiatives related to food manufacturing modernization and producer market access.

Churchill Entrepreneur Development Association (CEDA)
SBDC Advisor I 2021 - 2024

- Provided counseling that resulted in more than $2.2 million in capital infusion, 23 new businesses, support for 75 existing jobs, and the creation of 25 new jobs.
- Assisted entrepreneurs with business planning, licensing, producer certification, and health department compliance.
- Supported agricultural businesses in securing federal contracts for season-extension infrastructure projects.
- Partnered to implement a USDA-funded Regional Food Systems Partnership initiative, establishing a curriculum-based certified farm apprenticeship program through the University of Nevada, Reno.

Fallon Food Hub
Executive Director I 2017 - 2023

- Increased aggregation, sales, and distribution of local agricultural products from $20,000 to more than $300,000 annually.
- Secured approximately $1.25 million in grant funding to support agricultural producers and community food access initiatives during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Facilitated the distribution of more than 105,000 pounds of locally produced food, benefiting approximately 3,500 rural and tribal households.

KELLI MAE KELLY

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POLICY, RESEARCH & LEGISLATIVE WORK

- Served as lead policy strategist and principal architect for Nevada Assembly Bill 352 (2025), landmark legislation that modernizes pathways for small-scale food entrepreneurship and establishes one of the nation's first statewide frameworks for cottage cosmetics businesses.
- Contributed to legislative and policy initiatives on mobile meat processing, soil health, hemp policy, shared-use kitchen infrastructure, youth entrepreneurship, and agricultural business modernization.
- Co-developed the Southern Nevada Food Policy Implementation Toolkit with the Southern Nevada Food Council and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- Conducted statewide food systems policy research on historical and contemporary food systems legislation, in collaboration with the Southern Nevada Food Council, the Council for Food Security, and Nevada food systems stakeholders.
- Contributed peer review, systems analysis, and project-scoping support to food security and policy research initiatives associated with the Guinn Center for Policy Priorities.
- Research areas include food systems governance, emergency food planning, food security, equitable economic development, and regional resilience.

EDUCATION

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Doctor of Public Policy (DPP) | Expected 2029
Master of Arts, Urban Leadership | 2026

Western Nevada College

Bachelor of Applied Science, Organization & Project Management | 2023
Associate of General Studies | 2022

Art Institute of California, San Diego

Associate of Occupational Science, Culinary Arts | 2004

AWARDS & HONORS

- Outstanding Graduate, University of Nevada, Las Vegas | Spring 2026
- Community Innovation Award, Greenspun College of Urban Affairs, UNLV | 2026
- Entrepreneurial Spirit of the Year Award, Nevada Small Business Administration | 2026
- Nevada Small Business Development Center, State Star Award | 2025

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & LEADERSHIP

Churchill County Library Board Chair • Nevada Governor's Council for Food Security • NevadaGrown Board • Nevada Farms Conference Board • Churchill County School District CTE Advisory Board • Western Nevada College Specialty Crop Institute Advisory Board • Fallon Youth Club Board • Emerge Nevada Board Chair

MARIA MENJIVAR, REHS, B.S., M.P.H.

Environmental Health Manager | Regulatory Compliance Leader

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) and senior public health leader with over 15 years of progressive experience in environmental health, regulatory enforcement, food safety programs, and public sector leadership across Nevada and California. Nearly a decade of government service in California enforcing local, state, and federal regulations, followed by executive-level environmental health management in Nevada.

Recognized for strong regulatory interpretation, sound independent judgment, staff supervision, and community-focused public health education. Skilled in building collaborative relationships across culturally diverse communities while promoting public safety through consistent enforcement and leadership.

*Bilingual – Fluent in English and Spanish.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- **California Registered Environmental Health Specialist (R.E.H.S.)**
- **Nevada Registered Environmental Health Specialist (R.E.H.S)**
- **Incident Command System Certifications IS 100, IS 700, IS 907, IS 1300, IS 2200**

MASTERS RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

University of Reno, Extension - January 2026 – May 2026

- Internship completed with the University of Nevada Reno Extension under preceptor Dr. Sabina Malik,PhD. Developed three products including the first web asset resource interactive map tool to identify Southern Nevada food consumption, food production and agricultural farm resources, a comprehensive analysis report and generated a publicly usable PowerPoint of findings.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Healthy Food System Web Development Assistant - University of Reno, Extension *June 2026 – present*

- Hired by the University to complete the development of the State of Nevada's interactive food insecurity map for statewide implementation.

Environmental Health Manager - Central Nevada Health District Fallon, NV - *November 2023 – May 2026*

- Lead environmental health operations across a multi-county jurisdictional district.
- Managed and supervised environmental health, technical and skilled professionals; provide training, discipline, and performance oversight.

Environmental Health Manager – Carson City Health and Human Services Carson City, NV – *May 2022 – November 2023*

- Directed environmental health division operations including inspections, plan reviews, complaint investigations, and enforcement actions.
- Strengthened regulatory consistency and improved compliance outcomes across permitted facilities.
- Led response initiatives related to public health concerns and regulatory violations.
- Fostered positive working relationships with business owners while maintaining firm enforcement standards.

Public Health Rating & Survey Officer – Nevada Department of Public and Behavioral Health Reno, NV – *January 2020 – April 2022*

- Conducted regulatory inspections and statewide compliance surveys of healthcare

MARIA MENJIVAR, REHS, B.S., M.P.H.
Environmental Health Manager | Regulatory Compliance Leader

and public facilities.

- **Interpreted and applied federal and state regulations to ensure public health** protection.
- Produced detailed deficiency reports and corrective action plans.
- Collaborated with multidisciplinary teams to improve statewide quality assurance standards.

Environmental Health Specialist II – El Dorado County Environmental Management – South Lake Tahoe, CA – *June 2011 – February 2020*

- Performed inspections, plan review and enforcement for food facilities, schools, and public pools.

Environmental Health Specialist II – Kern County Environmental Management – Bakersfield, CA – *September 2008 – June 2011*

- **Conducted inspections of food establishments, water systems, hotels,** schools, residential units, and swimming pools.
- Delivered public presentations in English and Spanish on food safety compliance.
- Modernized policies related to mobile and temporary food facilities.

Environmental Health Specialist Trainee – Tulare County Health & Human Services – Visalia, CA8 – *June 2007 – July 2008* Completed EHS training and successfully passed the California State Examination and obtained REHS certification.

Notable Business Experience

Business Owner/ Operator – Tahoe Burgers Grill – South Lake Tahoe, CA – *February 2013 – February 2015*

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science – Environmental/Occupational Health and Safety
California State University, Fresno - Graduated: May 2007 - Dean's List

Masters of Public Health -
University of Nevada, Las Vegas –
Graduation Date: 08/2026

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES – *Available upon request*

Attachment for Agenda Item #7



Health Plan of Nevada

HPN HOME

Housing Supports and Services ILOS

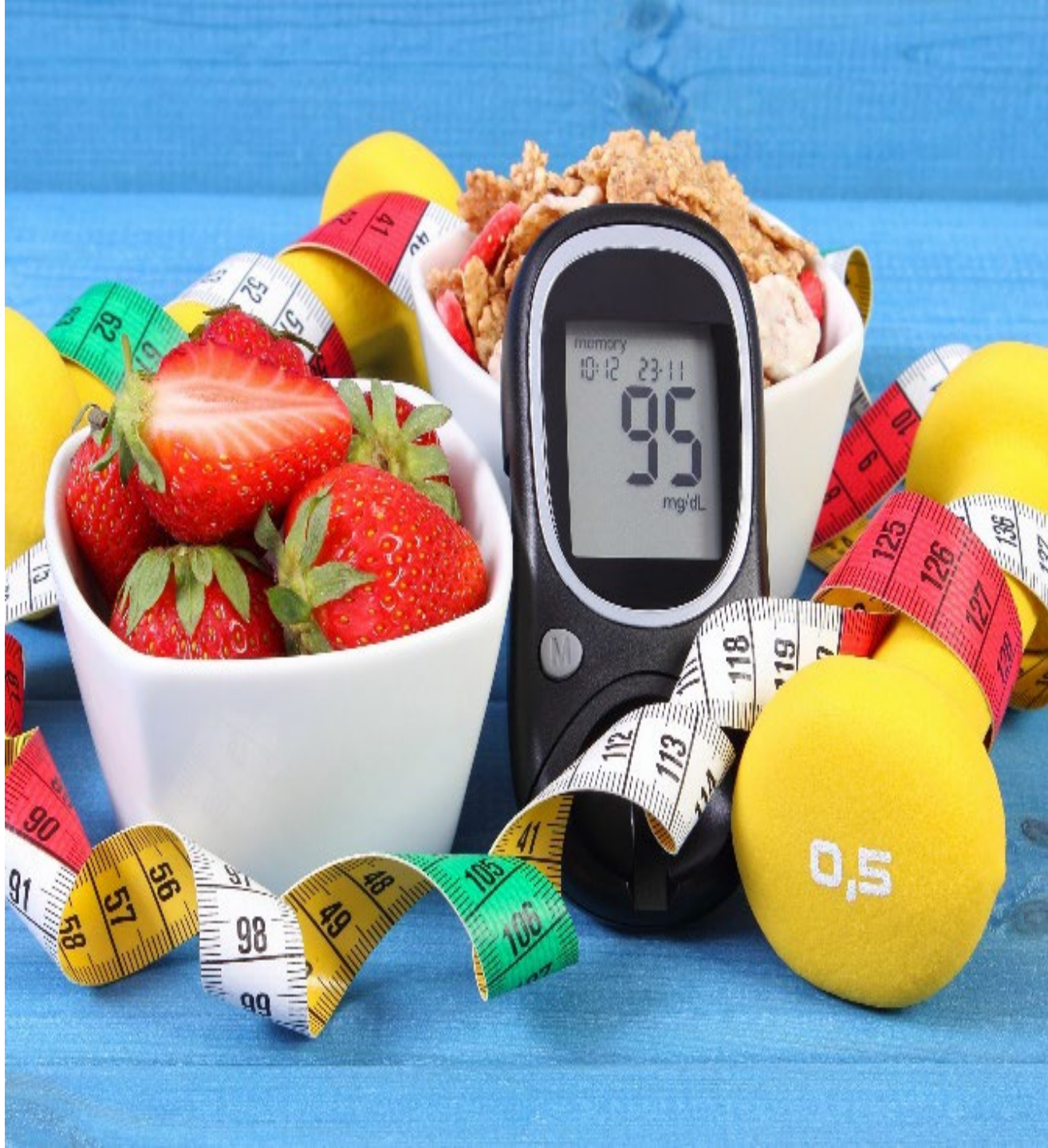
Presented by:
Austin Pollard, Housing Manager

July 21st, 2026

Health Plan of Nevada
A UnitedHealthcare Company

Agenda

- **Overview of ILOS**
- **Target Populations**
  - Eligibility, priority groups, referral pathways
- **ILOS Offerings**
  - Food security, nutrition access, Food is Medicine initiatives
- **Implementation & Early Insights**
  - Status, utilization, key lessons learned
- **Collaboration Opportunities**
  - CBO partnerships and state coordination
- **Key Considerations**
  - Challenges, risks, and sustainability



In Lieu of Services (ILOS) Overview

In Lieu of Services (ILOS) – Key Points

- Services/settings not covered under the Nevada Medicaid State Plan
- Must be determined by the State to be:
  - Medically appropriate
  - Cost-effective alternatives to covered services/settings
- Can only be used as substitutes for a Covered Service or setting
- Must be specifically defined and approved by the State
- Only considered “in lieu of” within the scope of State approval
- Voluntary program and the MCO can choose which programs they provide

ILOS Services available:

- Specialized Case Management
- Housing Transition Support
- Housing Related Deposits
- Housing Sustainment
- Home Modifications
- Nutrition Services

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Target Populations and Eligibility Considerations

Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness and member must meet one or more of the following conditions:

Serious mental illness diagnosis;
Serious emotional disorder diagnosis;
Substance use disorder diagnosis;
At risk of institutionalization or overdose or in need of residential services because of a substance use disorder or a serious emotional disturbance or other behavioral health condition;
Victim of human trafficking or domestic violence;
At risk of experiencing a behavioral health crisis or utilizing the emergency department;
Pregnant or had a recent live birth within the last sixty 60 days;
Discharged from a correctional or medical facility within the last ninety (90) days;
Transitioning, or will be transitioning within the next thirty (30) days, from an institutional or inpatient setting to the home or community setting

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HPN HOME Program

HPN HOME Program

- HPN HOME (Homeless Outreach Member Empowerment) Program- ILOS

Program went live October 2025

- First MCO in Nevada to launch

Offerings include all available ILOS services

HPN HOME Food & Nutrition



Food Security Initiatives

- Connection to community food resources
- Closed loop referrals
- Support navigating SNAP and federal work requirements or allowable exemptions
- Short term food support aligned with care management needs
- Focus on 4 core factors: use, access, availability, stability

Nutrition Access

- Coordination with community partners to improve access to healthy, affordable food
- Integration of nutrition support into care plans for high-risk members
- Education on healthy eating aligned with medical conditions

Medically Tailored Meals

- For members with chronic conditions
- Personalized Nutrition Education
- Alignment of nutrition supports with clinical goals to improve outcomes and reduce utilization

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Food is Medicine

HPN's in-house **Registered Dieticians** help members manage weight, feel better, improve their overall health and start changing daily habits for a lifetime of wellness

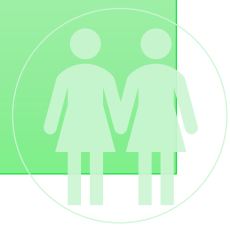
- Nourished
- Prediabetes
- Diabetes
- Heart Health
- Pregnancy

Classes



- Medical Nutrition
- Weight Management
- Adult and Child Nutrition
- Diabetes
- Pregnancy
- Lactation

Unlimited 1:1 Consultations



- Phone calls
- Evening and weekend hours
- Email check-ins
- In-person or virtual support
- English and Spanish

Flexible program options



Lessons and Outcomes

Lessons Learned

- Housing stability drives engagement
- Navigation support is critical
- Partnerships matter
- Member readiness impacts outcomes
- SDOH needs are interconnected
- Nevada barriers

Outcomes

- Housing & basic needs met
- Better engagement
- Fewer no-shows
- More care use (PCP/BH)
- More program & community use
- Less crisis & avoidable care

Partnership Opportunities

Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

- Partner with local housing agencies, shelters, and nonprofits to support housing placement and retention
- Work with food banks and nutrition programs to boost food security and “Food is Medicine” efforts
- Lean on trusted community partners to improve outreach and member engagement

Provider & Health System Partnerships

- Connect ILOS services with primary care and behavioral health providers for better whole-person care
- Align on referrals, care plans, and shared goals to improve both clinical and social outcomes

State & Medicaid Collaboration

- Partner with Nevada Medicaid to support ILOS growth, compliance, and long-term sustainability
- Get involved in policy development and pilot programs (housing, nutrition, SDOH innovation)
- Share data and results to show impact and support scaling

Housing & Landlord Partnerships

- Build relationships with landlords and property managers to expand housing options
- Create incentives and simplify processes to help place members into housing faster

Key Considerations

Access Barriers (Not Just Availability)

- Food might be available, but getting to it isn't always easy

Fragmentation Across Systems

- Food, healthcare, housing, and social services aren't always well connected

Sustainability of Food Supports

- There's a need for longer-term, scalable solutions (like Medicaid-funded Food is Medicine programs)

Stigma & Member Engagement

- Some people don't seek help due to stigma or lack of awareness

Nutrition vs. Food Access Gap

- Access to food doesn't always mean access to *healthy* or appropriate food

Data & Outcome Measurement

- Limited tracking when it comes to food insecurity and outcomes
- Opportunity to better connect to healthcare metrics and ROI

Opportunity for Healthcare Alignment

- Medicaid (through ILOS) creates a big opportunity to:
- Fund food interventions and Improve care coordination

Member Testimonial

***HPN HOME:* Member Story**

A member in the **Catholic Charities Work Program** sought **housing navigation** but faced health **challenges** that limited his ability to attend interviews and fully participate. Through **collaboration** with **Catholic Charities**, the member was **connected** to the **HPN HOME program** for additional **social** and **medical** support. This **partnership** not only **advanced** the member's **progress** but also **strengthened HPN's relationship** with **Catholic Charities**. The member is now **supported** by a **multidisciplinary** care **team**, including **HPN,** the ILOS **provider,** and community **partners**. As a result, he has **secured** part-time **employment**, leading to increased **stability**, improved **engagement** in care, and a more **positive** outlook. He has also **gained** enhanced **access** to community **resources**, including **food** support and **nutrition education** through **HPN**, supporting better **management** of his **chronic conditions**.

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Thank you!

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ILOS: HOUSING AND FOOD SECURITY

Dr. Tracey Green, Chief Medical Officer

Taylor Thompson, Director of Strategic Partnerships

July 21st, 2026



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CareSource® Nevada

Our Mission: To make a lasting difference in our members' lives by improving their health & well-being.

1 in 4 Nevadans is Medicaid eligible. CareSource is Nevada's **only statewide nonprofit** Medicaid managed care organization.

CareSource serves more than **80,000 members** through Nevada Medicaid, Nevada Check-Up-eligible residents and the Marketplace across all 17 Nevada counties.

CareSource Nevada Member Demographics

52% female | **48%** male | **47%** under age 18 | **1/3** live in rural counties

CareSource focuses on **early intervention** and **whole-person care** by collaborating with providers and investing in programs that make health benefits easier to access. By offering supports like advanced health screenings and added support for rural and behavioral health needs, CareSource works to improve health outcomes and strengthen communities.

CareSource Housing: A Continuum of Housing Support

We meet members where they are and look to desired solutions

LIFE SERVICES

Short-Term Housing

- Immediate stabilization for members experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- Life Coach addresses SDOH barriers - food, transportation, and employment
- Short-term, emergency housing to meet urgent needs

TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT

Transitional Housing

- Bridges the gap from crisis to lasting stability
- Time-limited transitional housing and tenancy readiness
- Housing navigation, locator services, and landlord recruitment

ILOS HOUSING SUPPORTS & SERVICES

Permanent Housing

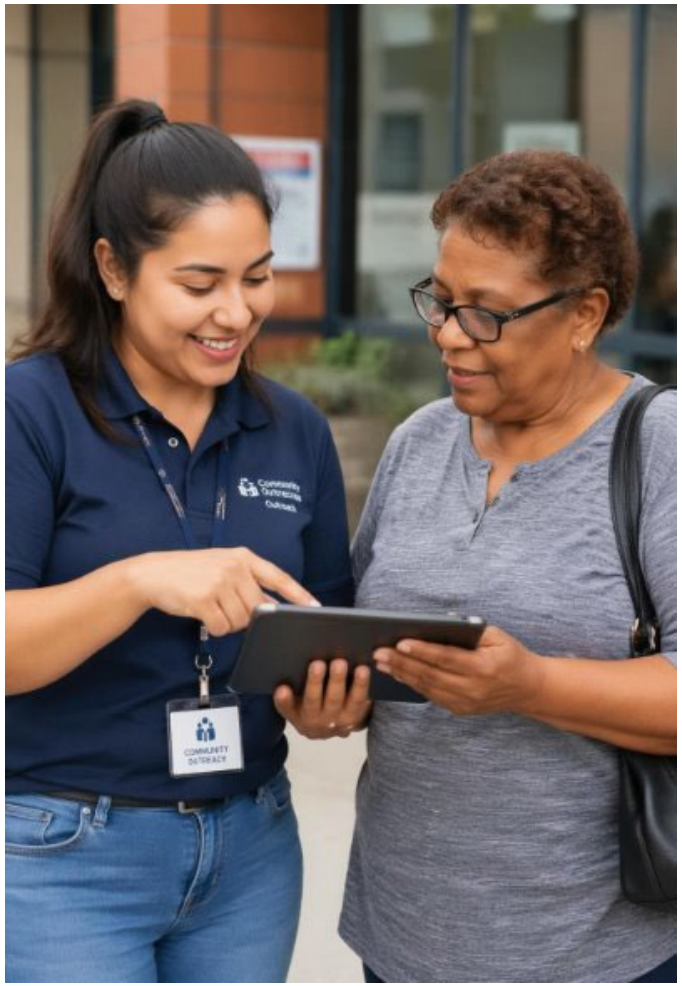
- Permanent housing as a medically appropriate alternative to costly care
- Housing transition plus ongoing tenancy-sustaining services
- Long-term independence with continued case management

Definition of ILOS

Managed Care plans can offer enrollees cost-effective alternative services or settings that are in-lieu of services and settings that are covered under the Medicaid State Plan without waiver approval, when cost effective and medically appropriate.

i.e. A homeless member that has been using the ER for "services" can be offered a "home" in lieu of going to the emergency room for a bed to sleep or a warm meal. The ER service is the covered benefit that the ILO replaces.





Overview of Housing Supports & Services

Nevada Medicaid is authorizing Housing Supports and Services defined as services and supports that assist an eligible Medicaid recipient in obtaining and remaining in housing

Housing Supports and Services do not include the cost of room and board, and the MCO must ensure that its payments to qualified providers do not pay for the cost of room and board. The Housing Supports and Services are optional ILOS for MCOs to cover and for members to use.

CareSource will go live 1/1/27

Housing Supports & Services Offered

Nevada Health Authority (NVHA) contracted MCOs now have the option to offer Housing Supports and Services to Medicaid members experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness.

These services include:

- **Specialized case management**, including the development of a housing stabilization plan
- **Housing transition supports**, including environmental modifications for the home to ensure necessary accommodations for member accessibility
- **Housing-related deposits**, including first and last month's rent and initial utility costs
- **Housing sustainment services**, including medically tailored meals and/or groceries, healthy food vouchers, and food prescription



Eligibility Requirements

Housing Supports and Services are available to eligible Nevada Medicaid managed care members statewide. A member is eligible if they are homeless or at risk of homelessness**,** **and** the member is experiencing at least one or more of the following conditions or circumstances:

- Serious mental illness (SMI) determination;
- Serious emotional disorder (SED) determination;
- Substance use disorder (SUD) diagnosis;
- At risk of institutionalization or overdose, or in need of residential services because of a SUD or SED or other behavioral health condition;
- At risk of experiencing a behavioral health crisis or utilizing the emergency department;
- Pregnant or had a recent live birth within the last sixty (60) days;
- Discharged from a correctional or medical facility within the last ninety (90) days;
- Transitioning, or will be transitioning within the next thirty (30) days, from an institutional or inpatient setting to the home or community setting;
- Victim of human trafficking or domestic violence.

Housing Sustainment Services

Working hard to help people stay in their home and not relapse to the street.





- Conducting an assessment of needs, and developing a housing sustainment plan with the member;
- Providing early identification and intervention for behaviors that may jeopardize housing such as late rental payment, hoarding, substance use, and other lease violations;
- Education and training for the member on the rights and responsibilities of the tenant and landlord;
- Coordinating with the landlord and case manager, as needed, to address any issues that could impact housing stability;
- Coaching the member on developing and maintaining key relationships with the landlord and property manager, as applicable, with a goal of fostering successful tenancy;
- Assisting in dispute resolution with the landlord and/or a neighbor to reduce risk of eviction or other adverse action, including developing a repayment plan or identifying any available funding sources or resources in situations in which the member owes back rent or payments for damage to the unit;
- Connecting the member with community resources to prevent eviction when housing is, or may potentially become, jeopardized;
- Assisting with benefits advocacy, including but not limited to, assistance with obtaining identification and documentation for SSI eligibility, and supporting the application process;
- Coordinating with the member to review, update, and modify their budget plan and/or housing and crisis plan on a regular basis to reflect current needs and address existing or recurring housing retention barriers;

ILOS Procedure Codes

Table 1: Specialized Case Management

HCPCS LEVEL II CODE	HCPCS DESCRIPTION	MODIFIER	MODIFIER DESCRIPTION
T1023	Program intake and screening	XU	Modifier to indicate screening for ILOS housing support benefit by care manager

Table 2: Housing Transition Supports

HCPCS LEVEL II CODE	HCPCS DESCRIPTION	MODIFIER	MODIFIER DESCRIPTION
H0043	Supported housing; per diem	XU	Modifier to indicate ILOS housing transition services
H2015	Comprehensive community support services; per 15	XU	Modifier to indicate ILOS housing transition services
H2016	Comprehensive community support services; per diem	XU	Modifier to indicate ILOS housing transition services

ILOS Procedure Codes (continued)

Table 3: Housing Deposits

HCPCS LEVEL II CODE	HCPCS DESCRIPTION	MODIFIER	MODIFIER DESCRIPTION
H0044	Supported housing, per month. Requires deposit amounts to be reported on the encounter	XU	Modifier to indicate ILOS housing deposits

Target Populations & Eligibility Considerations

CareSource identifies and supports Members who qualify for ILOS through one connected, end-to-end approach:

- **Identify & Screen:** Data mining and eligibility screening will identify Members who meet ILOS medical necessity criteria, drawing on HRSN and ILOS screening tools; internal, member, and provider referrals; Tribal, IHS, and CBO referrals; and claims, utilization, and Medicaid eligibility data. A qualified provider then confirms eligibility through the standardized, State-approved assessment.
- **Reach:** Outreach across events, mail, email, text, and phone will help Members understand and use their benefits, with targeted campaigns focusing on those hardest to reach, including Members experiencing homelessness.
- **Refer:** A closed-loop system through FindHelp will track each referral and document it in the Member's care plan or medical record confirming the supports are medically appropriate and adapting them to language, cultural, and accessibility needs.
- **Follow Up:** Once eligibility is confirmed, enrollment is the Member's choice; those who opt in will receive case management and housing transition support.
- **Staff:** Call Center, Member Services, Care Management, Network Management, and Utilization Management teams will receive ILOS training for a consistent approach to identifying and referring eligible Members.

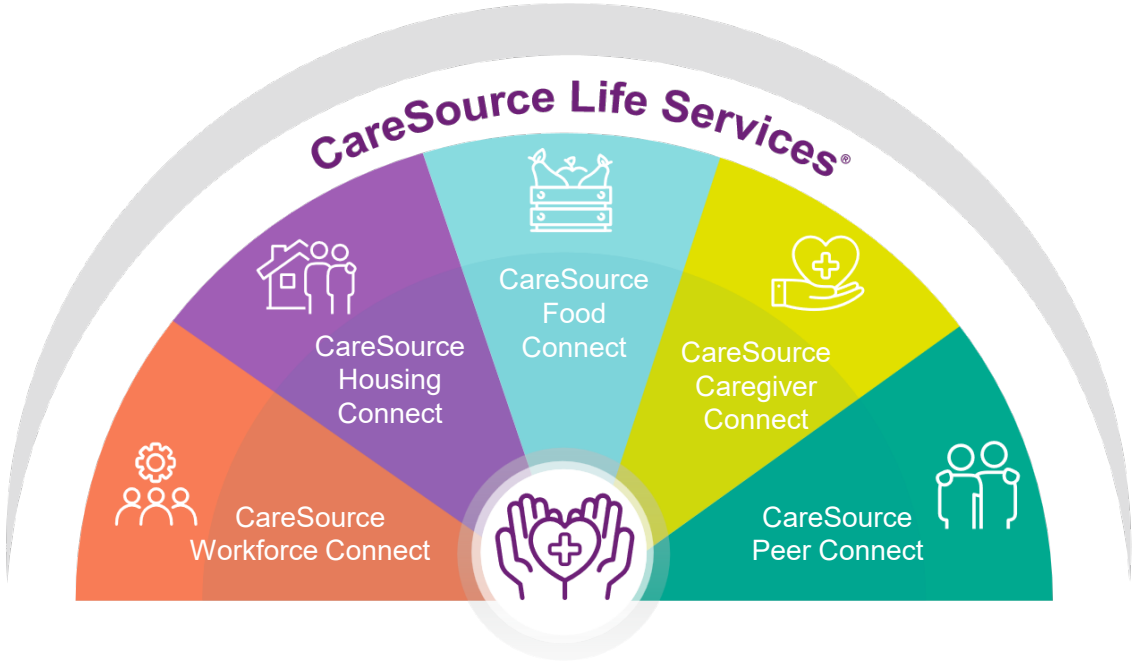
Home Delivered Meals

- Home-delivered meals is part of the sustainment program for our members when we begin ILOS and today supports our high-risk pregnant Members across their postpartum months and for members post discharge with qualifying conditions. Each meal is medically tailored to conditions such as gestational, Type 1, or Type 2 diabetes, prepared to be culturally appropriate, and intended to reinforce nutrition after discharge.
- Eligible mothers receive 14 meals - two each day over seven days - brought directly to their homes. Coverage spans both urban and rural counties.
- Referrals into this benefit originate with our Mom & Baby Beginnings Team by way of Care Management. To build awareness and engagement, an online portal was created to speed up the referral process, and Care Managers were given training that deepens their understanding of the benefit and surfaces ways to actively encourage Member utilization.
- This benefit is delivered to our members in partnership with Mom's Meals. Expanded benefit with ILOS









Workforce Connect

- CareSource's workforce development program
- Members are provided a Life Coach to assist with employment and/or education goals, and help with other SDOH barriers
- Facilitates access to community-based resources

Housing Connect

- Identification and tracking of housing insecure/unhoused members
- Housing Locator and landlord recruitment
- Housing Investments in partnerships and programs
- Covered benefits and value-added services

Food Connect

- Addresses food as both a social and clinical healthcare need
- Increase member security and access for food and nutrition
- Includes nutrition education, screening and referral, tailored food interventions, food assistance models, covered benefits

Caregiver Connect

- Care plan development tailored specifically for the caregiver
- Innovative e-learning platform designed for family caregivers to provide tools to look after their loved ones in their own homes
- Provides access to training in caregiving skills, emergency response, and trauma informed care

Peer Connect

- Increase the use of certified Peer Support Specialists to assist our complex health population
- Increase provider competency on Peer Support
- Increase member awareness of and access to Peer Support Services

CareSource ILOS Success in Other States

HAP CareSource (Michigan)

- **Healthy Home Delivered Meals** – Nutritionally-balanced, home delivered meal consisting of hot, cold, frozen or shelf-stable meals.
- **Medically Tailored Home Delivered Meal Through the Medically Tailored Home Delivered Meal Service** – qualifying members receive up to two healthy meals brought to their home, seven days a week for up to six months. Each meal is matched to their health needs. Support also comes from a registered dietitian, a nutrition expert who provides guidance on choosing healthy foods.
- **Produce Prescriptions -** Voucher provided to purchase any variety of fruits and vegetables or plants/seeds that produce fruits and vegetables.
- **Healthy Food Packs -** Consists of an assortment of medically-tailored or nutritionally appropriate foods.









Opportunities for Collaboration:

CareSource is committed to partnering with community-based organizations, state agencies, and other non-traditional providers to meet members where they are. CareSource identifies the CBOs our members visit most and builds lasting relationships with them, keeping access to food and essential supports within reach. By investing in these partnerships, CareSource is working to extend care beyond the clinical setting and strengthen the local safety net our members depend on.

CareSource looks forward to working with the state to develop the CBO Provider type and is committed to expanding services and supporting contracting and billing.

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Food As Medicine Strategy





Whole Health Approach



Housing Stability



Food Security



Maternal Health



Behavioral Health

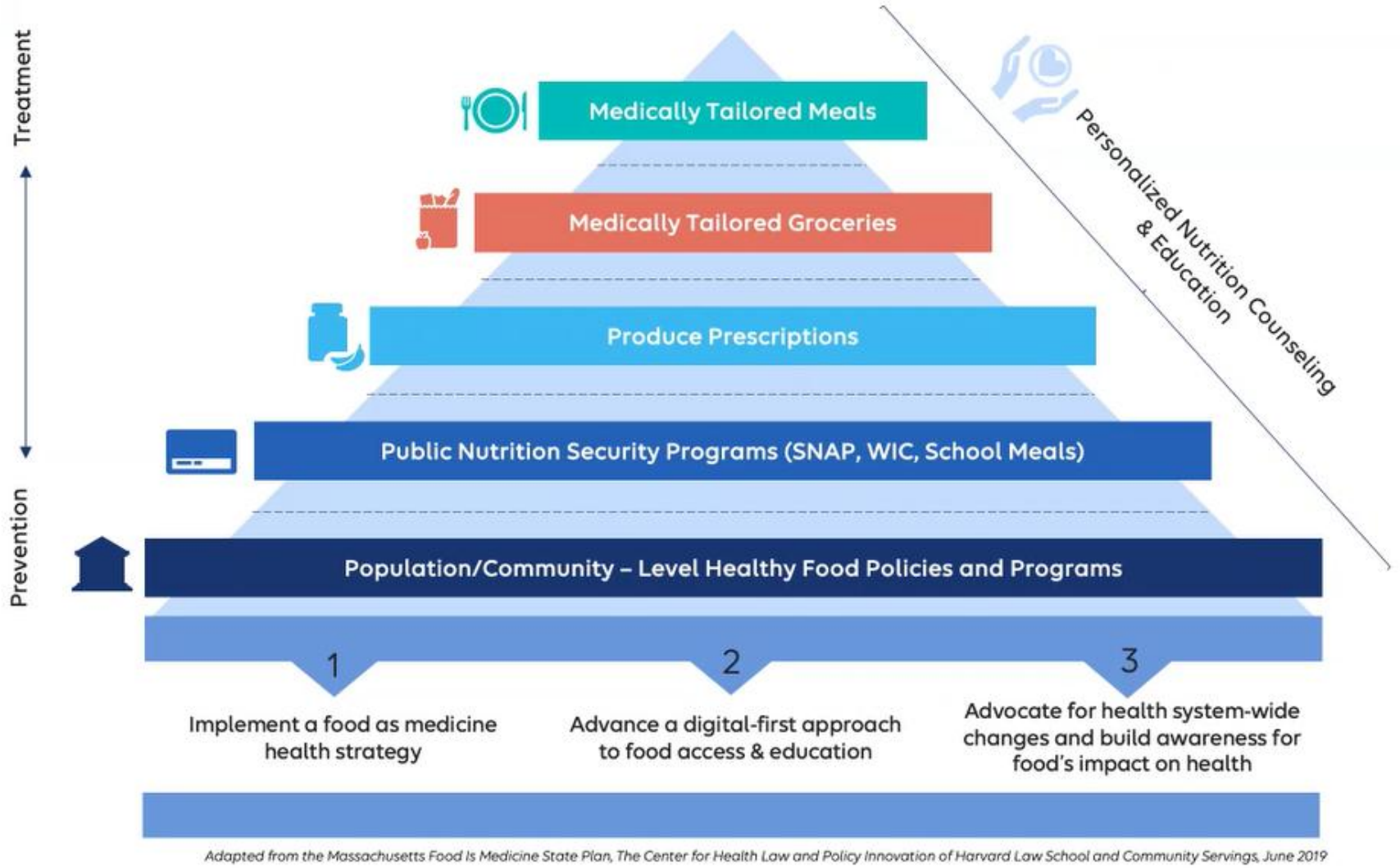


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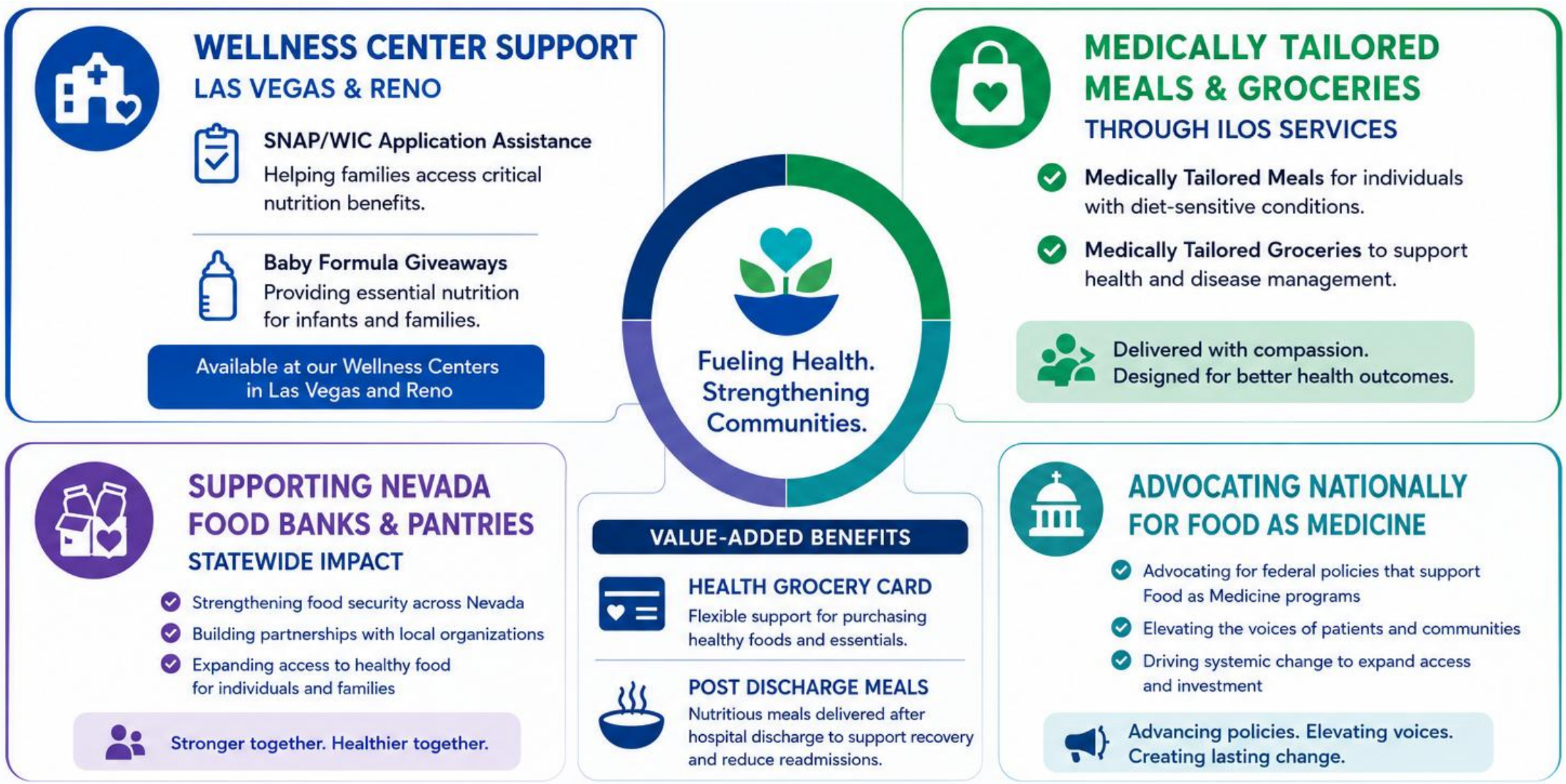


Access to Care

Food As Medicine Pyramid



Food as Medicine Interventions



Value Added Benefits

Healthy Grocery Card — Eligible members receive a $75 Healthy Grocery card to purchase fresh produce in stores or online.

Post Discharge Meals will provide two weeks of home-delivered, medically tailored meals to pregnant on bed rest or post-partum members.

Home Delivered Meals will provide home-delivered, medically tailored meals to pregnant women with gestational diabetes two meals per day for 10 weeks.



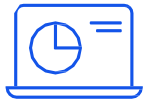
Value-added benefit access

Members can access information regarding their value-added benefits via:



Member Services

844-396-2329



Benefit Rewards website

anthem.com



Email

VABsAnthemNV@anthem.com



Anthem wellness centers:

- 2348 E Bonanza Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89101
- 294 E Moana Ln Suite 25, Reno, NV 89502

Housing Supports & Services ILOS

Eligibility Requirements



Source: ILOS Policy Guide 04_2026, Eligibility Requirements and Access Requirements.

