

Governor's Council on Food Security Policy Subcommittee
Minutes
August 17, 2020

The Council on Food Security Policy Subcommittee held a public meeting on August 17, 2019 beginning at approximately 1:05 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

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 1:05 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 June 1, 2020 Meeting

HOMA ANOOSHEPOOR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 1, 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

Ms. Anooshepoor presented the CFS Policy Recommendation/Justification template. The template can be found [here](#). Moving forward, the template must be completed for a policy recommendation to be considered by the Policy Subcommittee.

Ms. Anooshepoor summarized the policy recommendations to be considered, including:

- Establish a State Food Purchasing Program;
- Align waiver services for home delivered assistance covered by Medicaid for both the Physical Disability Waiver and the Frail and Elderly Waiver;
- Allocate funds to cover match required for the Nevada Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Demonstration Program;
- Remove requirements restricting individuals committed of a drug felony within the past 20 years from receiving SNAP;
- Increase Meals on Wheels reimbursement;
- Make the Nevada State School Wellness Policy a State law. Create a statewide recognition program for schools for high achievement in school wellness and compliance with the Nevada State School Wellness Policy;
- Allocate dedicated funding for school wellness activities;
- Mandate adequate time for meals and daily physical activity in schools;
- Create a statewide program to reduce and recover school food waste;
- Commission a statewide health impact assessment on school wellness; and
- Increase copay for school breakfast and lunch programs.

Ms. Anooshepoor stated school wellness-related policies will be tabled until the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) is consulted on the policies proposed.

Subcommittee members agreed to table the following recommendations: align waiver services for home delivered assistance covered by Medicaid for both the Physical Disability Waiver and the Frail and Elderly Waiver; allocate funds to cover match required for the Nevada Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Demonstration Program; and increase copay for school breakfast and lunch programs.

Final approval of the policy recommendations was tabled until the September 14, 2020 Policy Subcommittee meeting.

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

Ms. Anooshepoor asked partners to complete the Recommendation/Justification template for the remaining policies and share with Laura Urban prior to the September 14, 2020 CFS Policy Subcommittee meeting.

Ms. Urban stated she will follow-up with Subcommittee members via email regarding the submission deadline.

6. ACTION ITEM: Present and approve future agenda items

Ms. Anooshepoor stated the remaining policy recommendations will be presented and approved by the Subcommittee at the September 14, 2020 meeting. The final policy recommendations will be compiled into a report for the great CFS's consideration at their October 6, 2020 meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chair Anooshepoor called for public comment and there was none.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.