



## 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 December 13, 2019 Minutes

**In Attendance:** Ashley St. Thomas, Alicia Kenney, Harvey Grady, April Jones, Laura Walsh, Arturo Hernandez, Mayra Gomez, Navid Askirinya, Jocelyn Beard, and Anisia Sieweyumtewa.

**In Attendance-Via Phone:** Natalie Shepp, Robin Deweese, Meghanne Bearden, Nicole Olmstead, Michelle Merlot and Tim Amlaw.

### **Meeting Minutes**

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

### **Call to Order/Introductions**

Meeting was called to order at 12:45 pm by Ashley St. Thomas, Interim 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: Ashley St. Thomas, Arizona Food Bank Network**

Request for any corrections on minutes. No response.

**Harvey Grady made a motion to approve October 18, 2019 meeting minutes.**

**Alicia Kenney second the motion.**

**All in favor:** Ashley St. Thomas, Alicia Kenney, Harvey Grady, April Jones, Laura Walsh, Arturo Hernandez, Mayra Gomez, Navid Askirinya, Jocelyn Beard, Anisia Sieweyumtewa, Natalie Shepp, Robin Deweese, Meghanne Bearden, Nicole Olmstead, Michelle Merlot and Tim Amlaw.

**Opposed: NONE**

**Motion approved**

### **Trade Mitigation: Arturo Hernandez, Department of Economic Security**

Trade mitigation overview is provided. Truck loads and dollar amounts are provided for year 2019 for the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Projection is given of the TEFAP truck loads and dollar amounts for the year 2020.

**Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and Commodity Food Senior Program (CFSP):  
Laura Walsh, Department of Economic Security**

The amount of served households, individuals, meals and food boxes were provided for TEFAP for the month of October. The amount of food boxes for the month of October were provided for CFSP.

**Hunger Action Plan update: Ashley St. Thomas, Arizona Food Bank Network**

Ashley St. Thomas facilitates the Hunger Action Plan. Ashley identifies the workgroups and ask welcomes any member to join by the next HAC meeting in February of 2020. A separate e-mail will be sent to all members of the work groups with an opportunity to join.

**Verde Valley Food System Plan: Harvey Grady, Cornucopia Community Advocates**

Harvey Grady informs committee members of the Verde Valley Food System Plan. He also describes the elements of the food health system within the Verde Valley Food System Plan.

**Call to the Public: Advocacy Updates**

No issues were brought forward from any attendees.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, February 7, 2020 at 12:30PM, DES 1789 W. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ. DAAS Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm**