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SAN FRANCISCO FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE (FSTF) MINUTES

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
25 Van Ness, Room 610 San Francisco, CA 94102

Members present: Sarah Chan, (DAAS); Meg Davidson, (SF Marin food Bank); Paula Jones, (SFDPH); Ave Lambert, (CUESA); Jennifer Le Barre, (SFUSD); Kim Madsen, (Project Open Hand); Rita Mouton-Patterson, (Hospitality House); Priti Rane, (SFDPH); Raegan Sales, (Children’s Council); Hilary Seligman, (UCSF/EatSF); Jennifer Siswandi, (TNDC); Tiffany Tu, (DCYF); Chester Williams, (Community Living Campaign)

Also present: Jay Ann Leyson, (Bay City Beacon United Democratic Club); John McCormick, (THCSC); Cissie Bonini, (UCSF/EatSF); Katie Ettman, (SPUR); Eli Ziagas, (SPUR); Jessica Watson, (Kaiser); Nick Brodnicki, (American Heart Association); Lauren Small, (Leah’s Pantry); Linda Lau; Luz Mercado; Caroline Aung, (DPH); Janna Cordeiro, (the SF Market); Mili Choudhury, (HSH); Rita Nguyen, (SFDPH); Veronica Shepard, (SFDPH); Rebecca Barajas, (TNDC); Shelley Dyer, (TNDC); Emma Stienberg; Juan Chung, (Harder + Co.); Diana McDonnel, (Harder + Co.); Michelle Kim, (DCYF)

Minutes

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
1. Call to order	Paula Jones called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.	
2. Welcome and introductions	Paula welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.	None
3. Approval of minutes from July 2019	The July 3, 2019 minutes were approved with slight edits and without dissent by a motion from Reagan Sales and seconded by Hilary Seligman; one abstention: Tiffany Tu	Post approved minutes to webpage
4. SSI/CalFresh Update	<p>On behalf of Jeimil Belamide/CalFresh, Paula Jones provided the following information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>Public Comment on proposed CalFresh Rule Change</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">Per Mayor’s Office new policy on submission of comments to proposed public rules, HSA will work with the City Attorney and other departments (i.e. School District) to coordinate the City’s official comment on the rule change. Once the comment is complete, it will be shared with the Task Force.<u>CF Expansion to SSI Recipients Data (Through Aug 1st)</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">HSA received 5,410 applications in July compared to 2,751 in April.The majority of July applications were submitted online (56%) or walk-in (40%)41% of an SSI recipient list, provided by CDSS, has been processed by HSA. The list, based on March data indicated that there were 40,735 SSI recipients in San Francisco<u>Continued Outreach Efforts</u>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New CF Outstations are open, they are: Western Addition Senior Center, Bayview Senior Center, Downtown Senior Center, Catholic Charities OMI Senior Center, Curry Senior Center• Visit www.sfhsa.org/california-ssi for more information or call 415-558-4700 and feel free to use the community tool kit (https://www.sfhsa.org/services/health-food/california-applying-california-benefits-ssi-recipients/california-benefits) to help spread the word• On Aug 1, CalFresh will start a phone call campaign to assist SSI recipients in submitting CF applications.	
5. Food Summit 2020	<p>Ave Lambert presented the concept of organizing a food summit that would focus on poverty, food insecurity, and homelessness. Ave offered the following as regards her idea for the proposed summit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summit would be one day in-depth• Possible collaborators Mayor’s Office and Board of Supervisors to be on board• FSTF has collective knowledge and resources to connect decision makers, funders, healthcare, etc.• Human Flourishing framework• Streamlined services and connecting throughout San Francisco Bay Area is needed• Food systems model that can be replicated <p>The presentation generated much discussion. Task force members provided the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was interest in having a full strategy brainstorm to discuss this idea, as well as others in order to have a full discussion about the best way to have impact• A 1 day conference would need to have follow up and more meetings afterwards• There were questions about what we want to achieve – and this idea must be streamlined to achieve something afterwards.• Great need to focus on desirable outcomes; how are those going to be achieved, and not re-invent the wheel? Need more detail.• Focus on processes and innovative solution, then find the funding, rather than focusing on finding funding first• Unemployment as another key foundational issue; Can we bring in employers?	Jennifer LeBarre and Jennifer Siswandi will meet with Ave to further discuss.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the priority audience from the communications plan? • Questions asked about looking at other cities who have addressed these issues; Ave said she has not seen models that bring together housing poverty food <p>Public comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical to focus on populations in most despair; racial equity; institutional and structural racism • Are there any convenings with public officials that this can feed into this? • Importance of placing people from these populations at the table themselves, rather than just people in power/officials talking for or about them • Example provided of the food justice forum in the Tenderloin last year led by TNDC. • Could this idea be more contained, and focus on a specific, priority population? E.g. low-income families with young children who are experiencing, or at-risk of experiencing homelessness/poverty/food insecurity? • There will need to be accountability – will there be an action? 	
<p>6. Presentation and discussion of Policy process and city budget process</p>	<p>Israel Nieves Rivera, PHD Policy Director, offered the following clarifications and guidance on FSTF and positions on state legislation and local budget process</p> <p>Action on State Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only two people/entities can take formal positions for the City and County of San Francisco on legislation: 1) The Mayor 2) The Board of Supervisors. • For action on state legislation departments must first go through the State Legislative Committee (SLC). • SLC meets Monthly on Thursday (day of the week can change depending schedules), The SLC has a set of core members and all departments who are requesting action of state legislation send representative to speak on behalf of the action requested. Meetings are open to the public and public comment can be made at the meeting. • City agency must go through this Committee to take position on legislation. • Department staff are required to complete the form and it must first be approved by department head (the approval process can differ based on the city department), presented to Mayor’s office; led by city agency that would have 	<p>Israel will work on FAQ that he will share back with FSTF in next meeting</p>

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biggest impact on bill, so any of the six departments on the FSTF can be the lead on completing the form.

- Once action is approved, departments must monitor the bill to make sure that the bill to see if any major changes are made and if further action is required.
- Even if FSTF has position on something that the City and County is not taking a formal position members of the FSTF can advocate on the state legislation as citizens/residents, not as representing FSTF; only Mayor or Board of Supervisors can take formal positions on State Legislation.

Recommendations on City and County Budget Priorities.

- The Mayor oversees the budget process for the City and County of San Francisco. Each year the Mayor issues budget instruction to departments. The Mayor may have a set of priorities that she/he has for the city that may influence department's budget request. For example this budget cycle had three major priorities of Mental Health, Housing, and Racial Equity.
- The Boards of Supervisors (BOS) must review and approve the city budget. The City has agreed to a new "add-back" process, where the BOS focus on budget request in areas such of service needs, geographic needs, population equity needs. The goal is to move away from providing "add-backs to specific organizations. The goal is to be transparent and to not be perceived to be "sole sourced" to any one specific organization.
- The FSTF can identify specific priority populations that are food insecure in San Francisco. The FSTF can also estimate what resources it would take to solve the food needs for the populations that you have identified. You can also identify evidence-based practices to address the food needs of the population. The FSTF can request a formal annual presentation to the BOS or can submit your recommendations in writing.
- As a FSTF member it is acceptable to tell story of problem, can talk about problem: give case study and solution to these problems, use factual information, however it best to not be specific about directing resources to specific organization. The FSTF must avoid making recommendations on directing resources to any specific organization that may have a financial interest.

Questions from FSTF members and public:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When do legislative agendas get set/prioritized? • Is the FSTF “housed” in DPH or is it independent? • How can we get more lobbyists, because only three lobbyists represent San Francisco? More needs to be done, how can they do everything that needs to be done? • Concern that the bylaws be in alignment with the guidance the task force must follow • Request that the procedural issues be documented. 	
7. Follow up on Work Plan	Paula Jones revisited conversation with Task Force members around work plan; members suggested to continue to the September meeting.	
8. Communications update	Paula Jones mentioned the possibility of organizing a working group, for moving the communications plan forward, which Suzanne would help with. Item to be continued at September meeting due to time constraints	Item will be continued at September meeting
9. Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Committee Update	Harder + co., the consulting agency supporting SDDT, to do brief survey regarding SDDT RFP, will immediately follow the FSTF meeting	
10. Project Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12,000 SFUSD students automatically qualify for free meals because they/their families are eligible for/receive food stamps • September 23, 2019 is final date to make comments on federal register <p>Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Food Policy Advocates recommended as organization with resourceful information for Task Force members to consult 	
12. Items for next meeting	work plan, FAQ on policy and budget process	
13. Public comment	Incorporated above.	
14. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:34	