



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

Your Partner For A Stronger Arizona

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor

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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 Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2021

Attendees

Jayson Matthews, Brooke Lipsitz, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Laura Walsh, Ray Ostos, Tamera Zivic, Martha Franquemont, Ashley St. Thomas, Alicia Kenney, Art Hernandez, Jessica Davenport, Jessica Gibbs, Danielle McMahon, Jocelyn Beard, Robin DeWeese, Patrick Shea, Harvey Grady, and Shannon Kavanagh.

Meeting Minutes

Laura Walsh, Hunger Relief Program Specialist, Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS).

Call to Order

Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm by Jayson Matthews, Chair of Hunger Advisory Council. Each attendee identified his or herself over the phone.

Approval of Minutes – March 12, 2021

Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

Chair reminds committee members the Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2021 were attached to May 14, 2021 meeting invite.

Ashley St. Thomas motions to approve May 14, 2021 meeting minutes.

Harvey Grady seconds the motion.

All in favor: Brooke Lipsitz, Ray Ostos, Tamera Zivic, Martha Franquemont, Ashley St. Thomas, Alicia Kenney, Jessica Davenport, Jessica Gibbs, Danielle McMahon, Jocelyn Beard, Robin DeWeese, Patrick Shea, Harvey Grady, and Shannon Kavanagh.

Opposed: NONE

Motion approved

HAC Data Portal Updates

Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

The Chair reminds the committee where reports can be found in the shared Google Folder

Recap of April 29,2021 Meeting with DES Director

Ashley St. Thomas, Arizona Food Bank Network

The Co-Chair informs HAC members that there was meeting on April 29,2021 with the DES Director and various leadership. There was discussion about obstacles overcame in 2020 and ways the HAC committee and Office of the Director can collaborate to meet the goals of the strategic plan. Meetings will be held quarterly in the future.

New HAC Opportunities

Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

The Chair asks that the committee provide action items to discuss in the future.

Call to the Public

There were no updates presented by the council.

Next Meeting

Friday, July 9, 2021, at 12:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 pm