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San Francisco Food Security Task Force (FSTF) Minutes

October 7, 2020

Members present: Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Priti Rane (SFDPH Maternal Child and Adolescent Health); Sarah Chan (DAS); Mei Ling Hui (SF Recreation and Park); Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD); Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank); Ave Lambert; Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Raegan Sales (Children’s Council); Jeimil Belamide (CalFresh/HSA); Paula Jones (DPH Food Security); Kim Madsen (Project Open Hand); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre); Emma Steinberg (Kaiser Permanente); Cissie Bonini (Vouchers4Veggies/EatSF)

Also present: Monica Bhagwan (Leah’s Pantry); Jalal Albasi; Jamie Stark (Farming Hope); Hala Hijazi (Human Rights Commission/SF Interfaith Council); Kallisto Khan (TNDC); Tiffany Kearney (DAS); Lenore Estrada (SF New Deal); Erin Franey (SFDPH Food as Medicine); Jessica Davidman (UCSF/EatSF); Julia Middleton (Children’s Council), Lauren Small (Leah’s Pantry), S. Fong, Francis Baltazar, H. Calhoun, Tiff Ting, Tammy, Krista McMiller, Sana Ahmad, Tuyen Tran, Tiffany Tu (DCYF), Amie Latterman, Vinny Eng (SF New Deal), Lauren Heumman (SFUSD); Mary Johnson; Molly Rottapel (Redwood Consulting); Emily Leys; Veronica Shepard (SFDPH Food Security and Racial Equity); Lea Troeh; Janna Cordeiro (SF Market); Thomas McCain (Covid Command Center); Cathy Mulkey Meyer (SF Human Rights Commission); Sana Ahmad (Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital); Adrienne Marksworth (Leah’s Pantry); Jason Pruett (Episcopal Community Services); Sanjana Marpadga (UCSF Vouchers for Veggies/EatSF); John McCormick (TNDC); Leah Roch (UCSF Vouchers for Veggies/EatSF); Naomi Maisel (La Cocina)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
1. Call to order	Anne Quaintance called the meeting to order at 1:31pm	None
2. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Anne Quaintance	Anne welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.	
3. Approval of minutes from September 2, 2020	Edit: Meg Davidson mentioned that Kim Johnson should be reference in the September 2 minutes and not Kim McCoy Wade. Raegan Sales made a motion to approve the minutes, Jeimil Belamide seconded the motion. Paula Jones abstained. The motion was approved.	Update minutes for September 2, 2020 meeting.
4. SRO Food and Health Collaborative Pilot Presentation, Adrienne Markworth, Monica	Monica Baghwan and Dr. Molly Rottapel each had a presentation regarding the SRO Food and Health Collaborative Project. The objective of the project was to generate recommendations for a	Post presentations

<p>Bhagwan, Lauren Small (Leah's Pantry) Dr. Molly Rottapel (Redwood Consulting)</p>	<p>client-centered approach to improving food security and dietary intake for SRO residents throughout San Francisco.</p> <p>Monica Baghwan provided an overview of the project and key takeaways, while Dr. Molly Rottapel's focused on the project evaluation. A copy of the presentations as well as the are available at the task force website (www.sfdph.org/foodsecurity). Also posted on the website is the SRO Needs Assessment, SRO Food and Health Project Manager Report, and the SRO Food and Health Summative Evaluation Report.</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>Anne Quaintance: A project is underway for Conard House which will include food security, gap analysis, funding, case management, implementation with staff pursuing master's degree.</p> <p>Meg Davidson: How are tenant leaders selected and compensated? Monica Baghwan: it was opened to anyone who would like to sign up and compensation was at \$17/hr.</p> <p>Emma Steinberg: What format did you use for survey administration? We you able to compare pre/post individuals or was it all anonymous and aggregated? Molly Rottapel: paper survey Monica: it was anonymous and extensive outreach, door to door, passing out flyers. Participants were compensated.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: how the cost-effectiveness of the project evaluated? Monica: information regarding this is available in the reports.</p> <p>Geoffrey Grier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did anyone in particular stand out aside from giving them cash? • Would this have been more successful/efficient if there was someone who is more acquainted in the environment? <p>Monica Baghwan: each SRO have different needs.</p> <p>Naomi Maisel: Was the work done continue an annual basis? What are the needs? And what are the available services? Having this information will provide the opportunity to build sustainable long-term solutions.</p>	
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<p>5. COVID Command Feeding Group Update, Thomas McCain, (Covid Command Center)</p>	<p>Thomas McCain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported the food bank with a gap created with the loss of a corporate partner. Partner informed food bank that it won't be able to continue partnership. It created a gap of 700 grocery bags a day. Last Friday, CCC was able to pull together a team that provided coverage. - CCC RFP for emergency feeding services. This bid closed last Monday. Submissions will be reviewed. This RFP focused on culturally appropriate meals and groceries - Salvation Army will not be able to provide meals for the Meals in Place program after October <p>Paula: how can the food program for people in isolation / quarantine be reached? Tommy: call 311 and inform the operator regarding the positive case and 311 will provide instructions for how to get food for the household during the isolation/quarantine period.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>6. Follow up from FSTF 2020 Recommendations & meeting with Supervisor Preston's office, Anne Quaintance (Conard House), Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank)</p>	<p>Anne Quaintance reported that there was a meeting with Supervisor Preston. During this meeting they reviewed the FSTF 2020 Recommendations as well as the 2018 Assessment. Supervisor Preston was interested in pursuing further meetings/discussion with FSTF. Some items in the discussions were pop up pantries and congregate sites.</p> <p>Chester Williams reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expanding food program in Bayview area - May be getting storage from Meals on Wheels - Offered help for District 5 - Highlighted the importance of culturally-based food 	<p>None</p>
<p>7. FSTF Election update, Anne Quaintance (Conard House)</p>	<p>Paula Jones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - according to the bylaws, if chair or vice-chair vacates position, the group needs to elect a new chair/vice-chair at the next meeting - the Chair and Vice Chair cannot both be an employee of a city department or a school district member <p>Anne is interested in vacating the position of Chair and asked for a task force member that is not from a city department or the school district to take her place. She would like the November meeting to be her last meeting to chair. If there is someone willing to Chair the task force, the election for a chair would be as soon as possible so that there would be a new chair in December.</p>	<p>Elect a new Chair on or before the December meeting.</p>
<p>8. CalFresh Update, Jeimil Belamide (Human Service Agency)</p>	<p>Jeimil Belamide reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Calfresh caseload as of August 2020 is approximately 62,000. For comparison, the CalFresh caseload in July 2020 was approximately 60,000 and for Aug 2019 it was approximately 47,000. 	<p>None</p>

	<p>2. The Federal government will allow States to apply for certain CalFresh administrative waivers. Counties are awaiting further information from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) on if/when/how waivers will be used in California. Available waivers include...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiver of the interview requirement for CalFresh applications and recertification - Additional months to the CalFresh certification period - Reduction of recertification requirements to allow for the use of a completed mid-period report form (SAR7) <p>3. Pandemic EBT, a program that provides nutrition benefits for students that receive free or reduced school lunch, who due to COVID19 are unable to access those meals, is extended through the 2020-2021 school year. Further, younger children eligible for free and reduced meals at childcare facilities, who cannot access those meals due to COVID19 may also be eligible for Pandemic EBT. CDSS is currently working on an implementation plan.</p> <p>4. SFHSA has started to provide application assistance for various benefit programs including CalFresh, for those staying in shelter-in-place hotels in the City.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application assistance is starting to be made available in shelter in place hotels <p>Jennifer Lebarre asked if CACFP students are eligible for P-EBT. Jeimil did not know, but would find out.</p>	
<p>9. Update on City and community programs</p>	<p>Priti Rane (SFDPH – WIC) On September 21, 2020, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released WIC Policy Memorandum , which formally extended WIC waivers including remote WIC services until 30 days after the end of the nationally-declared COVID-19 public health emergency.</p> <p>Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank) reported that pop up pantries are running as usual. No interruption in service fortunately.</p> <p>Kim Madsen (Project Open Hand):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hot congregate meals are now frozen means and picked up at the sites so that social distancing can be observed. This process will continue through the end of the year. - Frozen meals are provided to SROs. 	

	<p>Raegan Sales (Children’s Council): The project with child care providers is still underway and data will be made available as soon as they are ready.</p> <p>John McCormick (TNDC): Thanks to the SF-Marin Food Bank, Tenderloin now has a pop-up food site. 300 block of Ellis on Monday, from 9am – 1pm.</p> <p>Janna Cordeiro (SF Produce Market):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Market’s food recovery program continues to operate during Covid and has donated over 900K lbs. of food in the first three quarters of this year. - In addition, we created an emergency food program with funds from an emergency contract from DPH using Sugary Drink Funds, and funding from Crankstart. The program partners with over 35 community groups and clinics who are providing groceries and meals to those most impacted by the pandemic. - By the end of 2020, the emergency program will provide 75,000 grocery bags of food and 200,000 meals. - Priority is getting food into clinics and pregnant people. One effort led by volunteer health care providers from SFGH and led by Dr Misa Perron Burdick is using a needs-based approach in which orders/requests come from the recipients/patients such as diapers, bags, cleaning wipes, etc. in addition to providing fresh produce and staples. - USDA Food Box changed. Produce is limited and needs to be supplemented with other funds. It is critical that the food be culturally appropriate. <p>Raegan Sales(Children’s Council): current challenge for CACFP and child care providers is that free and reduced school lunch meals is all being done based on 2019 data resulting in reduced aid to child care providers.</p> <p>Sarah Chan (DAS) let the group know that new grants for nutrition will go to the DAS Commission on November 4th. She will have an update after the Commission meeting.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini (Vouchers 4 Veggies/EatSF) asked for an update on the funding from Give 2 SF as well as other funding.</p>	
10. Other Public comment	None	
11. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm	