

# December 8, 2021 Board Report

## Food and Nutrition Division

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### Division Overview

- Pending matters of significance
  - Supply chain issues continue to impact product availability, especially for school meal programs. These are the common issues being reported to us from School Food Authorities (SFA) and in turn NDA reporting to USDA-FNS.
    - SFA orders placed for USDA Foods (commodities), which are paid for with allocated entitlement funding, are experiencing lower quantities, forcing them to source products from private vendors that, not only cost more, but are also unable to be paid for with federal entitlement funding.
    - Districts operating a central kitchen are experiencing a shortage of items such as paper products and film wrap, which limits their ability to package food they send out to elementary sites.
    - Menu items that are popular and easy to find, such as chicken nuggets, hamburgers, and French fries, are not guaranteed to be in stock every week.
    - Price increases on foods and products due to the supply issues are higher in general this year. When the vendor cancels orders due to unavailability of products, the SFA must find the product elsewhere which results in paying higher price.
- Partnership activities
  - Community Nutrition (CN) partnered with Partners for a Healthy Nevada (PHN) to present a program overview on the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the impact of COVID-19 on program participation and food security in Nevada. PHN is southern Nevada's official obesity prevention coalition offering 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.
  - CN continues to participate in the Division of Public and Behavioral Health's Obesity Prevention Steering Committee to assist with Nevada's Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Plan. The plan targets children from birth to eight years of age to promote obesity preventive behaviors including healthy eating, increasing physical activity, limiting sedentary time (screen/media), gaining adequate sleep and providing breastfeeding support.

### Program Updates

- Food Distribution (FD)
  - The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) clients continue to receive food through the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN) and Three-Square Food Bank (TS). Average monthly participation has started to show signs of decreasing as economic indicators improve but is still above pre-pandemic levels.
    - Total pounds distributed statewide: 6,252,783
    - July 2021: FBNN 46,590 Individuals; TS 73,198 Individuals

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- August 2021: FBNN 48,500 Individuals; 71,872 Individuals
- September 2021: FBNN 51,036 Individuals; TS 93,700 Individuals
- The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) closed on September 15, 2021. In FY 2021, the NDA provided 4,650 coupon booklets worth \$45 each to our community partners, who then distributed the booklets to income-eligible seniors. SFMNP provided \$146,099 in purchasing power at Nevada farmers' markets, farm stands, and through the State's bulk buy purchase of \$34,259 from Nevada farmers.
- The NDA has partnered with The Just One Project in southern Nevada to provide services through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). The Just One Project was selected as the new CSFP partner in August through a competitive solicitation process and began providing CSFP food to seniors on November 1. The CSFP program is a federally funded food assistance program that provides a monthly food package to income-eligible seniors. The Just One Project has a projected caseload of 4,300 seniors per month in southern Nevada.
- School Nutrition (SN)
  - Administrative and Procurement Reviews SY 21-22
    - 14 reviews are scheduled to be completed, starting in December 2021. Reviews will be a combination of virtual and onsite, depending on COVID protocols and restrictions at schools.
  - SN Program Data July 1, 2021-October 31, 2021
    - All meals and snacks served this school year have been free.
    - Total lunches served: 11,311,768
    - Total breakfasts served: 6,411,271
    - Snacks served: 84,244
    - Milks served: 15,040
  - National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Grant
    - SN was allocated \$247,500 to offer equipment grants to SFAs to be used for the replacement, purchase or updating of equipment in school kitchens. 15 applications were received and awards were announced on November 23, 2021.
- Community Nutrition (CN)
  - 37 CACFP sponsor/operator applications were renewed for FFY 2022.
  - Administrative Reviews
    - 10 SFSP sponsors/operators and 14 CACFP sponsors/operators were reviewed at the end of September. 13 CACFP reviews are scheduled to be completed by May 2022.
  - Program Data July 1, 2021-October 31, 2021
    - CACFP: 37 sponsors, 1,343,530 meals served
    - SFSP: 39 sponsors, 1,110,969 meals served