**MINUTES OF THE ENUGU STATE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND NUTRITION (SCFN) MEETING HELD AT THE MINISTRY OF BUDGET AND PLANNING CONFERENCE ROOM ON 27TH APRIL, 2021.**

1. **Attendance**
2. Dr. David Ugwunta - Hon Commissioner, Enugu state MBP
3. Anukwe Edwin – Chairman
4. Ugwu Henrietta – Secretary
5. Prof Elizabeth Ngwu – Member
6. Ozougwu Nnenne – Member
7. Amoke Ignatius – Member
8. Nwonu Francisca – Member
9. Uzoechina Okenwa Uzoamaka – Member
10. Odo Jacinta – Member
11. Dr. Agunwa Chuka - Member
12. Nebo Emeka – Member

**ABSENTEE** – Onwuzulike Loveth – Member

**2.0 Opening prayer**

The meeting started with an opening prayer said by Dr. Agunwa Chuka at 9:45am. The minutes of the previous meeting was read by the Secretary and the following corrections made:

* The omission of Mrs. Loveth Onwuzulike as the Assistant to the Secretary. It was noted that Mrs Loveth Onwuzulike should be part of the committee as she is technically skilled in nutrition matters and can stand to provide assistance to the secretary when she is busy or absent due to other official engagements. This will enable the committee make progress without unnecessary delays.
* The attendance list should contain both the names of members that were present, names of members that took permission to be absent as well as names that were absent without permission.
* The minutes should not have captured the e-commerce lecture since the lecture is not an objective of the committee.
* The submission of the work plans from different MDAs were to be submitted to the Director, Planning Research and Statistics of MBP, Ms. Jacinta Odo.

3.0 **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Prof. Ngwu moved the motion for the adoption of the minutes as a working document for the committee. This was seconded by Mrs. Nwonu Francisca.

**4.0 MATTERS ARISING**

**4.1.0 LOW SCORE OF ENUGU STATE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT BY NGF SECRETARIAT**

It was reported that Enugu state scored low in the last assessment by the Nigeria Governors Forum (NGF) secretariat. The NGF nutrition scorecards presented to the Governors in that meeting portrayed Enugu state as a retrogressive, non- performing state. This report came as a big surprise to the committee as the committee has done so much to be reckoned with since its inauguration on the 21st of July 2020. A narration of recorded achievements was given which included inauguration of the committee, inaugural meeting of the members with the Deputy Governor, domestication of the National Policy on Food and Nutrition and the domestication of the Multi Sectoral Strategic Plan of Action for Food and Nutrition in Enugu state (achieved in 2020). In addition, the committee has conducted regular meetings and a workshop this year.

The question that needed to be answered was, could it be that the past chairman of the committee did not report all these our achievements to the appropriate quarters or what? The house agreed that the possible channel that exist in the state is that of the Deputy Governor who is a representative of the state at the Governors Forum (NGF). The house agreed that since the Deputy Governor is accessible, the Chairman on a quarterly basis should itemize our achievements and send to her and discuss with her so that she can present the true picture of the committee to the Nigerian Governors forum when the need arises.

**4.2.0 WORK PLAN SUBMISSION**

Members reacted to the omission and non-capture of their Sector work plans in the Enugu State 2021 -2023 Multi-Year Budget against the promise made by the past chairman following its development at the adoption and domestication of the National Policy on Food and Nutrition and the Multi sectorial Strategic Plan of Action for Food and Nutrition at the Nike Lake Workshop. It was noted that the committee was not recognized or even mentioned in the budget let alone assigning a budget line of any kind to the committee or even in the segregated work plans by member MDAs.

The secretary noted that she personally did not share in the general disappointment as expressed by the house. To her, a journey of 1,000 miles starts with a step. Today we may be talking about a Committee that is recognizing an omission of their specific budgets but this is a positive development. If they have omitted it as a result of the fact that our submission came at the closing stage of the State Budget Defense, as we all know (despite the efforts of the past chairman to smuggle it in ) then we can be sure that with the same efforts, it won’t be omitted in subsequent years budget.

It was agreed that each MDA should go through the finalized copy of the ENSMPFAN and come up with a new budget to be submitted to the HC MBP for his lobbying and sourcing for funds for the committee. Since the only MDA captured in the state budget was the Health Sector which was specific to health alone, other MDAs should equally write their proposed activities for the first two quarters using the developed strategic plan and submit to the DPRS in Ministry of Budget and Planning on or before the following week.

**4.3.0 OPENNING OF AN ACCOUNT FOR THE COMMITTEE**

The chairman told the house that he already has obtained the forms from ECO Bank to be completed by signatories (Chairman, Secretary and Ms. Nnenne Ozogwu of Education who stands in to sign in the absence of any of the other two. The Chairman promised to return the completed forms to the bank by Thursday the following week and so requested that all signatories to the account submit their required credentials (utility bill, Drivers/National ID card and two passport photographs) to him same week.

**4.4.0 LETTER HEADED PAPER**

Two samples of the letter headed papers were presented to the house which agreed on the sample in yellow paper with the logo that has the orange /apple changed to a logo with a basket containing divers fruits and vegetables. The printer’s charge of thirty thousand naira (N30,000.00) only for 200 copies was acceptable to the house. We agreed to keep the sample in a plate for easy printing in subsequent years.

**4.5.0 COMMITTEE’S CORPORATE UNIFORM**

There was no report on this because the meeting was an emergency meeting and there was not enough time for members to have made meaningful investigations and search. Members were encouraged to come up with designs and quality materials with attachments of costs in the next meeting.

**4.6.0 MEDIA ENGAGEMENT**

On Media, Dr. Agunwa promised to link the house with the media as the need arises. He is very comfortable with this role and the committee should not bother about this save for the little reward/ incentive for media partners.

**5.0 AOB**

The Secretary observed the mass exodus of members before the formal closure of the meeting and noted that this has to be discussed. She said that in a situation where members exit meeting venues before official closure was very wrong. Several members apologized for leaving the meeting early but reminded the house that it was due to the work plan- related assignments given during the meeting which did not allow them to return to the meeting. These explanations were accepted.

**6.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Ignatus Amoke moved for adjournment of the meeting and was seconded by Ms. Odo Jacinta. The meeting rose at 12.30pm with a closing prayer said by Ms. Jacinta Odo.

Signed: Anukwe Edwin Ugwu Henrietta C

 Chairman ENS CFN Secretary ENS CFN