



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

April 1, 2022

#### **Attendees**

April Jones, Art Hernandez, Carol Urling, Danielle McMahon, Erin Raczynski, Deborah Moore, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Harvey Grady, Jayson Matthews, Jessica Gibbs, Jennifer Snow, Laura Walsh, Marina Quiroz, Marlene Hernandez, Mary Long, Michelle Merkley, Molly Bright, Robin DeWeese, Tamera Zivic, Veronica De la Cruz, Tory Wilson

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Marina Quiroz, Hunger Relief Program Coordinator, Division of Community Assistance and Development

## **Call to Order**

Jayson Matthews, Chair

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

## **Agenda Overview and Introductions**

Jayson Matthews, Chair

The Chair introduced Molly Bright, from the Department of Economic Security. She is the Assistant Director of the Division of Community Assistance and Development.

## **DES Strategic Direction and Discussion**

Molly Bright

Assistant Director Bright gave a presentation on the future state of her newly formed division, gave a program overview, and discussed the divisions vision and mission statements. AD Bright also talked about the FY2023 DES Strategies and how they may align with the HAC mission.

## **DCAD Vision and Mission Alignment**

- **DES TRUE NORTH**  
All Arizonans who qualify receive timely DES services and achieve their potential.
- **DCAD VISION**  
All Arizonans are thriving, healthy and productive ... (which builds from All Arizonans are safe, housed, nourished, healthy, and have diverse opportunities for education, employment, and economic mobility.)
- **DCAD MISSION**  
DCAD helps vulnerable Arizonans meet their immediate and transitional safety, housing, utility, and food needs and create a path to sustained economic independence.

### **Preliminary FY 23 DES Strategies (In Development)**

- Modernize Agency Technology Solutions
- Provide World Class Customer Experience
- Align and Focus Preventative Programs to Reduce Homelessness
- Champion Intervention Programs to Reduce Abuse and Neglect
- Optimize Internal Agency Operations through Continuous Improvement
- Recruit, Retain, and Develop High performance, Professional Employees

### **Suggested Future Discussions with the HAC**

HAC members were asked to share their thoughts about the preliminary FY2023 DES Strategies listed below by **4/22/22**.

#### **Provide World Class Customer Experience**

- Based on your insights into our customer experience and your perspective as community partners, what “problems/gaps” would you prioritize?
- How would you know if we improved or fixed the problem (e.g., what metric or result would change?)
- What collaborative opportunities exist? How can we partner to improve together?

#### **Align and Focus Preventative Programs to Reduce Homelessness**

- Recognizing that DES is a partner in the broader network of organizations addressing housing and food insecurity and homelessness, what “problems/gaps” would you recommend DES address?
- How would you know if we improved the problem (e.g., what metric or result would change?)
- What collaborative opportunities exist in the community? How can we partner to improve together?

#### **Champion Intervention Programs to Reduce Abuse and Neglect**

- Recognizing that DES is a partner in the broader network of organizations addressing (adult and child) abuse and neglect, what “problems/gaps” would you recommend DES address?
- How would you know if we improved the problem (e.g., what metric or result would change?)
- What collaborative opportunities exist in the community? How can we partner to improve together?

## **Next Steps and Membership to HAC**

Jayson Matthews, Chair

The Chair reiterated the purpose and vision of the HAC committee. He also stated the importance of realigning membership with the goals of the Hunger Advisory Council. The Chair asked the members for assistance with recruiting prospective members whose work aligns directly with the HAC mission.

## **Call to the Public**

**N/A**

## **Next Meeting**

**TBD**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm**