



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 Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2021

Attendees

Jayson Matthews, Ashley St. Thomas Ray Ostos, Martha Franquemont, , Harvey Grady, Shannon Kavanaugh, Nicole Olmstead, Jessica Gibbs, Danielle McMahon, Adrienne Udarbe, Mayra Gomez, Michelle Merkley, Carol Urling, Marcos Gaucin, Michael McDonald, Chariti Stern, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Laura Walsh, and Art Hernandez

Meeting Minutes

Laura Walsh, Hunger Relief Program Specialist, Division of Aging & Adult Services

Call to Order

Jayson Matthews, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm by Jayson Matthews, Chair of Hunger Advisory Council. Each attendee identified his or herself over the phone.

Approval of Minutes – May 14, 2021

Jayson Matthews, Chair

Harvey Grady motions to approve May 14, 2021 meeting minutes.

Nicole Olmstead seconds the motion.

All in favor: Jayson Matthews, Ray Ostos, Martha Franquemont, Ashley St. Thomas, Shannon Kavanaugh, Jessica Gibbs, and Adrienne Udarbe

Opposed: NONE

Motion approved

Review of Statute

Jayson Matthews, Chair

Chair provides brief overview of statute to reaffirm attendees of purpose and vision of committee.

Review of Bylaws

Jayson Matthews, Chair

Chair provides brief overview of bylaws to reaffirm attendees of purpose and vision of committee. Discusses best practices regarding membership and future opportunities for recruitment.

Welcome Food Bank Partners and Overview of Work

Michael McDonald, Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona

Marcos Gaucin, St. Mary's Food Bank

Chariti Stern, United Food Bank

Michelle Merkley, Yuma Community Food Bank

Carol Urling, Yuma Community Food Bank

Status Update on Federal and State Anti-Hunger Advocacy

Ashley St. Thomas, Co-Chair

Co-Chair provided update on the work being done to advocate for various food programs.

Call to the Public

Art Hernandez provided commodity updates for TEFAP and CSFP programs.

Next Meeting

Friday, September 10, 2021, at 12:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm

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