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SAN FRANCISCO FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE (FSTF) MINUTES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
25 Van Ness, Room 610; San Francisco, CA 94102

Members and Alternates present: Anne Quaintance (Meals on Wheels); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Cissie Bonini (UCSF/EatSF); Emily Cohen (HSH); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre) Hilary Seligman (UCSF); Jeimil Belamide (Human Service Agency – CalFresh); Jennifer Le Barre (SFUSD); Karen Gruneisen (Episcopal Community Services); Linda Lau (DAAS); Mei Ling Hui (Rec and Park); Michelle Kim (DCYF) Paula Jones (SFDPH); Priti Rane (SFDPH); Rita Mouton-Patterson (nominee)

Also present: Angela Rattegar (Stupski Foundation); Rita Mouton-Patterson (ECS); Francesca Costa (SF Marin Food Bank); Ave Lambert (Family Hope); Emily Leys (Partners in Scale); Jonathan Siekmann (Public/CCSF); Zetta Reicker (A Better Course); Leah Jennings (Eat SF); Kelsey Long (Eat SF); Jaime Lockwood (EatSF); Roni Levi (EatSF); Steph Galinson (public); Khadijah Grant (ZSFG Wellness); Allison Barcelon (SFDPH); Evonne Zheng (SFDPH); Laura Campos (SFDPH); Jennifer La (DCYF); Eli Zigas (SPUR); Jonathan Siekmann (CCSF); Alexis Hann (public); Alex Neidenberg (Leah’s Pantry); Rita Nguyen (SFDPH) Lee Davidson (Mazed Gatter); Jacqueline Chang (Leah’s Pantry) Cynthia Martinez (HSA) ; Diana Jensen (SF Marin Food Bank); Sanja Marpadga (East SF); Kate Merritt; Michelle Cooke (Community Raven Menta (public); Raegan Sales (Children’s Council) Meg Davidson SF Marin Food Bank) Kim Madsen (Project Open Hand) Shelly Dyer (TNDC) John McCormick (TNDC)

Minutes

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
1. Call to order	Anne Quaintance called the meeting to order at 1:35	
2. Welcome and introductions	Anne welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves. New Task Force member Emily Cohen, introduced herself and spoke about the work that she does that is in alignment with the FSTF	None
3. Approval of minutes from August 1, 2018	Motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2018 meeting. Karen Gruneisen made the motion, and seconded by Rita Mouton-Patterson. The motion passed with Emily Cohen and Michelle Kim abstaining.	Meeting minutes will be posted to the website.
4. FSTF work plan for FY 18-19	Anne Quaintance reviewed the draft work plan for the FSTF for FY 2018-19. (see attached) The plan includes things that are both routine and things that must be done. Anne emphasized that the work plan is a living document. Discussion centered on the inclusion of the SRO workgroup	Anne will include the SRO workgroup, update the work plan and bring to the next meeting.

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<p>5. Strategic Plan update</p>	<p>Charmaine Ess Kyle (Partners in Scale) As part of the SF Food Security Task Force’s strategic planning process Conducted a 15 question online survey (49 people participating) was divided into three parts.</p> <p>Background and profiling questions FSTF Optimization questions Priorities/strengths/weaknesses</p> <p>90% or more felt They understand the purpose and goals of FSTF They are able to participate as needed The FSTF is affective in achieving its goals 80% of those surveyed felt that: The FSTF has the right number of people</p> <p>Less than 80% felt the FSTF had the right mix of people FSTF Staffing levels are adequate</p> <p>Participants ranked the FSTF priorities as Local policy Local budget Cross sector collaboration Convening Community Education State/Federal policy/budget efforts</p> <p>Participants felt FSTF does the following well: 1. City-level Budget & Policy Work 2. Collaboration & Convening</p>	<p>remaining work/next steps: . September/October: completion of remaining interviews (11) & focus groups (1 to 2) . October: synthesis of all findings/recommendations from survey, interviews & focus groups . October to December: 2 to 3 convening’s of strategic planning working group to align around findings, next steps and strategic direction of FSTF moving forward . October to December: report-out(s) to broader FSTF as key discussions evolve . December/January: Final strategic plan & recommendations</p>
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<p>6. SF WIC children and Infants: with Impact of food insecurity and other public health outcomes</p>	<p>Priti Rane presented Retention of Infants and Children on SF WIC : Impact on Food Insecurity and Other Public Health Outcomes</p> <p>In recent years San Francisco’s WIC program has experienced a significant decline in the participation rates, particularly of children over one year of age similar to the state and nationwide declining trend in participation.</p>	

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- WIC's impact on children's health Reduced fetal deaths and infant mortality.
- Improved growth of nutritionally at-risk infants and children.
- Decreased incidence of iron deficiency anemia in children and overall improved diets.
- Children enrolled in WIC are more likely to have a regular source of medical care and have more up to date immunizations.
- Children who receive WIC benefits demonstrate improved intellectual development and school readiness
- WIC reduces the prevalence of child food insecurity by at least 20% *
- Children who are food insecure are sick more often, and more likely to have to be hospitalized and suffer growth impairment that precludes their reaching their full physical and cognitive potential.

Ms. Rane stated trends from 2011 to 2017 show

29% decline in infant participation

34% drop in child participation

39% drop in prenatal participation and

72% of children drop out of the program prematurely

English speakers are more likely to drop out of the program than non-English speakers regardless of race or ethnicity

Ms. Rane hypothesized that hassles, stigma and expectations gaps are the main factors the drop in retention

WIC introduced several countermeasures to address retention that included but were not limited to, development of participant satisfaction surveys, refreshing the office space, introducing a communication strategy, as well as Modernization of WIC- New MIS and Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT)

The counter measures have resulted in:

- Results from pre/post surveys indicate that food security rates among EatSF WIC participants increased 15% from 38% to 53%.
- Participant retention was 96% and participants redeemed 81% of distributed vouchers.

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7. CalFresh/ABAWD update	<p>Jeimil Belamide from the Human Service Agency provided an update. All materials pertaining the end of waiver for Able Bodied Adults without Dependents are available on the HSA website: https://www.sfhsa.org/calfresh/keeping-calfresh-benefits/CalFresh-work-rules. The Reentry Council will do a presentation in October</p>	
8. SSI work group update	<p>Anne Quaintance stated the purpose of this work group will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordination of local planning related to CalFresh SSI Cash-Out Reversal with related state efforts, including sharing of recommendations for state planning. 2. Developing collective goals and measurement tools for enrollments of SSI recipients. 3. Identify areas to streamline enrollment for SSI recipients, and coordinate efforts across City departments and community-based service providers. 4. Coordinate communications planning and outreach/in-reach work at both CBOs and city services to ensure that all key entities are poised to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) inform SSI recipients about policy change, b) encourage SSI recipients to apply for CalFresh, and c) assist applicants with CalFresh applications, if needed. <p>The work group will meet on a monthly basis, date & time TBD. The work group will identify co-chairs. Participants will include FSTF members and members of the public.</p>	Paula will send a doodle to plan the first meeting.
9. Update on Sugar Sweetened Drink Tax Advisory Committee	<p>The website for the San Francisco Sugar Sweetened Drink Tax Advisory Committee is: https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/knowlcol/SDDTAC/default.asp The meetings are monthly on the last Friday of the month.</p>	

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	The committee is developing a work plan and is meeting the allocation of funds to community based organizations. The next meeting is September 7 th	
10. 2018 Report	Paula Jones stated that the report will be released in September.	
11. Event Community Benefits and Health Food Roundtable	<p>Paula Jones announced an event entitled: Community Benefit and Healthy Food: Bay Area Roundtable. The event will take place September 26th at 1:00 at the SF Public Library</p> <p>This event is part of a national effort to accelerate best practices to promote healthy food access and healthier food systems. Health Care Without Harm in partnership with the San Francisco Health Improvement Partnership and SF Food Security Taskforce will host this event</p>	As noted.
12. Project area updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF Recovery Theatre will be hosting a Block Party. Time/date TBD • Emily Cohn of the Dept. Of Homelessness is conducting a new assessment to get more people housed and off of the streets within six months. • Karen Gruneisen stated Homeless Coordinated Entry System are targeting 2,000 people to be assessed by the end of October. The assessment will prioritize housing. 	
13. Items for next meetings meeting		An update from the SSI work group
14. Public comment	Public comment has been incorporated into the notes above	None
15. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:28	