



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

January 8, 2021

Attendees

Jayson Matthews, Brooke Lipsitz, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Ray Ostos, Jesse Davenport, Martha Franquemont, Shannon Kavanaugh, Ashley St. Thomas, Alicia Kenney, Harvey Grady, Arturo Hernandez, Mayra Gomez, Adrienne Udarbe, Danielle McMahon, Natalie Shepp, Elyse Guidas, Mary Long, and Jocelyn Beard.

Minutes

Meeting Minutes

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

Call to Order

Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by Jayson Matthews, Chair of Hunger Advisory Council. Each attendee identified themselves over the phone.

HAC Agenda

Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

Chair reminds committee members in attendance that we must follow listed agenda items to comply with the Open Meeting Law (OML) requirements. HAC agenda documents, HAC Power Point were all provided to HAC members in meeting invite and/or Data Portal.

HAC Meeting Minutes

Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

Chair reminds committee members the Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2020 were attached to January 8, 2021 meeting invite.

Harvey Grady motion to approve November 13, 2020 meeting minutes.

Ashley St. Thomas second the motion.

All in favor: Jayson Matthews, Brooke Lipsitz, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Ray Ostos, Jesse Davenport, Martha Franquemont, Shannon Kavanaugh, Ashley St. Thomas, Alicia Kenney, Harvey Grady, Arturo Hernandez, Mayra Gomez, Adrienne Udarbe, Danielle McMahan, Natalie Shepp, Elyse Guidas, Mary Long, and Jocelyn Beard.

Opposed: NONE

Motion approved

Commodities

Art Hernandez, Department of Economic Security

A summary of the Commodities information provided in the Data Portal is provided. There were no questions asked.

Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and Commodity Senior Food Program (CSFP)

Gloria Garcia-Hernandez presents on behalf of Laura Walsh, Department of Economic Security

A summary of the TEFAP and CSFP information provided in the Data Portal is presented. There were no questions asked.

SNAP Client Participation

Martha Franquemont, Department of Economic Security

A summary of the SNAP Client Participation information provided in the Data Portal is presented. There were no questions asked.

Woman Infant and Children BNPA Partner Update

Jesse Davenport, Department of Health Services

A summary of the BNPA information provided in the Data Portal is presented. There were no questions asked.

DATA Portal and Presentation

Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

The Chair provides a brief overview of the Data Portal. The Chair also request feedback from HAC members on the Data Portal. Various HAC members provide positive feedback and suggestions for the Data Portal.

HAC Strategy

Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

The Chair informs HAC members that there will be an annual update to share with the DES Director. The update will begin with the HAC Strategy Plan. The second component will highlight the events in the last year and will be concluded with future steps. The Chair informs that the information will be presented on an annual basis beginning with February of 2021. A few HAC members provide suggestions of information to integrate. Ideas will be considered. If they can't be included into this annual plan presentation, they can possibly add it to the next annual plan.

Call to the Public Advocacy Updates

Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

Jesse Davenport informs a Webinar that will be hosted by The Department of Health Services. The Webinar is called The Language of Help. The webinar will inform individuals of nutrition.

Next Meeting

Friday, March 12, 2021, at 12:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm