

# NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY

## MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2020

The Nevada Council on Food Security held a public meeting on January 7, 2020 beginning at approximately 1:05 P.M. at the following locations:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
4150 Technology Way, Room 301  
Carson City, NV 89706

Health Care Quality and Compliance  
4220 South Maryland Parkway  
Building D, Suite 810  
Las Vegas, NV, 89119

### **Board Members Present**

Steve Fisher, Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) (Carson City)  
Jennifer Ott, Director, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) (Carson City)  
Beth Handler, MPH, Deputy Director, Programs, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (Carson City)  
Robert Thompson, Deputy Administrator, DWSS (Las Vegas)  
Kenneth Osgood, MD, Board of Health, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) (Las Vegas)  
Marcia Blake, Executive Director, Helping Hands of Vegas Valley (Las Vegas)  
Cherie Jamason, Director of Ending Hunger Initiatives, Food Bank of Northern Nevada (Carson City)  
Jodi Tyson, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Three Square Food Bank (Las Vegas)  
Julia Peek, MHA, CPM, Deputy Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) (Carson City)  
Jeff Haag, Deputy Administrator, Aging and Disabilities Services Division (Carson City)  
Homa Anoshepoor, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Division, NDA (Phone)

### **Board Members Not Present**

Deacon Tom Roberts, President and CEO, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada  
Aurora Buffington, PhD, RDN, Assistant Professor/Public Health Nutrition Specialist, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension  
Jhone Ebert, Superintendent of Instruction, Nevada Department of Education

### **DHHS Staff Present**

Candice McDaniel, MS, Health Bureau Chief, Child, Family and Community Wellness (CFCW), Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)  
Tina Dortch, MPH, Program Manager, Office of Minority Health and Equity, DHHS (Las Vegas)  
Laura Urban, Food Security and Wellness Manager, Office of Food Security (OFS), CFCW, DPBH, DHHS  
Cathy Wright, Administrative Assistant III, Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC), CFCW, DPBH

## **Others Present**

Liz MacMenamin, Vice President, Government Affairs, Retail Association of Nevada (Las Vegas)  
Rebekah Stetson, Chief Encouragement Officer, Farmily (Carson City)  
Brittany Price, Director of Sustainable Operations, MGM Resorts International (Las Vegas)  
Ian McDonough, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University Nevada Las Vegas (Las Vegas)  
Ashanti Lewis, Advocacy Manager, Three Square Food Bank (Las Vegas)  
Kristyn Leonard, The Nevada Independent (Las Vegas)  
Regis Whaley, MPH, CHES, Director of Business Support, Three Square Food Bank (Las Vegas)  
John Moon, Three Square Board of Directors (Phone)

### **1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Announcements**

Steve Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

Roll call was taken, and it was determined a quorum of the Nevada Council on Food Security (CFS) was present, per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 439.518 § 2.

### **2. ACTION ITEM: Approve minutes from the November 13, 2019 Council Meeting**

Chair Fisher asked if there were corrections to the minutes from the November 13, 2019 meeting.

STEVE FISHER ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 13, 2019 MEETING. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY DR. KENNETH OSGOOD. ROBERT THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chair Fisher called for public comment and there was none.

### **3. ACTION ITEM: Make recommendation to appoint Cortney Bloomer to fill membership representing an organization that provides community-based services, including, without limitation, services that focus on the social determinants of health in rural Nevada**

Ms. Bloomer introduced herself and provided a summary of her experience and qualifications. Her resume can be found [here](#).

CHAIR FISHER ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE MS. BLOOMER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR CFS MEMBERSHIP. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY DR. OSGOOD. ROBERT THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **4. ACTION ITEM: Make recommendations to appoint Brittney Price to fill membership representing the gaming industry, hospitality industry, or restaurant industry**

Ms. Price introduced herself and provided a summary of her experience and qualifications. Her resume can be found [here](#).

CHAIR FISHER ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE MS. PRICE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR CFS MEMBERSHIP. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY DR. OSGOOD. ROBERT THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Update on Southern Nevada Food Policy Council**

Chair Fisher tabled this agenda item until the April 7, 2020 meeting.

**6. ACTION ITEM: PRESENT AND APPROVE CFS bylaws draft**

Chair Fisher presented the revised CFS bylaws draft, which were updated per [Senate Bill 178](#) (SB178). The bylaws draft can be found [here](#). Chair Fisher asked for questions.

Dr. Osgood asked whether delayed CFS reappointments under the new legislation impacts quorum.

Ms. Urban stated the Deputy Attorney General confirmed existing CFS members will continue to serve under their current membership until formally reappointed.

CHAIR FISHER ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CFS BYLAWS. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY JEFF HAAG. CHERIE JAMASON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

**7. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Present on 2019 Nevada State Health Needs Assessment-**

Ms. Handler presented on the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) *2019 State Health Needs Assessment*. Her handout can be found [here](#). Ms. Handler also summarized Nevada's state profile from the report, which can be found [here](#).

Ms. Jamason asked whether DHHS support is available to organizations/agencies to help navigate the *2019 State Health Needs Assessment* for grant writing purposes.

Ms. Handler stated the Director's Office can assist in navigating the document, but data-specific requests should go through the DHHS Office of Analytics.

Marcia Blake asked if the *2019 State Health Needs Assessment* includes information and data on older Nevadans.

Ms. Handler stated the report includes information on various populations, including seniors (65+).

**8. ACTION ITEM: Present and approve 2019 CFS Annual Report**

Laura Urban presented the *2019 CFS Annual Report*. The report can be found [here](#). Ms. Urban stated the *CFS Annual Report* is due to the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau by January 31, 2020. The report includes CFS accomplishments and highlights from 2019, as well as a brief summary of the CFS's future focus and priorities. Ms. Urban stated she plans to develop a new CFS Annual Report template.

She will issue a survey to collect CFS members' recommendations to make the report more comprehensive moving forward.

CHAIR FISHER ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2019 CFS ANNUAL REPORT. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY DR. OSGOOD. MS. BLAKE SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Present panel on race equity**

Jodi Tyson stated at the November 13, 2019 CFS meeting, the CFS agreed to learn about food insecurity through a racial equity lens. She stated the CFS has the responsibility to become more sophisticated in hunger and food insecurity efforts through addressing institutional barriers as well as policy and mutually beneficial partnerships between statewide agencies and organizations. With Chair Fisher's approval, Ms. Tyson worked with Ms. Urban to coordinate a panel of subject matter experts and organizations addressing racial equity.

John Moon, the first panelist, is a member of Three Square Food Bank's Board of Directors. For seven (7) years, Mr. Moon served as the Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco. At the Federal Reserve Bank, Mr. Moon led the Development Division, including a team focused on strategies to enhance the economic mobility and resilience of low-income communities. He presented on connections between racial equity, place, health, and economic well-being. His presentation can be found [here](#).

Ian McDonough, the second panelist is an Assistant Professor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Dr. McDonough presented his research around economic mobility and food insecurity. His presentation can be found [here](#).

Regis Whaley, the third panelist, is the Director of Business Support for Three Square Food Bank. He presented data on Map the Meal Gap data and race equity. His presentation can be found [here](#).

Tina Dortch, the fourth and final panelist, is the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOMHE) Program Manager. She provided an overview of the NOMHE, including the NOMHE's purpose, mission, and vision. Her handout can be found [here](#). Ms. Dortch also provided recommendations to the CFS on how race equity can be applied throughout the implementation of the 2018 *Food Security in Nevada: Nevada's Plan for Action*. Her recommendations can be found [here](#).

Ms. Tyson proposed the creation of an interagency workgroup of state agency representatives to develop a plan for applying a racial equity lens in federal nutrition program implementation.

Chair Fisher stated he would be interested in participating in the workgroup as the Nevada DWSS representative.

Ms. Blake stated she would be interested in participating in the workgroup as well.

In addition to the development of the interagency workgroup, Ms. Tyson suggested the development of a race equity framework to guide the CFS in future initiatives.

**10. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Present update on the Data and Analysis Project**

Dr. Osgood provided a summary of the Data and Analysis Project, per his November update, for new members. His summary can be found [here](#). He continued to provide an update on the Data and Analysis Project, which included the coordination of a summit to bring together various statewide agencies and organizations serving older Nevadans statewide. He presented the summit mission statement, which can be found [here](#).

Ms. Blake asked if the summit would be open to older Nevadans as well.

Dr. Osgood stated the summit will focus on bringing service providers together to enhance collaboration and awareness of services available to older Nevadans statewide.

**11. ACTION ITEM: Present, discuss, and approve CFS 2020 priorities**

The CFS discussed recommendations for CFS 2020 priorities. The following recommendations were presented: 1) address equity and food insecurity; 2) assess interest in a “Silver Summit” to enhance collaboration among statewide agencies and organizations serving older Nevadans and, if interest, coordinate the summit; 3) enhance education opportunities for local partners through exploring the development of an online resource center; 4) enhance relationship with private sector companies/organizations to support CFS initiatives; 5) identify and support policies addressing food insecurity; 6) establish the Food for People Not Landfills Program, per SB178; 7) enhance nutrition education programs; 8) address child hunger/increase participation in Child Nutrition Programs; 9) address senior hunger; and 10) enhance initiatives related to Nevada’s rural food system.

The CFS agreed several recommendations presented have already been identified as priorities, and the list can be condensed.

Ms. Tyson suggested the recommendations be shared via email and ranked among members.

Ms. Urban stated she will compile the recommendations and send a survey to CFS members to identify the top priorities among the recommendations presented.

No action was taken.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fisher adjourned the meeting at 4:46 PM.