

*Draft*

**SAN FRANCISCO FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE (FSTF) MINUTES**

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

**Members present:** Ave Lambert (Farming Hope); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre); Hillary Seligman (Eat SF); Paula Jones (SFDPH); Jennifer La Barre (SFUSD); Jennifer Siswandi (TNDC); Kim Madsen (POH); Linda Lau (DAAS); Meg Davidson (SFM Foodbank); Mei Ling Hui (Rec & Park); Pritti Rane (SFDPH); Raegan Sales (Children’s Council); Rita Mouton-Patterson (Hospitality House)

**Also present:** Ana Marie Laura (HSA); Rita Nguyen (SFDPH); Erin Franey (SFDPH); Rebecca Barajas (TNDC); Katie Ettman (SPUR); Nick Brodnicki (American Heart Association); Monica Lee (Student); Emma Steinberg (Alameda All in); Joanne Compeah (HPP); Serena Ng (POH); Janiha Herzel (Student); Cissie Bonini (UCSF/EatSF); Chris Chan (SFDPH); Sarah Luster (SFDPH); Janina Wenzel (SFDPH); Francesca Costa (Eat SF); Peri Weisberg ( HSA)

**Minutes**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION ITEM</b>
1. Call to order	Paula Jones called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.	
2. Welcome and introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Paula welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.</li><li>Paula Jones announced that Tiffany Tu is now the representative for DCYF</li></ul>	None
3. Approval of minutes from February 6, 2019	Raegan Sales made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2019. FSTF meeting. Rita Mouton-Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed with minor edits without dissent.	Amend minutes, post to webpage
4. SSI /Cal Fresh update	Ana Marie Laura provided an overview of activities HSA has undertaken in preparation for June 1, 2019 when SSI recipients will be eligible for Cal Fresh.  HSA has convened an internal SSI steering committee to navigate the changes in the system. Members include HSA, Cal Works DAAS and Cal Fresh,  HSA has also formed three work groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The training work group has developed three trainings for HSA staff.</li></ul>	Paula will revise document and email to the Task Force.

*Draft*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Business Process Group: To integrate new policy and to ensure available technology has fundamental nuts and bolts to deliver Cal Fresh. They have developed an internal process guide for staff. They hope to have their system fully automated by May 13<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• The Outreach Work Group is completing a communications plan that will include targeted messages at different consumer groups. The group has also developed a toolkit for local providers. Two community forums will happen in May and a direct mail campaign will begin in July.</li> </ul> <p>Task Force members encouraged HSA to attend the SRO Task Force meetings and to do targeted direct outreach to SROs.</p>	
<p>5. Update on Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Committee</p>	<p>Dr. Rita Nguyen stated that overall there were no big updates but provided the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The co-chairs of the committee were reelected.</li> <li>• The committee is working on a timeline to get information to the public.</li> <li>• The Community Input Subcommittee workgroup is minimum reporting guidelines</li> <li>• How is our work informed by the communities most targeted by the sugary drink industry and those disproportionately impacted by chronic diseases that are fueled by sugary drinks?</li> <li>• How do we stay accountable to these communities?</li>   <li>• How can we be transparent about how our work is informed and how we stay accountable?</li> </ul>	
<p>Food Security Task Force Governance</p>	<p>Gavin Morrow-Hall provided an overview of the Brown Act, SF’s Sunshine Laws and San Francisco’s Good Governance document  The talk encompassed guidelines for the city as well as rules for conducting meetings (See attached)  Paula Jones discussed the Bylaws of the FSTF. Of note: <b>A quorum of 11</b> is required to conduct Task Force business. Paula Jones emphasized that The Mayor</p>	

*Draft*

	<p>sets policy for the City and county of San Francisco. The FSTF may not take positions that are contrary to the policy of San Francisco. FSTF member organizations are not limited in taking stances on policy.</p> <p>The FSTF may educate community members and city officials about the impact of policy</p> <p>Task Force members had extended conversations on the leave of absence policy. Paula Jones will speak with the City Attorney’s Office to get clarity.</p>	
<p>State Legislation to Improve Food Security, Meg Davidson</p>	<p>Meg Davidson highlighted several bills before the State Legislature. Among them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AB842 Hunger Free Preschool and Child Care. The bill would ensure that low income children in preschool have access to free meals and would provide state funding for child care programs to serve meals to low income children</li><li>• SB 499 California Grown for Healthy Kids would create and sustain hunger-free schools by increasing capacity to provide healthy school meals — made with California-grown fruits and vegetables — free of charge to all students.</li><li>• SB285 CalFresh Connect   Ensure all eligible Californians have efficient, equitable, dignified access to CalFresh by phone, online, and in person</li><li>• AB 1022 Protect Californians Harmed by Federal Work Requirements   Provide a state-funded nutrition benefit for people harmed by federal SNAP time limit and issue state guidance to maximize use of available waivers</li><li>• AB 942 Expand Food Access for Vulnerable Californians   Provide persons who are experiencing homelessness, elderly, or with disabilities with the option to purchase prepared foods with CalFresh benefits</li><li>• AB 1434 End Poverty in Senior and Disabled Households Raise   Supplemental Security Income (SSI) grants above the poverty level and immediately restore the state’s Cost of Living Adjustment</li></ul>	

*Draft*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB 494 CalFresh Excess Shelter Deduction   Simplify CalFresh application for people with high housing costs</li> <li>• AB 534 Envision a Hunger Free CA   Create a process to bring together food system stakeholders to engage and collaborate at the local, regional and state level to remove barriers to food</li> </ul>	
Food Security recommendations Paula Jones	<p>Paula Jones continues to update the recommendations made at the prior meeting. She mentioned that The director of Public Health (Dr. Grant Colfax) and The Director of the Population Health Division (Dr. Tomas Aragon) are supportive of the recommendations.</p> <p>Task Force members Raegan Sales and Meg Davidson along with Cissie Bonini will work with Paula Jones in revising the document</p>	Paula Jones will distribute revised document to FSTF members for review when completed.
6. Project Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raegan Sales noted that the Children’s Council is seeking Chinese educational materials.</li> <li>• Jennifer Siswandi The Healthy Retail Coalition is expanding services to Oceanview and Bayview neighborhoods</li> <li>• Linda Lau mentioned that there is a program called The Art of Aging which is at the Jewish Community center</li> <li>• Ave Lambert would like the FSTF to present???</li> </ul>	
12. Items for next meetings meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Committee</li> <li>• Strategic plan</li> <li>• Bylaws</li> </ul>	
13. Public comment	None	
14. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:19	