

June 9, 2023 Board Report

Division of Food and Nutrition



Division Overview

- **Pending matters of significance**
 - School Nutrition (SN) and Community Nutrition (CN)
 - USDA Proposed Rule: Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, staff have submitted comments approved by NDA's Director and DAG.
 - School Nutrition
 - A.B. 319 makes an appropriation to the Department of Education for universal free school breakfast and lunch for Nevada pupils. (BDR S-1010). FND staff attended the Ways and Means Hearing on May 19th to answer informational questions. The bill sponsor stated she had submitted an amendment to move the appropriation to the NDA and lowered the funding amount to \$43M for school year (SY) 24-25.
 - Community Nutrition (CN)
 - Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
 - The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023 (P.L. 117-328) established a permanent non-congregate meal service option for program operators in rural areas with no congregate meal service available. NDA is approving this option for qualifying sponsors during this year's 2023 SFSP administration.
- **Partnership activities**
 - Community Nutrition (CN)
 - NDA has received a sub award from Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Welfare to expand participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in childcare institutions through outreach, education, and training. We have hired a contract Training Officer position to begin executing this award.
 - NDA continues to collaborate with DHHS' Obesity Prevention Steering Committee and the Nevada's Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Plan. The plan focuses on children from birth to eight years of age to promote obesity prevention behaviors including healthy eating, increasing physical activity, limiting sedentary time (screen/media), gaining adequate sleep, and providing breastfeeding support.
 - NDA continues to collaborate with the Southern Nevada's Obesity Prevention Coalition to reduce and prevent obesity. The coalition offers networking, information sharing, and advocacy opportunities for all members, as well as a chance to support community projects and activities encouraging physical activity and healthy eating.

Program Updates

- **Community Nutrition (CN)**

- Meals served July 1, 2022-April 30, 2023
 - CACFP: 4,064,346 meals served by 38 sponsors.
 - SFSP: 717,606 meals served by 24 sponsors.
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
 - FFY2023 Management and Administrative Plan (MAP) has been approved and NDA received the full amount requested of \$6,217,624 that includes administration funding and sponsor reimbursements.
 - Farm to Summer Celebration Week is June 19-23, 2023, and sponsors are encouraged to incorporate local foods into their menus.
- Administrative/Compliance Reviews
 - CACFP: 9 sponsors/operators were reviewed to date.
 - SFSP: 4 sponsors/operators were reviewed to date.

- **Food Distribution (FD)**

- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) clients continue to receive food through the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN), Three Square Food Bank (TS) and their network of community partners. See the number of individuals served by each in the table below.

Month/Year	FBNN	Three Square
07/2022	27,249	74,722
08/2022	55,899	88,848
09/2022	43,880	91,772
10/2022	48,828	93,167
11/2022	53,894	106,716
12/2022	25,143	85,601
01/2023	40,672	83,356
02/2023	48,383	77,077
03/2023	41,671	91,772

- The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) was successfully rebranded and renamed the Senior Nutrition and Wellness Program.
 - Served an average of 4,220 seniors July 2022-March 2023, providing a monthly food package to income eligible seniors 60 years of age and older.
- Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) has begun for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 and we currently have 31 farmers certified to accept the coupons at Nevada Farmers' Markets.
 - NDA was awarded SFMNP ARPA grant funds of \$163,728 for the next 2 years to serve more eligible seniors and increase purchasing power of locally grown food at Nevada Farmers' Markets.
 - NDA is distributing 6,000 coupon booklets worth \$50 each (a raise from last year's \$45) to our community partners to be distributed to income-eligible seniors.

- Nevada Community Food Access (NCFA) Round I: \$500,000 in State ARPA funds to enhance food access in underserved communities with an emphasis on food distribution infrastructure; as of 5/2/23, \$262,417 has been expended.
 - Nevada Community Food Access (NCFA) Round II: \$6M in State ARPA funds to enhance food access in rural, tribal, and underserved urban communities across the state; as of 5/2/23, \$603K has been expended.
 - Rural Food Hub: \$3M in State ARPA funds to establish a center to increase food storage and distribution capacity for Nevada's underserved rural and tribal communities facing food access barriers due to their distance from urban areas. This was awarded to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada based on a competitive solicitation and they are currently collecting data and community feedback for planning.
 - Home Feeds Nevada (HFN) program: This program is currently being funded by the USDA Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) funds awarded to NDA in 2022.
 - Since Fall of 2022, 20 Nevada producers have been approved and joined the program to deliver to Nevada's food banks. To date approximately \$585,535 has been purchased from Nevada producers.
 - Products include assorted produce, beef, pork, granola, milk, cheese, honey, pickles, and pasta sauce.
 - Capital Improvement Project (CIP) update: The northern Nevada Warehouse Freezer and Generator Replacement project is on time as of now. Interior freezer walls have been constructed; concrete will be poured, and insulation will be installed on 5/23/2023 and the freezer's top framing will be constructed the week of 5/29/2023.
- **School Nutrition (SN)**
 - Meals served July 1, 2022-April 30, 2023
 - Total lunches served: 35,241,646.
 - Total breakfasts served: 18,342,496.
 - Snacks served: 284,813.
 - Milks served: 95,873.
 - SY 2022-23 approved program sponsors: 73
 - Universal School Meals for SY23-24
 - SY 22-23: State ARPA funds spent to date = \$41,030,388 and funded 9,382,560 lunches and 7,704,467 breakfasts.
 - SY 23-24: IFC approved NDA to receive an additional \$28 million in State ARPA funds to help fund free school meals again for next school year.
 - Farm to School (F2S) grant update: NDA has hired a full-time contract F2S program coordinator to implement and manage grant activities.
 - Administrative and Procurement Reviews SY 2022-2023: All 16 scheduled administrative and procurement reviews have been completed.