



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

Your Partner For A Stronger Arizona

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor

Michael Trailor
Director

Mission Statement

The Council exists to help end hunger in Arizona by providing a forum for the development and advocacy of strategies to end hunger, with particular attention to empowering the disenfranchised in order to attain food security for everyone; and to promote cooperation and collaboration among all agencies and decision makers (both public and private) to eliminate the causes of hunger and reduce hunger where it exists.

DES HUNGER ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 26, 2019

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Meghanne Bearden, Kristen Carli, Jesse Davenport, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Mayra Gomez, Harvey Grady, April Jones, Alicia Kenney, Angie Rodgers, Heather Sanabria, Kelli Shepard, Ashley St. Thomas, Sharma Torrens

In Attendance-Via Phone: Kelly Foster, Jessie Gruner, Jayson Matthews, Danielle McMahon, Nicole Olmstead, Ray Ostos, Shelly Pfuhl, David Schwake, Natalie Shepp, Kate Thoene, Tamara Zivic

Meeting Minutes

Heather Sanabria, Executive Assistant, Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS).

Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm by Angie Rodgers, Chair of Hunger Advisory Council. Each attendee identified themselves both in person and on the phone, and those present signed the sign-in sheet.

Approval of Minutes: Angie Rogers, Association of Arizona Food Banks (AAFB)

Two minor spelling corrections were asked to be made to the meeting minutes.

Jayson Matthews made a motion to approve the February 15, 2019 meeting minutes.

Harvey Grady seconded the motion.

All in favor: Alicia Kenney, Angie Rodgers, Ashley St. Thomas, Danielle McMahon, David Schwake, Gloria Garcia- Hernandez, Harvey Grady, Heather Sanabria, Jayson Matthews, Jesse Davenport, Jessie Gruner, Kate Theone, Kelli Shepard, Kelly Foster, Kristen Carli, Mayra Gomez, Meghanne Bearden, Natalie Shepp, Nicole Olmstead, Ray Ostos, Sharma Torrens, Shelly Pfuhl, Tamara Zivic

Opposed: NONE

Abstained: April Jones

Motion approved

HAC By-Laws: Angie Rogers, AAFB

Angie Rodgers asked the Council to review the Bylaws and review suggested changes listed in the handout, "HAC Bylaws – Proposed Revisions 4_26_19," provided.

Discussion ensued amongst the Council regarding changes. Changes will be made by Kelli Shepard/ Mayra Gomez. The finalized By-laws will be sent to HAC members with the meeting minutes of today's meeting on May 2, 2019.

Jessie Gruner made a motion to approve the Hunger Advisory Council By-laws.

Harvey Grady seconded the motion.

All in favor: Alicia Kenney, Angie Rodgers, Ashley St. Thomas, Danielle McMahon, David Schwake, Gloria Garcia- Hernandez, Harvey Grady, Heather Sanabria, Jayson Matthews, Jesse Davenport, Jessie Gruner, Kate Theone, Kelli Shepard, Kelly Foster, Kristen Carli, Mayra Gomez, Meghanne Bearden, Natalie Shepp, Nicole Olmstead, Ray Ostos, Sharma Torrens, Shelly Pfuhl, Tamara Zivic

Opposed: NONE

Abstained: April Jones

Motion approved

Members Sub-Committees Areas of Interest: Kelli Shepard, Hunger Relief Program (HRP), DAAS

Council members reviewed handout "Proposed HAC Subcommittees" identifying the section of the Arizona's Preventing Hunger Action Plan in which they'd like to work while a member of HAC. Some members of HAC indicated their area of interest at the meeting. Document to be updated by Kelli Shepard/ Mayra Gomez and sent with meeting minutes on May 2, 2019.

Council members discussed which members would organize each group in the action plan. The following individuals were identified:

1. Increase Economic Security for People, Communities and the State of Arizona – Ashely St. Thomas and Angie Rogers
2. Cultivate a Strong Regional Food System – Shelly Pfuhl
3. Maximize Effectiveness of Arizona's Food Assistance Safety Net – Jesse Davenport

Food Insecurity Indicator: Harvey Grady, Center for Human Potential

Harvey Grady asked for a discussion and recommendation for a food insecurity indicator that could be used to talk about the work and the impact of the Council.

Harvey Grady made a motion to adopt the food security indicator of 185% at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

A second was made by Jesse Davenport.

All in favor: Alicia Kenney, Angie Rodgers, Ashley St. Thomas, Danielle McMahon, David Schwake, Gloria Garcia- Hernandez, Harvey Grady, Heather Sanabria, Jayson Matthews, Jesse Davenport, Jessie Gruner, Kate Theone, Kelli Shepard, Kelly Foster, Kristen Carli, Mayra Gomez, Meghanne Bearden, Natalie Shepp, Nicole Olmstead, Ray Ostos, Sharma Torrens, Shelly Pfuhl, Tamara Zivic

Opposed: NONE

Abstained: April Jones

Motion approved

Chair and Vice Chair Nominations: Kelli Shepard

Self-nominations were sent to Kelli Shepard after the last HAC meeting identifying the position of

interest. Voting ballot “Slate of Nominations” with Jayson Matthews for Chair and Sharma Torrens for Vice Chair, along with space for write-ins was dispersed. The Council was asked to make their selection and submit to Kelli Shepard/ Mayra Gomez. Those attending via phone should submit their nomination by email to Kelli Shepard. As of the time these minutes are written, the voting results were unanimous for Jayson Matthews elected as Chair of the Hunger Advisory Committee and Sharma Torrens as Vice Chair for a period of three years each.

Food & Agriculture Policy Advisory Council (FAPAC) Update: Sharma Torrens, Department of Agriculture

Sharma Torrens explained what the FAPAC is to the HAC members.

A suggestion was made to create a crosswalk of objections between the HAC and FAPAC. This task was assigned to a small group including Elyse Guidas, Angie Rogers and Sharma Torrens to present at the next HAC meeting scheduled in June.

The next FAPAC meeting is June 25th at 10AM. If anyone is interested in attending, reach out to Sharma Torrens.

Advocacy Updates: Ashley St. Thomas, AAFB

Ashley St. Thomas spoke on various topics including:

- the Implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill
- Commodity Senior Food Program (CSFP) recertification period for participants has been moved from 6 months to 1 year, and changed in Link2Feed (data management system)
- SNAP- the ability to use online. There are pilots currently in New York.
- SNAP ENT- job searches supervised
- Since the meeting Ashley St. Thomas has clarified her report to the following: The USDA report, School Nutrition & Meal Cost Study: Summary of Findings) shared that the nutritional quality of lunches has risen by 40%, as a result of implementing the heightened nutrition guidelines that went into effect in 2012.

Gloria Garcia-Hernandez gave an update on the Commodity Senior Food Program (CSFP) sharing that in March the Regional Food Banks (RFBs) served 98% of the caseload allocated by the USDA.

Jesse Davenport, from the Department of Health, gave an update on the Summer Food Program.

Call to the Public: Angie Rodgers, AAFB

A Call to the Public was made by Angie Rodgers.

No issues or comments were brought up by any attendees.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 21st at 12:30PM, DES 1789 W. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ. DAAS Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm