



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 26, 2018  
MINUTES**

**In Attendance**

Harvey Grady, Jesse Davenport, Sharma Torrens, Ashley St. Thomas, Angie Rodgers, Adrienne Udarbe, Danielle McMahon, Zac St. Martin, Jayson Matthews, Jessica Gibbs, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Betsy Long, Alfred Edwards, Kelli Shepard, Heather Sanabria, Frank Migali, Isabella Neal

**Meeting Minutes**

Heather Sanabria

**Call to Order/Introductions**

Meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm by Angie Rodgers, Chair of Hunger Advisory Council.

Each attendee identified themselves and signed the sign in sheet.

Harvey Grady asks for a **motion** to approve the January 19, 2018 meeting minutes. Jayson Matthews **seconds the motion. Motion approved.**

Kelli Shepard gave an update regarding Open Meeting Law training. The DES Policy regarding Arizona Open Meeting Law was handed out. There are three council members in attendance.

Kelli Shepard- new member applications. As an advisory Council to the Director of DES, all persons interested in serving on the Council must complete an application. The application is provided to the Chair of the Council who then forwards them to the Director who then appoints members for a three-year term. If interested in serving on the Council, please fill out and submit the application to Kelli Shepard. Applications were provided.

## **Program Updates**

- **SNAP (Gloria Garcia-Hernandez & Kelli Shepard)** – The numbers have decreased over time. There is concern, even from USDA, about documentation and clients not applying for benefits. Going forward we will see how the state participates. Nationally SNAP enrollment is down 2 million people.
  
- **TEFAP and CSFP (Gloria Garcia-Hernandez & Kelli Shepard)**  
CSFP – Kudos to Regional Food Banks- increased caseload from 13,375 to 21,905. DES took over October 1<sup>st</sup> of last year. Since last October, there has been a 52% increase in clients served. September was short 156 clients to reach 95% goal. Regional Food Banks are working with AMS to see how we can better participation. Accomplished serving all 15 counties in August. Governor is aware of this program and is on his radar. During the recent Business Review at DES, Director Traylor was impressed by the upward trend even though we didn't quite hit our target. We might start seeing a waitlist in the counties this year depending on caseload assignment. Looking for expansion of providers in certain counties. The link to view CSFP sites is:  
<https://arcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=657de1dd982b45e8b955a23776b47415>
  
- TEFAP – Served over 2 million households, 10 million meals and almost 1.5 million Emergency Food Boxes. This equaled 164 million LBS of food including 68 million LBS of produce. This fiscal year AZ is receiving Trade Mitigation and Bonus Commodities (127 truckloads of milk). Originally there were no vendors who bid on supplying Arizona any Bonus milk. USDA is sending out a second bid and Shamrock is in last stages of the process in becoming a USDA vendor. The large offering for bonus foods is great to have, but regional food banks (RFBs) need to think about capacity and may request additional state support. RFBs are working with schools and other community partners in trying to determine how to distribute the food.
  
- **WIC (Jesse Davenport)** – Children (ages 1-4) increase \$1 for fruits and vegetables. eWIC app has transitioned from paper checks to eWIC card. Final participation numbers have been the highest since February, referenced report. Currently serving 89% of caseload. Clients not signing up for fear of being on government lists, so the numbers are down. 30 Farmers Markets (out of 80 total) are approved. SNAP Educators use booklet for Arizona Grown when teaching nutrition classes.
  
- **School Meals and Summer Food (Jessica Gibbs)** – October is Farm to School month. There are 498 School Lunch Program Sponsors representing 1817 schools. Presented Special Assistance Provisions Charts, including updates on Provision 2, Provision 3, and the Community Eligibility Provision. LEA participation has gone from 30 in 2015 to 150 in 2019. Reference charts to view

percentage breakdown of Provision 2, 3 and CEP.

**Food Bank Network Updates (Angie Rodgers)** – Each food bank gave updates.

Arizona Association of Food Banks – Angie Rodgers communicated that food banks are still working hard to increase the amount of produce in our network. This has logistical challenges and AAFB will be distributing funds from the state budget to improve capacity in rural communities to distribute more perishable product. Some decisions have been made and a full update will be provided at the next meeting.

Community Food Bank - Marco Liu from stated produce is still coming in at record levels due to trade mitigation. CFB has acquired more large storage and working with partners to distribute. In two weeks, there is an agency partner conference to help partners expand their capacity.

St Vincent De Paul - Danielle McMahon shared the resource center in a new building opened and seeing how much it will cost to occupy building. New Community Drive Manager with new ideas- old dept that needed refreshing. Turkey Tuesday coming up- big day for them. Farms: Three farms are doing well. Two have gone under renovation projects which will give more space to grow food and educate people. Hopefully Community Education can expand with new space in building to hold these. Participation with clientele- peaks at beginning and end of month and drops in middle. Dining room participation has grown.

**Advocacy & Legislative Update (Ashley St.Thomas) -**

- Election is coming. Please take a look at where candidates stand on hunger issues.
- **Legislative updates:** FARM Bill- expired Sept 30. 2018 as it was year 5 of 5-year authorization. Applied for four-year project for FINI to keep us safe so there were no gaps in service. Farm bill is on hold. Only four weeks left for congress to be in session.  
Advocacy Actions include, staying strong on supporting SNAP through the senate bill. Congressional meetings and outreach. Storytelling- storyteller going all over state.
- **Trade Mitigation:** increase TEFAP distribution fund.  
Advocacy Actions: TEFAP sign on letter to congress \$100 mil S&D, Feeding America,  
Public Charge: Immigration assessment- shifts definition of public charge from likely to become primarily dependent on gov assistance to one who receives public benefits. Expands benefits to included SNAP.

**Food & Agriculture Policy Advisory Committee Update (Sharma Torres) -**

- AZ Department of Agriculture- People lack access to healthy food. Holding annual meetings and regional workshops. Food Summit coming up in January. Last food summit came the FAPAC. (12 members- 9 voting members) Members

are on website. Finding healthy food and food access. Working on a 5year road map. Please check out website.

- Food Summit coming up- January 8-9, 2019 at Jewish Community Center in Tucson. Registration is \$50. DES is partner and will be there. Regional Food Access Workshops- October 29, 2018. Save the Family Conference Center in Mesa. Registration is Free. Will be holding another in February in Yuma.
- Gloria asks Sharma to add DES to upcoming FAPAC meetings and summits to combine if it's the same purpose.

### **New Business (Angie Rodgers) -**

- Purpose of HAC- making some changes to restate or reiterate the purpose. Went over mission statement.
- HAC Bylaws: Draft Bylaws provided in packet. The intent is to have any revisions before committee reconvenes in January. Reach out to Angie Rodgers if you have any questions. Send any minor changes to Kelli Shepard. Major items to discuss or change, Kelli Shepard and Angie Rodgers will handle. Next steps include Review for Discussion & Vote at Future Meeting.
- Composition of the group- thanks all for their commitment. Your job is to apply and recruit people who you know are involved in Hunger issues- in other counties besides Maricopa County. Would like a representative from other counties in the state. Would like to see the Universities more involved. Look at Hunger Advisory Plan- recruit who you feel would be helpful. (Statute states can only have up to 30 members)
- January meeting does not have specific date set yet. Calendar invite will be sent out once date is decided.

### **Call to the Public**

No issues were brought forward from any attendees.

**Next Meeting: January 2019**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm**