



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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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
November 13, 2020**

In Attendance-Via Phone: Jayson Matthews, Brooke Lipsitz, Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, Ray Ostos, Cara Alexander, Erin Raczynski, Jesse Davenport, Martha Franquemont, Shannon Kavanaugh, Ashley St. Thomas, Alicia Kenney, Harvey Grady, Laura Walsh, Arturo Hernandez, Mayra Gomez, Angie Rodgers, Robin DeWeese, Danielle McMahon.

Meeting Minutes

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

Call to Order/Introductions: Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

The meeting was called to order at 12:34 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: Provided to all HAC members in meeting invite.

HAC Power Point: Provided to all HAC members in meeting invite.

HAC Meeting Minutes: Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

Chair reminds committee members the Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2020 were attached to November 13, 2020 meeting invite.

Harvey Grady motion to approve May 15, 2020 meeting minutes.

Ray Ostos second the motion.

All in favor: Jayson Matthews, Brooke Lipsitz, Ray Ostos, Cara Alexander, Erin Raczynski, Jesse Davenport, Ashley St. Thomas, Alicia Kenney, Harvey Grady, Angie Rodgers, Robin DeWeese, Danielle McMahon.

Opposed: NONE

Motion approved

Commodities: Gloria Garcia-Hernandez, (reports on behalf of Art Hernandez)
Department of Economic Security

Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) trade mitigation overview is provided. Comparisons are made between 2019 and 2020 by quarter dollar amounts and truck loads. Projected truck loads and dollar amounts are provided for the year 2020.

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

The amount of food boxes distributed, served households, served individuals, meals congregate meals for TEFAP from July-September of 2020 was reported. The number of food boxes distributed from July-September of 2020 was reported for CSFP.

CSFP monthly numbers have declined since January. Decline reported through Food Bank data indicates decline has been due to summer months and seniors staying at home due to pandemic.

SNAP Data: Martha Franquemont, Department of Economic Security

SNAP data was provided to all HAC members in meeting invite. Shannon Kavanaugh informed that the decrease in data could possibly be because of extension in renewals and continuous policy changes.

WIC: BNPA Partner Update: Jesse Davenport, Department of Health Services

BNPA report information was shared with HAC members. Jesse reports steady increase of WIC participants and caseload numbers are right at 94%, which is good.

HAC Strategy: Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

The chair thanks the committee and DES staff for their assistance during HAC meetings. The chair also informed HAC member that there are a few things that will change the direction of HAC to ensure the committee is fulfilling its purpose. The changes are as follows:

- Easier ways of gathering and sharing data with questions and answers
- Prepare annual update to advise DES director as HAC member.

The shift in work will require effort from HAC appointed members. DES staff will support where required. Any ideas and suggestions can be submitted to the chair and/or co-chair.

Harvey Grady recommends a dashboard that will include data from all agencies where trends may be identified, and data may be a little easier to understand.

Jayson Matthews recognizes the suggestion and informed Harvey that discussion and decisions will be held later in the future.

There were no further suggestions from HAC members.

Call to the Public: Advocacy Updates: Jayson Matthews, Valley of the Sun United Way

Harvey Grady informed that the Verde Valley has completed their action plan. The action plan is one of the items listed on the HAC action plan.

Jayson welcomes the action plan to be emailed to him so he may share

Gloria informed the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the TEFAP and CSFP programs were awarded. The service areas can be shared at the next HAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm