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The Nevada Council on Food Security (CFS)

(DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES

JULY 21, 2026

Time: 1:00PM – Adjournment

Location: Microsoft Teams

Type of meeting: Regular Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members present:

Marcia Blake (Chair)
Patricia Hoppe proxy for Dr. Goicoechea
Dr. Pamela Juniel
Kelly Cantrelle
Dr. Sabina Malik
Jeff Duncan
Sara Ramirez
Vickie Ives
(Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli
Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
Nishat Gould
Lori Lutu

Members absent:

Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi
Roberto Carrillo

Others Present:

Alexis Hogan, DPBH
Amber Hise, Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion (CDPHP)
Anaïs Infante, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) – Meeting Staff
Cole Bradham, Mom's Meals
Dalia Perez, NV Medicaid
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH
Dr. Tracey Green, CMO CareSource
Dustin Parks, Three Square Food Bank
Elizabeth Ramsey, Anthem Housing Program Manager

Jennifer Yeager, Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN)
Keira Fincher, Three Square Food Bank
Kevin Murray, SilverSummit Healthplan
Kerry Harger, Manager of Social & Health Equity, Molina Healthcare of Nevada
Kyla Neese, Molina Healthcare
Maria Menjivar
Nam Phan, CareSource
Mat Cooper, FBNN
Oscar Fernandez, DPBH
Sarah Sanchez, Director of Programs, Food Bank of Northern Nevada
Sasheen Cutchlow-CareSource
Tammera Brower, DPBH
Tanya Benitez, NV Medicaid
Taylor Moseley, CDPHP
Taylor Thompson, Director of Strategic Partnerships, CareSource NV

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**

Time the meeting was called to order: 1:03PM

Name of the presiding officer: Chair Marcia Blake

Roll call was conducted, 12 members were present and 2 absent. Quorum was confirmed.

2. **Public Comment:**

First Public Comment Period:

Chair Marcia Blake opened public comment, Tori Lawson-Boffelli informed attendees that the regulatory agenda from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has been released and encouraged the group to review it. She noted that several proposed rules may be of particular interest, including the definition of eligible food under SNAP. Tori Lawson-Boffelli advised members to examine the agenda closely, as some dates may still be inaccurate, and recommended that the group stay aware of these updates. She also indicated she would place the link to the regulatory agenda in the meeting chat to ensure easy access for all participants. No additional public comments were received, Chair Marcia Blake closed public comment.

3. **For Possible Action: For Information Only: Council Chair will invite Council members to present on information of importance for themselves, families, or their individual agencies. Action may not be taken on any item provided as an update.**

Chair Marcia Blake invited Council members to share updates relevant to their agencies or any information beneficial to the Council. Jeff Duncan introduced Keira Fincher, the new Advocacy and Government Relations Officer at the Food Bank, noting that she would be assuming his responsibilities in advocacy and government relations and would likely

become the Food Bank's designated representative on the Council in the near future. He expressed his appreciation for her presence and expertise. Chair Marcia Blake welcomed Keira Fincher and expressed enthusiasm about her participation. No additional comments were offered, Chair Blake proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

4. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to approve the following meeting minutes:

Chair Marcia Blake reviewed the meeting minutes requiring approval. These included the minutes from the May 13, 2026 AB405/SB233 Subcommittee meeting; the April 21, 2026 Council for Food Security meeting; the April 8, 2026 AB405/SB233 Subcommittee meeting; and the June 10, 2026 AB405/SB233 Subcommittee meeting. Chair Blake asked whether any members had changes to propose. Hearing none, she called for a motion to approve all listed meeting minutes.

Jeff Duncan motioned for approval, and Sara Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. For Information Only: Discussion and possible action to nominate and appoint a Vice Chair.

The Council discussed the nomination and appointment of a Vice Chair. Chair Marcia Blake noted Dr. Sabina Malik's significant leadership and contributions in advancing the AB405 and SB233 initiatives within a compressed timeline. She proposed Dr. Sabina Malik as Vice Chair of the Council on Food Security and invited discussions from members. Multiple members, including Dr. Dorian Stonebarger, Jeff Duncan, Tori Lawson-Boffelli, Dr. Pamela Juniel, Vickie Ives, Sara Ramirez, and Kelly Cantrell, voiced strong support for the nomination, expressing unanimous enthusiasm.

Chair Marcia Blake requested a motion. Jeff Duncan motioned to appoint Dr. Sabina Malik as Vice Chair, and Dr. Pamela Juniel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Marcia Blake welcomed Dr. Sabina Malik as the new Vice Chair, expressing gratitude for her dedication and contributions to the Council's work.

6. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to review the Request for Information (RFI), resumes, letters of interest, and approve candidates.

The Council reviewed the Request for Information (RFI), associated résumés, letters of interest, and candidates for open positions. Chair Marcia Blake announced that two Council members had submitted resignations since the previous meeting. The Northern Nevada Food Bank was represented by Jenny Yeager as a non-voting participant, and it was noted that the organization has already identified a candidate who has submitted an application for its vacant seat. The Council then reviewed current vacancies and the RFI previously distributed. Sarah Rogers presented the RFI and confirmed receipt of one application for the (K)7 position, A person who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Chair Marcia Blake introduced the applicant, Natalie Mazzullo, noting her extensive work with older adults, her collaboration with state staff, and her strong contributions to nutrition education and outreach. Additional Council members, including Dr. Sabina Malik and Jeff Duncan, expressed strong support based on their professional experience working with Natalie Mazzullo.

Dr. Sabina Malik motioned to accept Natalie Mazzullo's application, and Jeff Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Marcia Blake proceeded to review remaining vacancies, including representatives for non-food manufacturing, gaming/hospitality/restaurant industries, farm or ranch food production, food processing or distribution, community-based services focusing on rural social determinants of health ((K)5), and local health authorities ((K)8). She encouraged members to share the RFI within their networks and invite interested individuals to submit applications or attend a meeting. Sara Ramirez requested that the RFI be resent so she could forward it to prospective candidates, and Sarah Rogers agreed to do so. Chair Marcia Blake closed Agenda Item 6.

7. For Information Only: Medicaid 1115 Waiver Presentations

Cole Bradham from Mom's Meals provided the first presentation. Cole Bradham thanked the State for its leadership in advancing important policy and emphasized his team's willingness to continue serving as a resource in areas such as contracting, billing, data

sharing, and reporting. He expressed appreciation for the ongoing commitment to innovation from the MCOs and highlighted Moms Meals' role in supporting members through value-added benefits. Cole introduced himself as the Vice President of Business Development at Moms Meals, noting his involvement in government and policy work with state Medicaid agencies to expand access to medically tailored meals and nutrition solutions. He described Moms Meals as a mission-driven organization focused on improving life through better nutrition at home, emphasizing the impact of the program on members' health and well-being. Cole outlined the organization's 27-year history and its ability to drive outcomes, efficiency, and ROI for state programs through scalable services and robust network adequacy, including nationwide meal delivery within three business days. He highlighted the company's strong presence in Nevada, including a 25,000-square-foot fulfillment center in Las Vegas employing approximately 120 people, and reiterated their commitment to local sourcing, community partnerships, and ongoing investment. Cole detailed the organization's broad experience serving diverse populations across Medicaid, Medicare, state agencies, PACE, behavioral health, reentry, childhood nutrition, and more. He noted the flexibility in referral processes and their ability to ingest referrals through multiple methods, including paper forms and SFTP eligibility files. Cole concluded by thanking attendees and inviting any questions from the group.

After Cole Bradham's presentation, he welcomed questions from the group. Chair Marcia Blake thanked him and yielded the floor to Dr. Dorian Stonebarger asked for clarification regarding the time limits associated with program participation, referencing the varied timelines in the case studies provided. Cole responded that there is no strict limit on how long an individual may utilize the program. He explained that while Moms Meals offers clinical guidance during benefit implementation, most state ILOS programs typically support three to six months of meals, though meaningful outcomes have been observed within six to ten weeks for certain high-risk conditions. He added that maternal programs benefit from earlier engagement, improving outcomes and available data. Cole emphasized that program duration ultimately depends on the specific goals of the initiative, the population being served, and the acuity of the individual, noting distinctions between programs such as post-discharge care versus chronic conditions like heart disease or diabetes.

Dr. Sabina Malik introduced the Home Feeds Nevada program, describing its local food purchasing model managed through the Nevada Department of Agriculture and state food banks. She discussed current efforts to scale and sustain the program and requested a follow-up conversation with Cole, who agreed. Cole also referenced prior collaborations with Three Square Food Bank and the Just One Project and agreed to provide his email for continued communication.

The second presentation was delivered by Kevin Murray from SilverSummit Health Plan. He provided an overview of the organization's partnership with Mom's Meals and their food-as-medicine initiatives. He noted that Mom's Meals, a national USDA-inspected provider with broad experience across managed care plans, currently delivers approximately 225 to 300 meals per month to SilverSummit members, with diabetes and low-salt menus being the most frequently ordered. The program presently focuses on maternal health, specifically serving members diagnosed with gestational diabetes and preeclampsia, but SilverSummit plans to expand the benefit to a wider range of ILOS-qualified members. Murray highlighted the program's structure, which includes 30 meals provided after hospital discharge, manual referrals to Mom's Meals, and subsequent outreach and care coordination to ensure meal selection, satisfaction, and delivery quality. He emphasized the provider's reliability, noting a 98% delivery success rate and their rigorous stress-testing of packaging to withstand Nevada's extreme temperatures. Murray then discussed SilverSummit's broader strategy to address health-related social needs, with food insecurity treated as a key driver of health outcomes. The plan collaborates with numerous community partners, including Rescue Mission, Catholic Charities, and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, acknowledging that addressing food insecurity requires collective effort. Looking ahead, he outlined three phases of program expansion: applying lessons learned to housing supports, embedding medically tailored meals into housing programs for recently housed members, and scaling implementation in alignment with Medicaid policy, provider readiness, sustainability, and measurable outcomes. Murray closed by reaffirming the positive impact of medically tailored meals across their markets, expressing interest in continued collaboration, and providing his contact information for follow-up. Chair Marcia Blake thanked him and opened the floor to questions.

Dr. Pamela Juniel, on behalf of the Nevada Department of Education, introduced herself, offered comments and thanked both presenters for the valuable information shared. She explained that she leads the Nevada Compass App initiative, a statewide resource designed to support children and youth experiencing homelessness by connecting them with essential services. She expressed interest in partnering with the SilverSummit Healthplan and Mom's Meals to ensure their programs and resources are included in the app and provided the link and her contact information in the meeting chat. Dr. Pamela Juniel also described her involvement with the Thrive From the Start team, which recently received a grant to develop a state action plan focused on supporting expectant parents experiencing homelessness and ensuring access to resources for their young children. She invited both presenters to connect with her directly and stated that she was attending as a proxy for the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

8. For Possible Action: Discussion, meeting updates, and possible action on study updates: SB233 Home Feeds Nevada study and AB405 Food Insecurity Study.

Dr. Sabina Malik opened the floor for discussion and possible action on the draft report's findings. She noted that the draft reports for the studies were prepared by Alexis Hogan and had been distributed for review and requested any comments on their structure, especially regarding repetitive sections. Patricia Hoppe identified minor formatting issues such as inconsistent font sizes and asked how best to communicate those edits. Dr. Sabina Malik advised that Patricia could send the edits directly to her for coordination with Alexis or place notes in the meeting chat. Amber Hise offered to make corrections live during the meeting if provided with corresponding page numbers. Vickie Ives reminded the Council that open meeting laws prohibit sidebar discussions outside of public view, recommending live edits as an appropriate alternative. Sarah Rogers informed the Council that final reports must be routed to LCB (Legislative Council Bureau) beginning in September, and unless a special session is scheduled, this would be the last opportunity for the full Council to review the reports. She noted that the subcommittee will continue meeting in August and September and could complete all remaining revisions.

Dr. Sabina Malik began a motion to allow the subcommittee to finalize revisions. Tori Lawson-Boffelli moved to authorize the subcommittee to complete the revisions, citing

that grammatical and spacing edits would be better addressed outside the full meeting. Dr. Dorian Stonebarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Sabina Malik provided a brief review of the AB405 study components, noting that the report includes four sections, beginning with an evaluation of existing laws and policies addressing food security and food insecurity. Dr. Dorian Stonebarger offered clarification regarding the inclusion of state resources such as loans from the State Infrastructure Bank, and Alexis confirmed she would incorporate the information and reach out as needed. Dr. Sabina Malik requested additional comments on the current draft. Tori Lawson-Boffelli identified a minor issue concerning board member listings and offered to provide an updated name list in the chat for inclusion. Dr. Pamela Juniel expressed appreciation for the progress of the report and highlighted opportunities to integrate findings into the Nevada Compass app, which supports statewide access to food service provider information for children and youth experiencing homelessness. She noted ongoing collaboration and assured the council that the app's link will remain active as updates continue.

Dr. Sabina Malik asked for a motion to allow the subcommittee to finalize any remaining edits. Sara Ramirez began a motion to authorize the subcommittee to complete the drafts and Dr. Pamela Juniel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on decision to submit a Bill Draft Review (BDR) for the 2027 legislative session

The Council discussed potential action regarding submission of a Bill Draft Request (BDR) for the 2027 legislative session, noting that the BDR submission deadline is December 1, 2026. Dr. Sabina Malik summarized potential bill concepts based on the subcommittee's top five policy recommendations, including revisiting universal meals (vetoed in the prior session), seeking renewed funding for the Home Feeds Nevada program—already associated with an existing BDR under SB233—and proposing updates to provisions established under AB405 (Food for People, Not Landfills), such as refining definitions related to gleaning and clarifying retailer responsibilities to reduce food waste. Staff confirmed that only one BDR opportunity is currently available. Because the BDR process is new for the division, Vickie Ives will contact constituent services and the Legislative

Counsel Bureau for procedural clarification and will provide guidance to members via email before the next quarterly meeting. Members were encouraged to share any additional ideas for bill concepts, and the possibility of a special meeting was noted if required. The subcommittee will meet on August 12, 2026, and following that meeting, the Council will determine whether a special meeting is necessary before the October 2026 Council meeting to ensure timely development of the BDR ahead of the December 1 deadline.

10. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the review of the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) deliverables, goals, and timelines.

The Council reviewed progress on the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), including deliverables, goals, and timelines outlined in the strategy graphic on page 56. For strategies 1.2.2 and 1.2.3, members confirmed that the required presentations have been delivered and that ongoing reporting will continue through the SHIP's current cycle ending in 2027, with updates documented in each year-end report. The Council noted recent presentations from CFS and SNAP and received clarification on SNAP technology grant milestones, including last year's technology grant award, the current year's grant application, and the ongoing system modernization work initiated in the prior legislative session. The Council also discussed the active RFP process for new EBT cards, including chip-enabled technology, with contract decisions anticipated in the coming months. Milestones related to statewide conference preparation were reviewed, including the completed identification of partners and the upcoming October 2026 conference, where required presentations will be integrated to support SHIP deliverables. Members agreed to continue tracking presentation requirements, conference-related obligations, and annual reporting deadlines tied to SHIP objectives. With no further questions, Agenda Item 10 was closed.

11. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the review of the Food for People and Not for Landfill (FFPNL) Subcommittee and 2026 annual report.

The Council discussed the status and future direction of the Food for People, Not Landfills Subcommittee in preparation for the 2026 annual report. Members revisited earlier conversations regarding whether the subcommittee should continue operating independently or be integrated within the Council, noting that a report must still be

submitted to meet statutory requirements. Sarah Rogers explained that a draft memo summarizing the year's activities had been prepared, reiterating that the subcommittee's work remains an unfunded mandate. Tori Lawson-Boffelli clarified that the Just One Project independently operates their food-rescue program through a partnership with the Venetian. The annual report must route for approval prior to the October 2026 Council meeting, the Council discussed whether a special session was needed; however, members agreed to proceed without an additional review meeting.

Dr. Dorian Stonebarger moved to approve submission of the 2026 Food for People, Not Landfills report with the recommended changes, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Sabina Malik. The motion passed unanimously

12. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the review of the 2026 CFS Annual Report, including determination of 2027 goals.

The Council reviewed the 2026 Food Council Annual Report. Chair Marcia Blake noted that the document included accomplishments and recommendations that would need further expansion. Members discussed the inclusion of information related to two previously reviewed bills and provided additional recommendations. Dr. Sabina Malik suggested investing in or developing partnerships that strengthen food system capacity and infrastructure in Nevada, promoting strategies for local procurement, and summarizing Council accomplishments in concise bullet points. She provided brief summaries for SB33 and AB405. Sarah Rogers recommended adding language related to ongoing efforts to prioritize "Food For People, Not Landfills," and Council members agreed. Chair Marcia Blake emphasized including the newly established BD as a future focus area. During review of member seat descriptions, Dr. Dorian Stonebarger identified a correction to update Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi's designation to the Western Regional Office. After discussion, Chair Marcia Blake called for a motion to approve the 2026 Council on Food Security Year-End Report with additional information from the ABSB subcommittee.

A motion to approve the 2026 Year-End Report with these additions was made by Dr. Dorian Stonebarger and seconded by Tori Lawson-Boffelli, and the motion carried with all members in favor.

13. For Possible Action: For discussion and possible action to review and determine future agenda items.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion with the Council members on ideas or agenda items that they wanted to add for October's meeting. No one had further items to add. Agenda item was closed.

14. Public Comment

Second Public Comment Period:

The Chair opened the floor to public comment. Tori Lawson-Boffelli provided public comment, noting a public briefing scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 2:00 PM regarding the relocation and reorganization of the USDA. She stated that former administrator Cindy Long, FRAC (The Food Research & Action Center), and union representatives would participate in the briefing, and encouraged stakeholders to attend due to potential impacts on program operations and services. She reported that 80% of surveyed Food and Nutrition Administration employees indicated they would not relocate, which may significantly reduce staffing from approximately 800 employees to around 160 nationwide, affecting the administration of 16 nutrition programs. Lawson-Boffelli invited anyone with questions to reach out to her directly.

15. Adjournment:

The Chair adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Next Meeting:

Meeting:

Date: October 20, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attachments:

Meeting agenda and packet (posted online and at physical locations in accordance with Open Meeting Law).

*Minutes prepared by Anais Infante using the following reference: Robert, H. (2020). *Robert's rules of order: Newly revised (12th ed.)*. Da Capo Press. Nevada Revised Statutes. *Open Meeting Law (NRS 241)*.