

FOOD FOR PEOPLE NOT LANDFILL SUBCOMMITTEE
FOR
THE COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY
MINUTES
MAY 11, 2020

The Nevada Council on Food Security held a public meeting on May 11, 2020 beginning at approximately 3:05 P.M. via video and teleconference. This meeting was held in accordance with Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006; Subsection 1; The requirement contained in NRS 241.023 (1) (b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended.

Board Members Present

Jodi Tyson, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Three Square Food Bank (Phone)
Marie Baxter, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (Phone)
Devin Wilcox, Social Services Specialist III, Nevada Department of Agriculture (Phone)
Brittney Price, Director of Sustainable Operations, MGM Resorts International (Phone)
Amanda Jerzak, Food Sourcing Manager, Three Square Food Bank

Board Members Not Present

Ex-Officio Members

Diana Barrett, Helping Hands of Vegas Valley (Phone)
Steve Schmitt, Senior VP and Chief Operating Officer, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (Phone)
Liz MacMenamin, Vice President of Government Affairs, Retail Association of Nevada (Phone)
Ashanti Lewis, Advocacy Manager, Three Square Food Bank (Phone)

DHHS Staff Present

Candice McDaniel, MS, Health Bureau Chief, Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness (CFCW), Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (Phone)
Sarah Metcalf, MPH, NDTR, CLC, Nutrition Unit Deputy Chief, CFCW, DPBH, DHHS (Phone)
Laura Urban, Food Security and Wellness Manager, Office of Food Security (OFS), CFCW, DPBH, DHHS (Phone)
Cathy Wright, Administrative Assistant III, Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC), CFCW, DPBH, DHHS (Phone)

Others Present

Shane Piccinini, Government Relations, Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN) (Phone)
Aurora Buffington, PhD, RDN, Assistant Professor/Public Health Nutrition Specialist, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (Phone)

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Announcements

Jodi Tyson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M.

Roll call was taken, and it was determined a quorum of the Nevada Council on Food Security (CFS), Food for People Not Landfills (FFPNL) Subcommittee was present, per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 439.518 § 2.

2. ACTION ITEM: Approval of minutes from January 13, 2020

MS. TYSON ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 13, 2020 MEETING. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY MARIE BAXTER. DEVIN WILCONX SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of minutes from February 24, 2020 meeting

MS. TYSON ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 24, 2020 MEETING. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY MARIE BAXTER. DEVIN WILCONX SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Present on food labeling regulations/expiration dates

Elika Nematian presented on food date labeling. Her presentation can be found [here](#).

Ms. Tyson called for questions and there were none. She then asked if a policy on food labeling standardization should be recommended to the CFS Policy Committee.

The FFPNL Subcommittee decided more information on food safety policies and regulations for donated food was needed.

Ms. Tyson asked FFPNL members share Nevada county-specific food safety policies and regulations with Ms. Urban. Once this information is gathered, the FFPNL Subcommittee will review and develop recommendations for the CFS Policy Subcommittee's consideration.

Dr. Aurora Buffington recommended a public education campaign be developed and executed to support any future food safety policy and regulation alignment/changes.

Ms. Tyson agreed.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Present Meal Procurement Annual Report

Amanda Jerzak presented Three Square's 2019 Meal Procurement Report. Her report can be found [here](#). Ms. Jerzak stated due to COVID-19, Three Square's 2020 report will look much different.

Mr. Piccinini presented on FBNN's 2019 meal procurement. Ms. Piccinini stated between July 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020, 11 million pounds of food was donated via grocery store recovery. He stated FBNN's data for food recovery does not align with the established FFPNL categories or "buckets." The meeting to discuss the FBNN's 2019 meal procurement data with FBNN leadership has been postponed due to COVID-19. Mr. Piccinini stated since

COVID-19, grocery recovery donations have decreased due to limited product availability. He added grocery stores could benefit from guidance on what donations can, and cannot, be used by food banks.

Ms. Tyson asked Mr. Piccinini shared the FBNN's 2019 food procurement data with Ms. Urban once gathered.

Ms. Tyson asked Ms. Urban to consolidate Three Square and FBNN's 2019 food procurement data for the FFPNL 2019 Meal Procurement Annual Report. Once finalized, the report will be shared with the CFS for their review and approval.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Present on COVID-19 food rescue efforts

The FFPNL Subcommittee discussed the food rescue efforts that took place as a result of the economic shut down, which was mandated by Governor Sisolak on March 16, 2020.

Brittany Price provided an overview of MGM Resort's community donation efforts within the first 72 hours of the shut down. MGM Resorts worked with Three Square and other Las Vegas partners to donate perishable foods to the community.

Ms. Tyson asked Ms. Price to share the MGM Resort's donation data post-COVID with Ms. Urban, to be included in a future report.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Tyson adjourned the meeting at 4:28 P.M.