

**Food Security Advisory Committee (FSAC) Meeting
1/28/2021 Minutes**

Meeting was opened at approximately 12:05pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Welcome was conducted by Commissioner Nikki Fried
- b. Danielle Andrews lead the committee introductions
 - 1. Margarita Romo, Director of Farmworkers Self-Help
 - 2. Alice Delgado: Former President/CEO, The Volunteer Way of Pasco County
 - 3. Stephen Shelley: CEO of Farm Share
 - 4. Robin Safley: CEO of Feeding Florida
 - 5. Paul Sapia: Humana Population Health Strategy Lead (Jacksonville/Tampa)
 - 6. Dr. Robert Lee: Chairman and CEO of Fresh Ministries
 - 7. Sherri Coffee: Regional Director for State Government Affairs for Abbott Laboratories
 - 8. Caitlyn Peacock: Executive Director of Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger
 - 9. Roy Pistone: Director of School Nutrition for Citrus County School District; current president of the Florida School Nutrition Association
 - 10. Lauren Byrd: Sr. Vice President of Communications and Strategic Partnerships for the Florida Medical Association
 - 11. Joy Beaton: Government Relations Director for Florida Community Loan Fund for Ignacio Esteban
 - 12. Erica Hall: Chair of Florida Food Policy Council
 - 13. Julie Kreaflle: Vice President for Hunger Relief for United Way of Palm Beach County
 - 14. Maisha Mitchell: Frenchtown Revitalization Commission, co-founder of Tallahassee Food Network
 - 15. Dwaine Stephens: Publix Supermarkets, Director of Community Relations
 - 16. Dr. Donna O'Neal: Assistant Dean for Research Activities at FSU College of Medicine
 - 17. Dr. Lauri Wright: Chair of Nutrition and Dietetics at University of North Florida, Director of the Center for Nutrition and Food Security
 - 18. Barbara Sayles: State Director for the Florida Gleaning Network of Society of St. Andrew
 - 19. Elizabeth DeWitt: President/CEO of Florida Beverage Association
 - 20. Sky Beard: Florida Director for No Kid Hungry
 - 21. Roneice Weaver: Founding Partner, Director of Agency Operations of HEBNI Nutrition Consultants (not present)
 - 22. John Rivers: Founder/CEO of 4Rivers Smokehouse; 4Roots Farm Foundation

II. Sunshine Laws

- a. Steven Hall, FDACS General Counsel, advised members of the requirements of public meetings and public records

III. Overview of Purpose and Goals

- a. Mrs. Andrews gave an overview of the purpose and goals of the community

IV. Committee Workplan: How to Get It All Done

- a. Mrs. Andrews proposed bi-monthly meetings to have work product (if any) to be proposed for the next legislative session

1. Member Safley expressed that she felt unification of discussion is best. Mrs. Peacock agreed. There were no opposing viewpoints expressed.
- b. Mrs. Andrews queried of the committee members for any preferred areas of focus
 1. Member Peacock expressed a desire to address federal program flexibilities or new policies that support meal delivery to children during the summer
 2. Member Kreaflle expressed a desire to explore how the afterschool meals program might be transitioned as well as consideration of how Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) might be structured in the future
 3. Member Delgado expressed desire for focus on securing food for homebound seniors and homebound disabled individuals
 4. Joy Beaton for Member Esteban expressed a desire to examine the definitions and metrics used around the term “food deserts” and a possible relaxation of requirements of area designations – especially post-pandemic
 5. Member Romo asked that the group evaluate ways to ensure undocumented children – specifically those that are not school-aged (0-3) can receive nutrition assistance
 6. Member Lee also asked that the committee consider how alternative methods of growing crops might contribute to the alleviation of food insecurity

V. Key Resources: Avoiding Recreating the Wheel

- a. Mrs. Andrews requested resources be submitted from committee members that they were aware of that could provide context to the committee to expound upon efforts that have worked or have not worked, either in-state or out of state.

VI. Next & Future Meetings

- a. Mrs. Andrews proposed continuing meetings at the same time (i.e. fourth Thursday of each month) on a bi-monthly frequency
 1. There was no opposition expressed to this meeting frequency
 - i. Member Byrd agreed and asked if there would be any in-person meetings. Mrs. Andrews responded that all meetings would be virtual at this this time, but all future meetings will be held via the Microsoft Teams application

VII. Public Comments

- a. There were no public comments

VIII. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 1:33pm.