



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

Your Partner For A Stronger Arizona

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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

October 18, 2019

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Sharma Torrens, Meghanne Bearden, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Ashley St. Thomas, Jayson Matthews, Alicia Kenney, Harvey Grady, Mayra Gomez, April Jones, Jessie Gruner, Gidette Swinger, and Catherine Rechards.

In Attendance-Via Phone: Natalie Shepp, Robin Deweese, Nicole Olmstead, Jocelyn Beard, Tim Amlaw and Shelly Phuhl.

Meeting Minutes

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

Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 12:39 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.

Harvey Grady made a motion to approve August 16, 2019 meeting minutes.

Sharma Torrens second the motion.

All in favor: Sharma Torrens, Meghanne Bearden, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Ashley St. Thomas, Jayson Matthews, Alicia Kenney, Harvey Grady, Mayra Gomez, April Jones, Jessie Gruner, Gidette Swinger, Catherine Rechards, Natalie Shepp, Robin Deweese, Nicole Olmstead, Jocelyn Beard, and Tim Amlaw.

Opposed: NONE

Motion approved

Hunger Action Plan Collaboration - FAPAC Update: Sharma Torrens, Department of Agriculture

Sharma updates the FAPAC progress recommendations and summarizes that the collaboration between HAC and FAPAC would complement each committee proposed plan.

Preventing Food Insecurity: Harvey Grady, Cornucopia Community Advocates

Harvey Grady informs committee members what the outcome the food insecurity network hopes to accomplish within Yavapai County. Committee members provide suggestions for the event to extend the reach within the community.

DHS Public Charge: Ashley St. Thomas, Arizona Food Bank Network

Ashley St. Thomas Informs committee that the proposed DHS Public Charge was temporarily blocked. Ashley also explains the negative impact Broadband Categorical Eligibility will have on vulnerable households.

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

Jayson Matthews facilitates the Hunger Action Plan. Jayson suggests the committee highlight and discuss how the committee will move forward with implementation.

The date and time will be determined later.

Call to the Public: Advocacy Updates

No issues were brought forward from any attendees.

Next Meeting: Friday, December 13th at 12:30PM, DES 1789 W. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ. DAAS Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm