

## September 6, 2017 Board Update

### Food and Nutrition Division



### Development

- New Staff
  - Homa Anooshehpoor, Food and Nutrition Division Administrator
  - Celeste Arnold, ASO II
- Staff Changes:
  - Brittany Mally took a position as the Food Service Director for Douglas County School District
  - Edward Coleman covered the FDPIR route for Otto Lynn while he served as the interim Administrator
  - One staff member took an extended medical leave
  - The contract grants manager position remains unfilled as we had no applications submitted
  - As a result of staffing vacancies the School Nutrition group has been very short staffed during the busy summer season
- TEFAP updates:
  - The Nevada Department of Agriculture is using a new distribution model for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) by partnering with the Regional Distribution Agency (RDA) to increase access to emergency food assistance. The meeting with both the Northern and Southern regions (Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Three Square) on Monday, August 28, 2017.
  - The new plan is to have RDA's begin distribution of TEFAP commodities for the State in October 2017.
  - A new distribution model will allocate commodities monthly.
  - Administrative funds will be allocated differently.
  - Distribution sites may be changed.

### Services

- Conducted 15 Administrative Reviews for National School Lunch Program to date for the current school year. All are closed, two are conditionally closed until certain documentation can be submitted after the start of the school year.

### Training

- Conducted Administrative Review trainings in Elko, Reno and Las Vegas—70 attendees
- Conducted New Sponsor training in Las Vegas—26 attendees
- Conducted a pre-conference day long training, opening general session and two breakout training sessions in partnership with the Nevada School Nutrition Association (NSNA) at their annual conference—approx. 80 attendees
- Through USDA grant funding provided a keynote and breakout session speaker at the NSNA conference and also a trainer for Clark County School District's back to school training for cafeteria managers—approx. 400 attendees

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#### **Participation**

- Facilitated meeting between Aging Services and two School Districts, Clark County and Nye County in an effort to foster potential collaboration on food and supply purchasing
- Facilitated a USDA site visit and meeting with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and the Nevada Department of Education to aid in the progress of the Administrative Review and Training Grant (ART Grant).
- Presented school year 16/17 School Nutrition Awards at the NSNA conference
- Presented a school year 16/17 achievements summary and an NSNA Overall Excellence award to Clark County School District at their back to school training