

**NEVADA STATE DIVISION OF WELFARE & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC  
HEARING TO ADOPT SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM'S EMPLOYMENT  
AND TRAINING (SNAPET) STATE PLAN, TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)  
STATE PLAN AND ASSOCIATED POLICY AMENDMENTS**

The public hearing to adopt the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program's Employment and Training (SNAPET) State Plan, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) State Plan and Associated Policy Amendments was brought to order by Steve Fisher, Administrator of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016. This meeting was video-conferenced between the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Professional Development Center, 701 N. Rancho Drive, Training Room 5, Las Vegas, Nevada and Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Central Office, 1470 College Parkway, Room 149, Carson City, Nevada.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Steve Fisher, Administrator  
Miki Allard, Social SSPS 3, Administration  
Lori Wilson, Chief, Employment and Support Services  
Don Coston, SSPS 2, Employment and Support Services  
Sherry Haar, Chief, Eligibility and Payments  
Christell Askew, SSPS 3, Eligibility and Payments  
Gail Bolander, SSPS 3, Program Review and Evaluation

**STAFF PRESENT IN THE SOUTH**

NONE PRESENT

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

**North**

NONE PRESENT

**South**

Ryan Sunga, Deputy Attorney General  
Rose Collins, Acelero Learning Headstart

**Mr. Fisher** opened the public hearing at 8:30 a.m. and explained how the hearing will proceed. He explained this public hearing was noticed in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and posted on the Division's website. He asked everyone to please sign in and include e-mail addresses to be included on the Division's mailing list.

\*I. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Employment and Training Program (SNAPET)

**PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM  
(SNAPET) FY 2017 STATE PLAN AND POLICY AMENDMENTS:**

**Mr. Coston** announced that the Division of Welfare & Supportive Services proposes to amend the SNAPET State Plan to support the addition of a voluntary "Educational Component", which will increase opportunities for SNAP participants to receive employment related education and training through state partnerships with community based organizations.

**Mr. Fisher** asked if there were any questions or comments from the north.

Hearing none, Mr. Fisher asked if there any questions or comments from the south.

Hearing none, Mr. Fisher moved to item II.

**\*II. TANF STATE PLAN**

**PROPOSED TANF FY 2017 STATE PLAN AND THE ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENTS MANUAL AMENDMENTS**

**Ms. Askew** announced that the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) proposes to amend the TANF State Plan and the Eligibility and Payments manual to provide a TANF Employment Retention Payment and employment related support services for up to six months and phase out the Job Retention Bonus.

**Mr. Fisher** asked if there were any questions or comments from the north.

Hearing none, Mr. Fisher asked if there any questions or comments from the south.

Hearing none, Mr. Fisher moved to item III

**\*III. ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENT MANUAL AMENDMENTS**

**Mr. Coston** announced that the Division of Welfare & Supportive Services is proposing to modify policy in the Eligibility and Payments Manual consistent with the SNAPET and TANF State Plan proposals above and to allow for the issuance of support services to volunteer participants in a SNAP Educational Component.

**Mr. Fisher** asked if there were any questions or comments from the north.

Hearing none, Mr. Fisher asked if there any questions or comments from the south.

Hearing none, Mr. Fisher asked if there were any questions or comments not related to the agenda for this meeting.

There were no additional questions or comments.

Hearing no additional questions or comments, Mr. Fisher adopted the State Plan amendments, policy changes and changes to the Eligibility and Payment Manual on behalf of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, effective January 1, 2017.

**Mr. Fisher** thanked those in attendance for their participation in this public hearing. He closed the public hearing at 8:45 a.m.