

March 9, 2022 Board Report

Division of Food and Nutrition



Division Overview

- Pending matters of significance
 - Community Nutrition (CN)
 - Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Waivers
 - USDA released the 2022 SFSP Waiver Request form for four frequently requested waiver types: first week site visits, offer versus serve, meal service time restrictions, and area eligibility for closed enrolled sites. The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) elected them all.
 - USDA Management Evaluations (ME)
 - In lieu of a traditional USDA ME, the NDA will participate in a two-part child nutrition oversight interview with the Western Regional Office (WRO).
 - School Nutrition (SN)
 - USDA Supply Chain Assistance Funds (SCA)
 - The NDA was allocated \$8,333,527 on January 4, 2022, to distribute SCA funds to school food authorities (SFAs) to assist school districts experiencing supply chain disruptions. These funds must be used exclusively for the purchase of domestic food products that are unprocessed or minimally processed. Funds will be allocated to SFAs based on a predetermined formula, including a base payment of \$5,000 to all eligible SFAs, and a proportional funding amount based on each SFA's share of statewide student enrollment.
 - Food Distribution (FD)
 - Community Food Access Grant
 - The NDA will utilize American Rescue Plan Act funds to release a grant to enhance food access in underserved communities. This competitive grant opportunity would be available to community organizations, public and Tribal entities engaged in food assistance activities in Nevada. The NDA anticipates awarding \$430,000 through the grant.
- Partnership activities
 - Community Nutrition
 - Collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
 - The NDA continues to aid with DPBH's Obesity Prevention Steering Committee and their 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

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(screen/media), gaining adequate sleep, and providing breastfeeding support.

- Collaboration with the Southern Nevada's Obesity Prevention Coalition
 - The NDA continues its partnership 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.
- School Nutrition
 - Collaboration with DHHS-Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) and Nevada Department of Education (NDE)
 - SN is currently working with DWSS and NDE on the SY 21-22 P-EBT plan. While DWSS is responsible for the for writing and submitting the plan to USDA, the NDA will provide assistance in reviewing the plan prior to submittal.

Program Updates

- Community Nutrition
 - Administrative Reviews
 - 16 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sponsors/operators were reviewed at the end of January 2022
 - Program Data July 1, 2021-January 31, 2022
 - CACFP: 38 sponsors, 2,592,119 meals served
 - Summer Food Service Program (SFSP): 39 sponsors, 1,110,969 meals served
- School Nutrition
 - Administrative and Procurement Reviews (AR, PR) SY 21-22
 - 14 scheduled to be completed starting in 12/2021; 5 AR/PR conducted, 2 in person, 3 virtually
 - SN Program Data July 1, 2021-December 31, 2021: All meals and snacks served this school year have been free!
 - Total lunches served: 17,225,030
 - Total breakfasts served: 10,144,945
 - Snacks served: 142,789
 - Milks served: 21,014
- 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.
 - Total pounds distributed statewide 7/1/21-12/31/21: 10,712,157 pounds to an average of 130,000 individuals per month:
 - July 2021: FBNN 46,590 Individuals; TS 73,198 Individuals
 - August 2021: FBNN 48,500 Individuals; TS 71,872 Individuals
 - September 2021: FBNN 51,036 Individuals; TS 93,700 Individuals

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- October 2021: FBNN 50,841 Individuals; TS 98,524 Individuals
- November 2021: FBNN 48,092 Individuals; TS 110,499 Individuals
- December 2021: FBNN 54,047 Individuals; TS 80,922 Individuals
- While TEFAP has provided Nevada's food banks and community organizations with over 1.7 million pounds of food per month in the first half of SY 2022.
- The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
 - The Just One Project (TJOP) began operating as a CSFP partner on November 1, 2021, as the NDA's CSFP partner in southern Nevada. TJOP joins the FBNN and Elko F.I.S.H as one of the state's three CSFP providers. CSFP provides a monthly food package to income eligible seniors 60 years of age and older.
 - TJOP served 1,386 seniors in November and 1,298 seniors in December, with the goal to reach 4,300 seniors by June of 2022.