

June 8, 2022 Board Report

Division of Food and Nutrition



Division Overview

- Pending matters of significance
 - School Nutrition (SN) and Community Nutrition (CN)
 - Child Nutrition Program Nationwide Waivers released for National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).
 - USDA released a Child Nutrition Program Waiver Checklist for summer and SY22-23 which included 24 waivers covering the programs listed above. The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) elected all 24 waivers.
 - CN
 - The NDA has submitted a waiver for Non-Congregate Meal Service for times when there may be excessive smoke or heat.
 - Food Distribution (FD)
 - The total volume of food offered through the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is expected to decline in 2022-2023 as supplemental food funding sources, such as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) expire. This, coupled with a reported decrease in private donations, may result in lower food inventory levels at the Nevada's two food banks. The USDA recently provided additional food to TEFAP through Section 32 bonus purchases, which will help. However, inventory levels are expected to remain lower than they were in the two previous years.
- Partnership activities
 - Department of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) and Nevada Department of Education (NDE)
 - SN continues to collaborate with DWSS and NDE to execute the SY 21-22 Pandemic-Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) plan, which was approved by USDA earlier this month to be extended to November 2022.
 - Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Public Behavioral Health (DPBH)
 - The NDA continues to assist DPBH's Obesity Prevention Steering Committee with 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, gaining adequate sleep and providing breastfeeding support.
 - The NDA continues to partner 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

- Food Distribution
 - 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 7/1/21-3/31/22: 14,324,474 pounds (average of 132,000 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
 - 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
 - January 2022: FBNN 46,229 Individuals; TS 73,236 Individuals
 - February 2022: FBNN 46,169 Individuals; TS 76,632 Individuals
 - March 2022: FBNN 56,758 Individuals; TS 93,124 Individuals
 - The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
 - The Just One Project (TJOP) began operating as the NDA’s southern Nevada CSFP partner on November 1, 2021. 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 has served an average of 1,473 seniors per month since taking on the program, with participation increasing each month.
 - November 2022: 1,386 seniors
 - December 2022: 1,298 seniors
 - January 2022: 1,293 seniors
 - February 2022: 1,453 seniors
 - March 2022: 1,937 seniors
 - Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)
 - The NDA began distributing 2,400 coupon booklets, constituting \$108,000 in purchasing power, to our community agency partners in southern Nevada at the end of May. This will mark the start of the SFMNP season in Nevada, with northern coupons planned for distribution the first week of July. Our community partners will distribute coupon booklets to eligible seniors, who may redeem the coupons with authorized farmers and farm stands. There are currently 44 farmers certified to accept coupons, with another 19 in the certification process for 2022.
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 - Administrative and Procurement Reviews for SY 21-22: 14 were conducted, 7 virtual and 7 onsite.

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- All meals and snacks served this school year have been free! Meals served from July 1, 2021-March 31, 2022
 - Total lunches served to-date: 30,387,154
 - Total breakfasts served to-date: 16,915,793
 - Snacks served to-date: 228,290
 - Milks served to-date: 33,442
- CN
 - Administrative Reviews: 19 CACFP sponsors/operators were reviewed at the end of April 2022.
 - Sponsors and meals served from July 1, 2021-April 30, 2022
 - CACFP: 39 sponsors, 4,077,784 meals served
 - SFSP: 39 sponsors, 1,110,969 meals served