San Francisco Food Security Task Force (FSTF) Workplan

Review of Strategic Plan (SP) for Multi-Sector Collaboration to Ensure Food Security in San Francisco

January 6, 2021
2019-2021 Key Strategic Priorities for the FSTF (visual)

Vision: Food Secure San Francisco

Sustainability (human and financial) (FSTF Driven)

Shared Measurement (FSTF Driven)

Adequate Community Resources (Multi-Stakeholder Driven)

Information and Referrals (Multi-Stakeholder Driven)
Vision

• **Vision Statement:** A food secure San Francisco in which all people at all times are able to obtain and consume enough nutritious food to support an active, healthy lifestyle.

• **Perspective on Root Causes:** The Food Security Task Force (FSTF) acknowledges that the root causes of hunger and food insecurity are poverty, inequality, racism, and all forms of injustice. Eliminating these root causes is a long-term endeavor that requires action from a broad coalition of actors. The FSTF will work to contribute to this endeavor even as we recognize that we have limited ability to affect this kind of change on our own.
Four strategic priorities

1. Sustainability—toward increased resources (human and financial) to enable the FSTF to deliver on its mandate and achieve on all of its strategic priorities
2. Shared Measurement—toward a set of common, shared metrics to inspire action, track progress, and inform change
3. Adequate Community Resources—toward realization of the recommendations included in the 2018 Assessment of Food Security Report
4. Information and Referrals—toward seamless access and a fully integrated system with “no wrong doors”
Sustainability

*What has happened for this priority area during Covid-19?* – this has not moved forward. We don’t have resources to support a consultant to help to staff the task force. The half time health planner position is open (need to hire)

*What is needed now?*

- Need to develop recommendations for future direction for multisector collaboration on food security based on the sunset date of the current ordinance authorizing the task force (June 30, 2021).
- Research of alternative models of food policy councils/food equity task forces in other cities
- Engage Board of Supervisors – solicit input from staffers on their constituent COVID food experience to inform recommendations and get buy-in
Shared Measurement

**What has happened for this priority area during Covid-19?**

During Covid-19, the City established a public tracking “Citywide Food Support Programs” on Datasf Covid-19 Data and Reports (https://data.sfgov.org/stories/s/9tff-97vx). The following programs are tracked:

- Food Bank
- DAS meals
- SFUSD
- CalFresh
- Isolation/Quarantine food program
- Great Plates

HSA collected data through their Pandemic survey.

**What is needed now?**

- Determine how long the Covid data will be tracked? How is this data being used? Is the data being reported useful for the work of the FSTF? Is there other food data being tracked?
- Determine who is responsible for this data review/analysis- Is this the work of the FSTF or should this fall to City/County depts?
- tracking of people experiencing unemployment and homelessness in the section regarding "Adequate community resources"?
Adequate Community Resources

What has happened for this priority area during Covid-19? New funding has been allocated through the FY 20-21 budget, Give2SF, private philanthropy, state funding, federal stimulus funding.

What is needed now?

- Need to establish a clear sense of how much new funding has been allocated, to which organizations, and which populations have benefitted – Is there any oversight of this? Accountability?
- Need to go through all recommendations and provide an update.
- Need to also determine what is needed – can use Covid Food Group’s Gaps Analysis.
  - This analysis identified key groups in need of specific programming support – need to work collaboratively with SF HSA/DAS and CBOs to generate coordinated plan for service of those groups (Black seniors, Latinx families, undocumented)
  - Report also references small-scale community/neighborhood led orgs’ role in response and lack of sustainable funding and staffing – we should identify those groups and determine their specific needs to see if they can be filled
Discussion and Next Steps

• What does the FSTF want to move forward?
2019 to 2020 Activities

1. Sustainability
   1. Funding/Consulting Support: Work to secure funding for an independent consultant to staff the TF for next 2 years
   2. Hiring/Onboarding: Hire and onboard TF staff person
   3. Additional Resource Outreach: Conduct outreach with other city agencies and CBOs to determine viability of allocating additional dedicated resources

2. Shared Measurement
   1. Pre-Work/Landscape Analysis: Have individual conversations to determine who is measuring what, how, when
   2. Key Actors: Select key actors to collaboratively develop shared measurement system
   3. Review of Measurement Tools: Review/analyze current measurement tools/methodologies

3. Adequate Community Resources
   1. Prioritizing 2018 Assessment Recommendations: Continue to prioritize and champion the recommendations from the 2018 Assessment
   2. Community Education and Outreach: Continue proactive education, awareness, and community building around the situation of food security in SF and the recommendations

4. Information & Referral
   1. Referral Advocate: FSTF to champion the need for food to be included in all existing referral efforts and process(es) (i.e., DPH Resource & Referral), while advocating for bi-directional feedback, client evaluation, and multi-generational approach.

2020 to 2021 Activities

4. Follow-on Strategic Planning for next iteration of Task Force:
   - Secure additional funding for follow-on strategic planning
   - Conduct follow-on strategic planning process for emerging FSTF models beyond 2021
   - Engage FSTF membership in assessing and determining best long-term FSTF structure options (with pros/cons)

3. Convene: Convene to align around vision, tools and next steps for shared measurement system.
4. Staffing: Review what staffing is needed to support a shared measurement effort

3. From Recommendations to Action: Getting individuals/orgs to become ambassadors and own/take action on recommendations

1. Best Practices Analysis: FSTF/others to research best practices from other/current information referral efforts including: Our Children Our Families Council SF (OCOF), 211 in San Diego, DPH’s efforts to update resources and referral, etc.
2. **Beyond 2021:** FSTF (or emergent structure) will participate in a multi-stakeholder I&R approach to optimize I&R.

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