



CONNECTING PEOPLE, PRODUCERS, RESOURCES AND FOOD

FOOD SUMMIT AGENDA

Thursday, April 27, 2017

12:30 – 1:00 Registration

1:00 – 1:30 Welcome – Mark Killian, Director, Arizona Department of Agriculture

1:30 – 4:30 Vitalyst Health Foundation – 2017: Year of Healthy Communities
Community Meeting

4:30 – 5:00 Speaker Introductions:

Sharon Thornberry, Rural Communities Liaison, Oregon Food Bank
Ken Meter, President, Crossroads Resource Center

5:00 End of Meeting

5:00 - 7:00 Private Reception Hosted by Young's Market Co.

Friday, April 28, 2017

7:30 – 8:00 Breakfast and Registration

8:00 – 8:30 Welcome – Mark Killian, Arizona Department of Agriculture
Announce Arizona Food & Agriculture Council Members

Moderator – Ginger LaBine – Summit Format, Process & Ground Rules

8:30 – 9:00 **Topic 1 Keynote – Bolstering an Emergency Food Network**

In a country that wastes billions of pounds of food each year, it's almost shocking that anyone in America goes hungry. Yet every day, there are millions of children and adults who do not get the meals they need to thrive. Arizona's network of five regional food banks and nearly 1,200 food pantries and agencies statewide work to get nourishing food – from farmers, manufacturers, and retailers – to people in need.

Speaker - Sharon Thornberry, Rural Communities Liaison, Oregon Food Bank

9:00 – 9:30 Topic 1 Briefing Panel

9:30 – 9:40 Tom Kertis, President & CEO, St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance

9:40 – 9:45 April Bradham, Director of Field Operations, Association of Arizona Food Banks

9:45 – 9:50 Glenn Hickman, CEO, Hickman's Family Farms

9:50 – 9:55 Linda Hamman, Coordinated Hunger Relief Program Manager, Arizona Department of Economic Security

9:55 – 10:00 Q&A

9:30 – 10:15 Topic 1 Breakout Session – How do we bolster the emergency food system?

10:15 – 10:45 Topic 2 Keynote – Strengthening an Equitable Food System

As we strive for food equity, we envision a regional food system in which all neighborhoods and communities fully participate and have access to affordable, nutritious and healthy food.

Speakers Sharon Thornberry & Ken Meter

10:45 – 11:15 Topic 2 Briefing – Arizona's Food System

10:45 – 10:55 Harvey Grady, President & CEO, Cornucopia Community Advocates

10:55 – 11:05 Nina Sajovec, Founder & Executive Director, Ajo Center for Sustainable Agriculture

11:05 – 11:10 Elyse Guidas, Executive Director, Fresh Express by Discovery Triangle

11:10 – 11:15 Q&A

11:15am - Noon Topic 2 Breakout Session – How do we create an equitable food system?

12:00 – 1:00pm: **Lunch & Exhibitor Hall Networking**

1:00 – 1:30pm: **Topic 3 Keynote – Developing Long-Term Solutions Through Economic Development**

Focus on connecting with the business community to support the food economy especially in rural Arizona. Utilize economic development as a key driver of lifting people out of poverty (tied to the Governor's agenda) including supporting education as a remedy for generational poverty.

Speaker - Ken Meter, President, Crossroads Resource Center

- 1:30 – 2:00 Topic 3 Briefing – Economic Development
- 1:30 – 1:40 Keith Watkins, Senior Vice President for Economic and Rural Development, Arizona
Commerce Authority
- 1:40 – 1:50 Karalea Cox, Executive Director, Southern Gila County Economic Development
Corporation
- 1:50 – 2:00 John Penry, Owner, Penry Consulting, LLC
- 2:00 – 2:45 Topic 3 Breakout Session – What are long-term food security solutions
that drive economic development?
- 2:45 – 3:15 Engagement Exercise for Participants – Kelly Lubeck
- 3:15 – 4:30 Report Back, Reflection, Discussion