

**Governor's Council on Food Security Policy Subcommittee**  
**Minutes**  
**September 28, 2020**

The Council on Food Security Policy Subcommittee held a public meeting on September 28, 2020 beginning at approximately 1:00 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**

Homa Annoshepoor, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Division, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)  
Deacon Tom Roberts, President and Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (CCSN)  
Marcia Blake, Executive Director, Helping Hands of Vegas Valley (HHOVV)  
Diane Hogan, Community Nutrition Supervisor, Food and Nutrition Division, NDA  
Shane Piccinini, Government Relations, Food Bank of Northern Nevada

**Board Members Not Present**

N/A

**Ex-Officio Members Present**

N/A

**Staff Present:**

Laura Urban, Food Security and Wellness Manager, Office of Food Security (OFS), Nutrition Unit, Child, Family and Community Wellness (CFCW), Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
Cathy Wright, Administrative Assistant III, Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC), CFCW, DPBH

**1. Roll Call**

Homa Anoshepoor called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Roll call was taken, and it was determined a quorum of the Council on Food Security (CFS) Policy Subcommittee was present, per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 439.519 § 2.

**2. ACTION ITEM: Approve the Minutes from the August 17, 2020 Meeting**

HOMA ANOOSHEPOOR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 17, 2020 MEETING. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY DEACON THOMAS ROBERTS. SHANE PICININI SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Anooshepoor called for public comment and there was none.

### **4. ACTION ITEM: Discuss, review, and approve policy recommendations and final recommendations report**

The Council on Food Security Policy Subcommittee reviewed the policy justification templates for each policy provided by the sponsoring partners, specifically the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN), Three Square, and Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (FBNN). The justification to establish a state food purchasing program can be found [here](#). The justification to remove requirements restricting individuals committed of a drug felony within the past 20 years from receiving the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can be found [here](#). The justification to increase Meals on Wheels reimbursement can be found [here](#).

Shane Piccinini and Ashanti Lewis expressed concerns regarding the required justification template. They said establishing measurable outcomes is not possible for the food purchasing program policy and the recommended SNAP policy.

Ms. Anooshepoor stated Director Jennifer Ott, CFS Chair, is interested in measurable outcomes for each policy the CFS supports. She suggested scheduling a call with Director Ott to discuss prior to the greater CFS meeting, scheduled for October 6, 2020, when the CFS will approve the Subcommittee's policy recommendations.

HOMA ANOOSHEPOOR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE THREE (3) POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS: ESTABLISH A STATE FOOD PURCHASING PROGRAM; REMOVE REQUIREMENTS RESTRICTING INDIVIDUALS COMMITTED OF A DRUG FELONY WITHIN THE PAST 20 YEARS FROM RECEIVING SNAP; AND INCREASE MEALS ON WHEELS REIMBURSEMENT. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY DEACON THOMAS ROBERTS. SHANE PICININI SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

### **5. ACTION ITEM: Discuss and approve Policy Subcommittee next steps.**

Ms. Anooshepoor stated the CFS Policy Subcommittee will be on hiatus until instructed otherwise by the greater CFS.

No action was taken.

### **6. ACTION ITEM: Present and approve future agenda items**

Ms. Anooshepoor tabled this item, as the Policy Subcommittee will be on a hiatus until instructed otherwise.

### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chair Anooshepoor called for public comment and there was none.

## **8. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P.M.