One or more qualifying needs or circumstances

Behavioral health or clinical risk

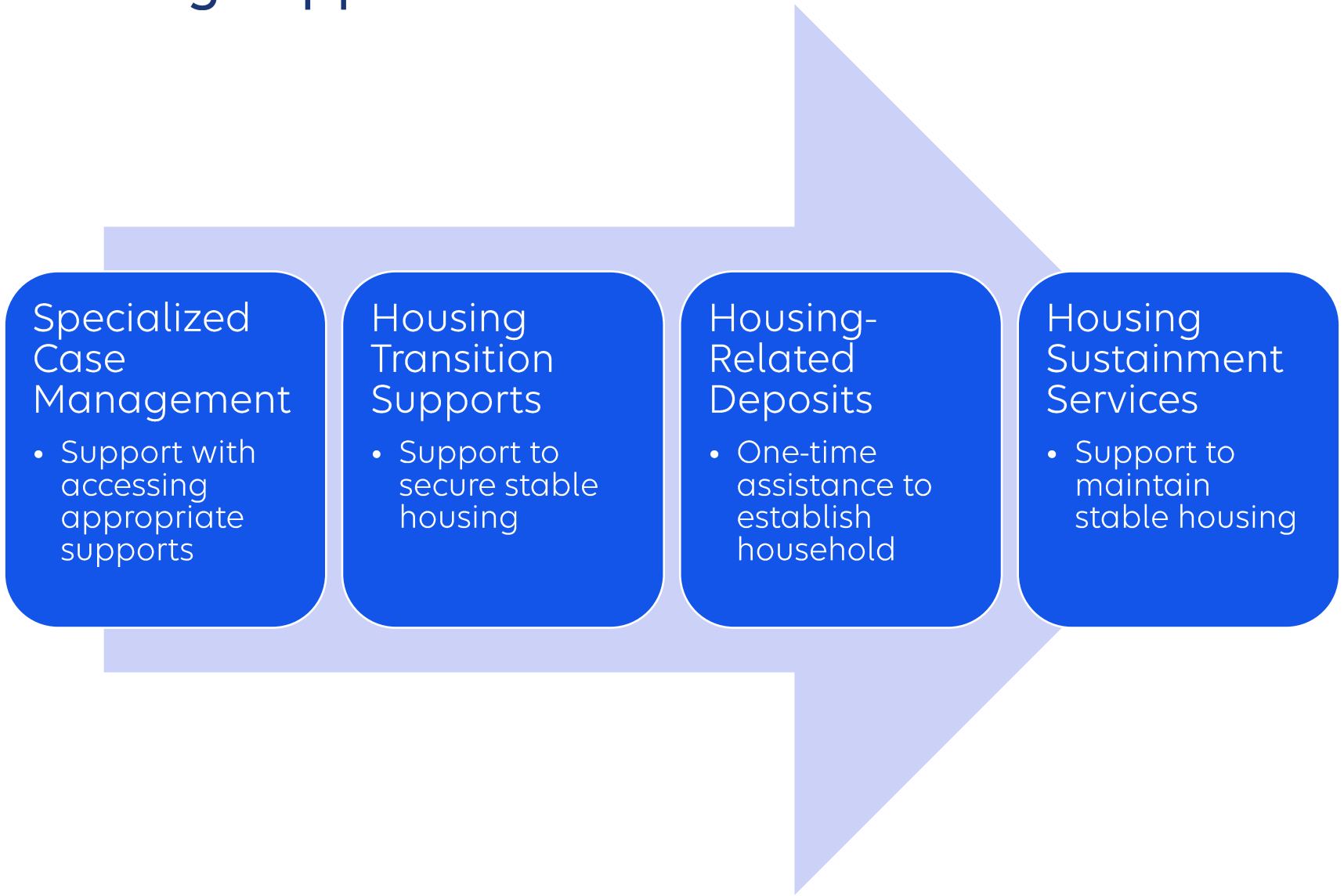
- Serious mental illness (SMI) determination
- Serious emotional disorder (SED) determination
- Substance use disorder (SUD) diagnosis
- At risk of institutionalization or overdose, or in need of residential services because of SUD, SED, or another behavioral health condition
- At risk of behavioral health crisis or emergency department use

Life transition or safety circumstance

- Pregnant or had a recent live birth within the last 60 days
- Discharged from a correctional or medical facility within the last 90 days
- Transitioning within the next 30 days from an institutional or inpatient setting to the home or community
- Victim of human trafficking or domestic violence

Source: ILOS Policy Guide 04_2026, Eligibility Requirements.

Anthem's Housing Supports & Services Continuum of Interventions



Food and nutrition supports are available to eligible members as a component of Housing Sustainment Services.

Housing sustainment services

Helping members stay safely and stably housed once housing is secured.

When housing sustainment services apply

Medically appropriate and reasonably necessary services that support stable housing after housing is secured.

Housing secured

Sustainment begins only after a member has secured housing.

Assess and plan

Conduct needs assessment and develop a sustainment plan with the member.

Support stability

Provide tenancy coaching, risk prevention, benefits support, and community linkages.

Step down

Continue until a case manager determines services are no longer necessary.

Source: ILOS Policy Guide 04_2026, Housing Sustainment Services.

Food and nutrition supports within sustainment

Nutrition-related services may be part of the sustainment plan when tied to broader counseling and education.



Medically tailored meals

Up to two meals a day at home to meet the member's unique dietary needs.



Supportive food access

Medically tailored groceries, healthy food vouchers, and food pharmacies.



Nutrition education

Cooking classes and other food/nutrition education for no longer than 90 days.

Source: ILOS Policy Guide 04_2026, Housing Sustainment Services.

Anthem's Approach and Service Delivery

Nourished Well

Personalized food support.
Better health. Stronger communities.

Nourished Well connects eligible individuals and families to food support and nutrition guidance to help improve health outcomes, manage chronic conditions, and reduce healthcare costs.



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HOW NOURISHED WELL WORKS

1 **REFERRAL**

A member is identified as someone who may benefit from food and nutrition support and is referred.

2 **ASSESSMENT**

A registered dietitian reviews the member's health goals, dietary needs, social factors, and preferences.

3 **PERSONALIZED SUPPORT**

The member receives the food and nutrition support that's right for them.

4 **BETTER HEALTH**

Nutritious food helps improve health outcomes, support condition management, and promote independence.

5 **ONGOING CARE**

A registered dietitian stays connected with members to provide ongoing support and help them achieve their goals.

FOOD SUPPORT SERVICES

MEDICALLY TAILORED MEALS

Nutritious meals tailored to the member's health needs and delivered to their door.

MEDICALLY TAILORED GROCERIES

Healthy groceries tailored to the member's dietary needs delivered to their home.

DIGITAL PLATFORM

Access to a digital platform offering personalized nutrition education, resources, recipes, and tools to support healthy choices every day.

SNAP ENROLLMENT & MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Assistance with SNAP (food benefits) enrollment, benefit understanding, and ongoing support to ensure access to nutritious food.


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Attachment for Agenda Item #8

AB405/SB233 reports review

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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.	• 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. *All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.*	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.

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

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.			
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 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.	• 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. *All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.*	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. *All Interim/LCB outreach to occur through the Chair or from a Council member.*	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.			

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.			
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, **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	• 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 Neveda 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 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: 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.			

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.

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.			