



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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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

June 21, 2019

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Dawn Jones, April Jones, Robin Dewees, Sharma Torrens, Meghanne Bearden, Mary (Betsy) Long, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Ashley St. Thomas, Shelly Pfuhl, Jocelyn Beard, Jayson Matthews, Alicia Kenney, David Schwake, Mayra Gomez.

In Attendance-Via Phone: Jesse Davenport, Harvey Grady, Elyse Guida, Jessie Gibbs Gibson Rade.

Meeting Minutes

Mayra Gomez, Hunger Relief Coordinator, Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS).

Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 12:48 pm by Jayson Matthews, 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: Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

Two minor grammar corrections and one spelling corrections was asked to be made to the meeting minutes.

Sharma Torrens made a motion to approve April 26, 2019 meeting minutes.

Shelly Pfuhl seconded the motion.

All in favor: Dawn Jones, April Jones, Robin Dewees, Sharma Torrens, Meghanne Bearden, Mary (Betsy) Long, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Ashley St. Thomas, Shelly Pfuhl, Jocelyn Beard, Jayson Matthews, Alicia Kenney, David Schwake, Mayra Gomez, Jesse Davenport, Harvey Grady, Elyse Guida, Jessie, Gibbs Gibson Rade.

Opposed: NONE

Motion approved

DES Travel Policy: Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

Chair highlights DES travel policy and procedures. Gloria Garcia-Hernandez and Mayra Gomez provide necessary details for a timely and accurate travel reimbursement.

Hunger Action Plan (moving forward): Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

Chair informs council of Hunger Action Plan expectations as a committee. Expectations include the importance of a required alignment with others, encourages forward coordination and a formalized committee. As a committee there may be times where re-evaluation may be required, or work may have to be viewed from a different perspective.

Council members produced questions and had discussions on the following as a plan to meet effective expectations:

1. DES specifies the HAC committee. Provide as much detail as possible that may result in advising the DES Director to formulate relationship with other Directors serving in outside agencies – Gloria Garcia-Hernandez
2. Identify complex issues within Hunger Action Plan – Ashley St. Thomas

Hunger Action Plan: (similarities, overlap, collaborations): Sharma Torrens, Department of Agriculture

Sharma Torrens summarizes the eight 2017 recommendations submitted by the Food & Agriculture Policy Advisory Committee (FAPAC). In addition, Sharma explains that there are areas within the Hunger Action Plan that essentially may have similarities and/or may overlap within the FAPAC.

The similarities/overlap are identified as follows:

1. Section 2.1 of the Hunger Action Plan is similar and or may overlap with recommendation five of FAPAC.
2. Section 2.2 of the Hunger Action Plan is similar and or may overlap with recommendation one of FAPAC.
3. Section 3.2 of the Hunger Action Plan is similar and or may overlap with recommendation six of FAPAC.

Member within the committee suggest possible collaboration to the Hunger Action Plan. Committee members voice agreement for collaboration idea. Discussion is held between members on possible overlap, potential future issues, future meetings, communication with tribes, and strategic approach on the Hunger Action Plan.

Call to the Public: Advocacy Updates - Ashley St, Thomas, AAFB

Ashley St. Thomas spoke on various topics including:

- Trade Mitigation
- Potential Termination of USDA, Broad Base Eligibility
- Summer Food Bill – Summer Meals

HAC Members Reminder: Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

Please provide material to discuss prior to meeting to ensure productive meeting.

Next Meeting: Friday, August 16th at 12:30PM, DES 1789 W. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ. DAAS Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm