

Food, Hunger, Water, Agriculture Policy Workgroup
Communication Action Team
12.14.20 ♦ 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Meeting Notes

Facilitator/Note-taker: Sharon Berman, New Mexico First

- Tsiporah Nephesh, New Mexico Thrives
- Sonya Warwick, Roadrunner Food Bank

- I. **Check in**
 - a. Sending apologies from Lilly, who had to attend the final meeting of the Redistricting Task Force.
 - b. Start on a high – any highs regarding communication on food & hunger issues?
 - i. Sonya – lots of national media requests but no features, or they changed their minds.

- II. **Coordinating Communication to Legislators about Food/Hunger/Ag issues**
 - a. Sharon shared NM First's list.
 - b. Legislators involved with nonprofits:
 - i. Moving Arts Espanola – Roger Montoya – ED.
 - ii. Carrie Hamblen, ED of LC green chamber,
 - iii. Angelica Rubio is or was affiliated with [NM Comunidades en Acción y de Fé \(CAFé\) | Faith in Action](#). Also see <https://nm.emergeamerica.org/alumna/angelica-rubio/#>
 - iv. Theresa Leger is Congressional District 2– share her info when we can.
 - v. Rep. Doreen Gallegos in Dona Ana is working with Daymon Ely to diversify the economy. Affiliated with Mesilla Valley CASA (foster care placement, court-appointed special advocates for children)
 - vi. Linda Serrato – HD 45, Dem – works at Pivotal NM
 - c. December 18 presentation to LESC at 10:15 (be on at 10)
 - i. Rep Ferrary intro panel
 - ii. Rep. Stansbury provide overview
 - iii. Food Banks Association – Mag
 - iv. NM Food & Ag Policy Council – Helga
 - v. Policy Workgroup – Lilly
 - d. How to watch (look for link at nmlegis.gov)
 - i. Sonya wondered how that was working. Tsiporah said during the special session there were two links – one to watch, and one posted later to make public comment. They'll be using only the Zoom platform

- III. **Coordinating Communication to Governor's Office**
 - a. What has everyone been up to?
 - i. Roadrunner was meeting with them weekly at the start of the pandemic, mostly with emergency response group. Now, food banks staff meet with them monthly for the past few months. It was a great educational process to get closer into state entities doing emergency management. Reps from Governor's office sit on that call too.
 - ii. A lot of education needs to be done about food banks in particular and nonprofits in general.

- IV. **Updates – Volunteers, donations, advocacy**
 - a. NMF is continuing to push for support via their weekly newsletter. Taking hiatus until January.
 - i. There are duplicates being sent out. **Sharon said she'd check on it.**
 - b. Is there op ed for Food Depot's advocacy committee upcoming?
 - i. Sonya said she had asked Sherry and there was no news at this point.
 - c. Tsiporah noted that nonprofits bring in \$1.86 billion and then as it circulates, additional \$\$ (BBER)

- V. **Next Steps**
 - a. Next meeting will be January 11, 2021.