



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

Your Partner For A Stronger Arizona

Douglas A. Ducey
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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

August 16, 2019

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Sharma Torrens, Meghanne Bearden, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Ashley St. Thomas, Jayson Matthews, Alicia Kenney, David Schwake, Harvey Grady, Mayra Gomez.

In Attendance-Via Phone: Jesse Davenport, Jessie Gruner, Natalie Shepp, Tamera Zivic, 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 12:38 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

Request for any corrections on minutes. No response.

Jayson Matthews made a motion to approve June 21, 2019 meeting minutes.

Harvey Grady seconded the motion.

All in favor: Sharma Torrens, Meghanne Bearden, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Ashley St. Thomas, Jayson Matthews, Alicia Kenney, David Schwake, Harvey Grady, Mayra Gomez, Jesse Davenport, Jessie Gruner, Natalie Shepp, Tamera Zivic, Gibson Rade.

Opposed: NONE

Motion approved

Verde Valley Food System Workshop: Harvey Grady, Cornucopia Community Advocates

Harvey Grady summarizes workshop and request suggestions and/or questions from committee.

Council members had discussion on the proposed agenda, offered suggestions and Harvey provided response to questions from committee members.

FAPAC update: Sharma Torrens, Department of Agriculture

Sharma Torrens provides committee members with updates from last FAPAC meeting and provides the goals for the next scheduled meeting. Sharma will provide committee with an update at the next HAC meeting.

Hunger Action Plan update: Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

Jayson Matthews facilitates the Hunger Action Plan. Group leads brief progress on the following sub-committees:

1. Increase Economic Security for People, Communities, and the State of Arizona (1.1 – 1.3)
Ashley St. Thomas, AAFB
2. Cultivate a Strong Regional Food System (2.1 – 2.3)
Sharma Torrens, Department of Agriculture and Harvey Grady, Cornucopia Community Advocates
3. Maximize the Effectiveness of Arizona’s Food Assistance Safety Net (3.1 – 3.3)
Jesse Davenport, Arizona Department of Health Services

Committee members discuss subcommittees direction. Jayson Matthews clarifies that the progress and discussions revolving the sub-committees provide direction for HAC as well as inform the DES director on hunger issues; therefore, the HAC committee can determine what areas of interest to retain and the areas that may require transformation.

Call to the Public: Advocacy Updates

No issues were brought forward from any attendees.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 18th at 12:30PM, DES 1789 W. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ. DAAS Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm