SAN FRANCISCO FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE (FSTF) MINUTES  
March 4, 2020

**Members present:**
Anne Quaintance (Meals on Wheels of SF); Ave Lambert (CUESA); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre); Jeimil Belamide (HSA); Jennifer Le Barre (SFUSD); Kim Madsen (Project Open Hand); Sarah Chan (DAS); Margot Antonetty (HSH); Mei Ling Hui (Rec & Park); Michelle Kim (DCYF); Paula Jones (SFDPH); Priti Rane (SFDPH); Raegan Sales (Children’s Council of SF)

**Also present:** George G. (Glide); Rebecca Barajas (TNDC); Lauren Small (Leah’s Pantry); Tiffany Tu (DCYF); Erin Franey (SFDPH); Holly Calhoun (Project Open Hand); Rebecka Denney (Utah State University); Janna Cordeiro (The SF Market); Sanjana Marpadga (Eat SF); Bryce J. (Utah State University); Emily Leys (Independent Consultant); Robin Knox (SFUSD); Katie Ettman (SPUR); Marchon Tatmon (SF Marin Food Bank); Suzanne Manneh (SFDPH)

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<th>AGENDA ITEM</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Call to order</td>
<td>Anne Quaintance called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.</td>
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<td>Welcome and introductions</td>
<td>Anne welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Approval of minutes from January 2019 meeting</td>
<td>Chester Williams made a motion to approve the minutes, with one minor edit. Raegan Sales seconded the motion, which passed.</td>
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| 4.          | SSI/CalFresh Update | Jeimil Belamide (HSA) offered the following updates regarding Supplemental Security Income SSI/CalFresh:  
I. As of Feb 2020 52% of SSI recipients have applied for CF. Sept 2019 data shows that SSI recipients in SF increased to 42,370 (from 40735 in March 2019)  
II. Neighborhoods with CF outreach opportunities to SSI Recipients  
   1. 94112 (Outer Mission, Excelsior, Oceanview, Ingleside)  
      Approximately 3830 SSI recipients, 42% have applied  
   2. 94110 (Mission District)  
      Approximately 2720 SSI recipients, 36% have applied  
   3. 94134 (Vis Valley/Sunnydale)  
      Approximately 2260 SSI recipients, 50% have applied  
III. HSA will continue to do application assistance telephone calls to IHSS clients receiving SSI | None |
IV. Federal Work Requirement for CalFresh for Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWDs)

1. As of Jan 2020 – there are about 11,100 ABAWDs in the CF caseload
   a. 80% are categorically exempt
   b. Approximately 2200 are not categorically exempt – HSA will review these cases to rescreen for exemptions and/or make referrals to employment services

2. 34 additional counties will be required to implement this rule on April 1, 2020
   a. San Francisco, along with 5 other Bay Area counties were required to implement this rule as early as Sept 2018
   b. With 34 additional counties implementing this rule, the number of Statewide ‘County Discretionary’ exemptions available to San Francisco will decrease substantially.
   c. ABAWDs, currently on CalFresh, that do not have a categorical exemption or are not meeting the requirement, risk losing their CalFresh benefits

5. Medi-Cal Healthier California for All (formerly CalAIM)

   Erin Franey from Food as Medicine Collaborative (SFDPH) presented on California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM). She presented a position paper, requesting for the San Francisco Food Security Task Force to sign-on in support of CalAIM. The San Francisco Department of Public Health also signed on to support it. Erin presented on the following:
   - CalAIM is a multi-year initiative by Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of California’s population by implementing broad delivery system, program and payment reform across the Medi-Cal program
   - The CalAIM proposal was released October 29, 2019 and details proposed improvements to Medi-Cal drafted by DHCS
   - U.S. spends 16 percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on health care, more than other high-income countries
   - Healthcare dollars should be re-invested in food security
   - Real argument to be made for addressing food insecurity through health care
   - Over 80 organizations have signed on to support proposal
   - Governor Newsom’s budget priorities include funding for CalAIM

   FSTF sign on to support CalAIM
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- Proposed $348 million from the General Fund (effective 1/1/21) for implementing the Medi-Cal changes
- In total, a $695 million investment, due to federal match

Strategies to move supporting this proposal forward:

- Grassroots advocacy effort to gain support for including food supports in waiver
- Meeting with key decision makers and stakeholders
- Next phase: implementation work with local health plans

Public comment made that Supplemental Security Income (SSI) rule should also change that penalizes SSI beneficiaries for having cooking ability.

Jennifer Le Barre made a motion for the FSTF to support and sign on. Ave Lambert seconded the motion, which passed.

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<th>6. FSTF Implementation Work Group Update</th>
<th>Emily Leys, independent consultant providing support to the FSTF Work Group, presented the following updates:</th>
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<td>• Work group adopted project charter, which includes measures for success</td>
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<td>• Discussion addressing evaluation phase of Priority 4 of FSTF strategic priorities:</td>
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<td>information and referrals continued</td>
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<td>• Data, bi-directional feedback, and client evaluation are challenges</td>
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<td>• Shared measurement will be next priority to be discussed in the coming meetings</td>
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<th>7. Review and vote on application for membership</th>
<th>Emma Steinberg has applied for membership on the Food Security Task Force and members discussed the process of voting for a new member. Emma’s application did not print out completely and she was not in attendance.</th>
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<td>• Members decided to vote on her application in the April meeting because they wanted her to be present for any questions, and they wanted to read the full application</td>
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<td>• It was clarified that if her application is selected for membership, she would be required to go before the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors</td>
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<td>• Paula Jones invited members to email her questions for Emma ahead of time</td>
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SF Food Security Task Force address: c/o Paula Jones, San Francisco Department of Public Health, Population Health Division, 25 Van Ness, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94102 paula.jones@sfdph.org
Sugary Drink Distributor Tax—funding allocations, categories, and new recommendations

Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC) member Janna Cordeiro presented on behalf of the SDDTAC. She offered context and background for SDDT (Sugary Drink Distributor Tax) and SDDTAC, and overview of previous SDDT and current funding allocations, and current funding recommendations for the upcoming fiscal years:

I. **Context**
   - Proposition V in 2016 passed creating the SDDT, a one cent per ounce fee on initial distribution of a bottled sugar-sweetened beverage, syrup or powder, with in City and County of San Francisco.
   - Proposition V established SDDT and SDDTAC.
   - SDDT is not a sales tax, it is a general excise tax on conducting business within city and County of San Francisco.
   - SDDTAC makes recommendations to Mayor and Board of Supervisors on effectiveness of SDDT.
   - SDDTAC submits report evaluating impact of SDDT on beverage prices, consumer purchasing behavior, and public health.
   - SDDTAC also provides recommendations regarding possible establishment and/or funding of programs to reduce the consumption of sugary-sweetened beverages in San Francisco.
   - SDDTAC comprises 16 total members.

II. **Overview of previous SDDT Funding and Current Funding Allocation**
   - City of San Francisco operates on two-year budget cycle, annually reviewed by Mayor and Board of Supervisors (BoS).
   - SDDT expected to raise $15 million each year.
   - Amount after voter-mandated baselines and set-asides equates to $12.4 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 and $11.5M in FY 2021-22.
   - 2017-2018 Budget process: $1.2 Million in ongoing “healthy addbacks” appropriated by BoS.
   - SDDTAC funds support oral health, food security, food access, physical activity, community building, SDDT implementation, community-based grants, and water access.
**Overview of Current Funding Recommendations**

- Breast-feeding for new moms recommended and added as new category, with budget of $175 thousand
- FY 20-21 and FY 21-22 healthy food purchasing supplement increased to $1.2 million from $1 million
- One-time funding for FY 20-21: Capacity building for CBOs ($470 thousand), SFUSD kitchen/food infrastructure upgrade ($330 thousand); support for small businesses ($250 thousand)

**Next steps**

- San Francisco City Budget training sponsored by Budget Justice, B’MAGIC, and Mo’MAGIC on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 10 am to 1pm
- SDDTAC Meeting—Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 5pm 1390 Market Street, Suite 900

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<th>9. Summer Meals update</th>
<th>Robin Knox (SFUSD) and Tiffany Tu (SFUSD) presented updates on summer meals:</th>
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<td>• Both DCYF and SFUSD summer meals applications have launched</td>
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<td>• DCYF application is due March 20</td>
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<td>• Work is being done to increase outreach and flyers to all SFUSD schools</td>
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<td>• Plan for brochure design contest: post call for submissions in SFUSD schools and use winning design for brochure, printed before summer starts</td>
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<td>• Challenges also expressed regarding DCYF summer of sharing, including space, and how to engage adults</td>
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<th>10. FSTF Annual Report</th>
<th>Paula Jones provided updates on the annual report:</th>
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<th>11. Project Updates</th>
<th>Marchon Tatmon (SF Marin Food Bank) presented the following updates:</th>
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<td><strong>SB 882: CalFresh Simpler for Seniors</strong></td>
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<td>• Sponsored by AARP California, California Association of Food Banks, CFPA, and SF-Marin Food Bank</td>
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<td>• Will help protect older adults who are eligible for CalFresh, or that is currently receiving CalFresh</td>
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- Opportunities to submit letters of support, letters should be submitted by March 16
- SB 882 is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Human Services Committee on Monday, March 23
- More information can be obtained from Jared Call: jared@cfpa.net or 323.401.4972

**SB 882 would**

- Simplify CalFresh application
- Eliminate burdensome reporting requirements that cause many households to lose nutrition assistance, even though they remain eligible
- Ensure all applicants and participants can complete the processes by phone

**SSI/SSP: 2020-21 Budget Ask**

- End Great Recession Era (Legacy) Cuts to SSP. Since 2009, state budget cuts have forced poverty & hardships on the 1.2 million Californians who rely on Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) for basic needs
- Raise SSP Grants
- Immediately Restore the Cost of Living Adjustment

**Mei Ling Hui (SF Rec and Park):**

- Public meeting regarding Urban Agricultural Resource Center
- March 18, 6:30 p.m.
- Louis Sutter Playground Roundhouse, Wayland and University
- For more information: 415.831.6846

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<th>11. Public comment</th>
<th>George G. from Glide announced he was available to discuss the Corona Virus after this meeting adjourned, if any one was interested</th>
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<td>12. Adjournment</td>
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