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San Francisco Food Security Task Force (FSTF) Minutes

November 4, 2020

Members present: Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Priti Rane (SFDPH Maternal Child and Adolescent Health); Sarah Chan (DAS); Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD); Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank); Ave Lambert; Raegan Sales (Children’s Council); Jeimil Belamide (CalFresh/HSA); Paula Jones (DPH Food Security); Michelle Kim (DCYF); Kim Madsen (Project Open Hand); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre); Cissie Bonini (EatSF/UCSF); Emma Steinberg (Kaiser Permanente); Rita Mouton-Patterson (Hospitality House)

Also present: Adelle Kanan (AmeriCorps/SFDPH/Food As Medicine Collaborative: Andrea (La Cocina); David McCahon; Emily Leys; Francis Baltazar (Conard House); Erin Franey (SFDPH); Janna Cordeiro (SF Market); Jason Pruett (ECS); Jessica Davidman (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggie – EatSF); Kathleen Reed (Sustainable and Healthy Food Consultant / Public); Khadijah Grant (ZSFGH Wellness Program / Food As Medicine Collaborative); Krista McMiller (USF MPH Student & ZSFGH Intern); Lea Troeh (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggie – EatSF); Meredith Terrell (Meals on Wheels SF); Nikki Pearl (Dine11 SF); Sana Ahmad (ZSFGH Wellness Center Intern and USF MPH Grad Student); Sanjana Marpadga (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggie – EatSF); Shireen McSpadden (Dept. of Disability and Aging Services); Spencer Robinson (AmeriCorps National Health Corps member with SFDPH Food As Medicine Collaborative); Tammy; Tiffany Tu (DCYF); Tommy McClain; Veronica Shepard (SFDPH Food Security and Racial Equity); Vinny Eng (SF New Deal)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
1. Call to order	Anne Quaintance called the meeting to order at 1:46pm	None
2. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Anne Quaintance (Chair)	Anne welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.	
3. Approval of minutes from October 7, 2020	Edits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Michelle Kim (DCYF) was not present in the October 2020 meeting.- Emma Steinberg and Cissie Bonini should be listed as members as of October 1st, 2020.- Janna Cordeiro donation report is more than 6,000lbs of food. The October minutes only reflect 6,000lbs. Motion to approve minutes: Cissie Bonini; Second: Rita Mouton Patterson. Abstain: Michelle Kim (DCYF)	Remove Michelle Kim as an attendee. Add Emma Steinberg and Cissie Bonini to the members section. Update Janna Cordeiro’s report to indicated correct data for amount of food donated.

	Minutes are approved with the edits noted.	
4. Food Security Funding during COVID 19, Shireen McSpadden (Dept. of Disability and Aging Services)	<p>Shireen McSpadden (Dept. of Disability and Aging Services) provided a presentation on the COVID Command Food Coordination activities, including COVID-19 Food Response Funding. Total funding: \$55.3 million ◦ \$48.4 million City funding + \$6.9 million Give2SF. Details around funded projects and outcomes are provided in the presentation. More funding will be shifted to Great Plates.</p> <p>Additional information on the following program were also provided: Pantries, Great Plates Delivered, Aging and Disability Nutrition Network, Street Food Support, I/Q Food Helpline</p> <p>There was a request for information on race/ethnicity of recipients for each program. Shireen said that she would provide this information.</p> <p>There was another question about whether FEMA reimbursements for food programs would be used for funding food programs. Shireen said the FEMA reimbursements will go to the City budget.</p>	Post presentation to website (www.sfdph.org/foodsecurity)
5. Update on P-EBT and SFUSD Grab and Go Distribution Sites, Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD Student Nutrition Services)	<p>Jennifer Lebarre: Updates regarding Grab and Go Distribution Sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beginning in the week of November 9, Tuesdays and Thursdays will move from morning to an afternoon distribution. - On Tuesdays recipients will receive 5 days' worth of food - Afternoon schedule works better for families involved - On Thanksgiving, 10 days' worth of food will be sent out - More Information regarding these changes are available on the website - P-EBT will be extended to through September 2021 and expanded to CACFP. - Shared links: PEBT Survey: https://corexmstg44xwhrvlsj3.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1z6GKNcxJuHuK69 SFUSD: https://www.sfusd.edu/services/health-wellness/nutrition-school-meals 	
6. CalFresh Update, Jeimil Belamide (Human Service Agency)	<p>Jeimil Belamide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. CalFresh Caseload Volume <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. September 2020 – 62,160 B. September 2019 – 47,438 	

	<p>II. The CalFresh interview requirement for applications and re-certifications is temporarily waived through June 2021. Calfresh applicants and participants that are unable to verify case information or identification will be required to complete the interview requirement for applications and re-certifications.</p> <p>III. Shelter in Place (SIP) Hotel Outreach Effort</p> <p>A. CalFresh eligibility workers have collected approx. 270 CF Apps with a 96% approval rate at various SIP hotels throughout the City.</p> <p>B. Staff are also assisting SIP hotel guests with applications for Medi-Cal and CAAP</p> <p>IV. Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Extension and Second Round</p> <p>A. Extension of 1st round of P-EBT is extended to August and September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benefit cards that have P-EBT benefits for August and September will be sent to households starting in October and will continue through December <p>B. In San Francisco an estimated 43,379 students were eligible and an estimated 37,078 students participated in P-EBT (85.5% reach rate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - www.cdss.ca.gov/pandemic-ebt <p>C. A second round of P-EBT is still in the planning phases at the state level. P-EBT benefits will be issued to students doing distance/virtual learning that receive free and reduced school lunches. Additionally, children that receive childcare at qualifying childcare sites and are eligible for free and reduced meals could also receive P-EBT benefits. California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is still waiting for guidance from USDA and will provide more info at a later date.</p>	
<p>7. COVID Command Feeding Group Update, Thomas McCain, (Covid Command Center)</p>	<p>Thomas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the Isolation/Quarantine Food Program, Meals on Wheels rolled out online referral form instead of sending an email through the city's system - Logistical work on pop up pantries for SF Food Bank located at Taylor and Jones continue to go well - 2 RFPs are in the works. RFO ending 4353 is for as-needed emergency food services for culturally appropriate food for isolation and quarantine. The goal is to get people the food they need while they SIP. Latinx proposals will be released soon. <p>David McCahon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on 2nd iteration of GAPS analysis. The data includes interviews with food security experts in SF. 	<p>Forward Latinx RFP when available.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increasing food insecurity nationally as indicated by the Census Family Pulse survey - HSA Pandemic Survey indicated 29% of clients indicated food support was most immediate - need. This was the second most pressing need just behind employment. - Northwestern Institute for Policy Research has found food insecurity among families has tripled since the start of the pandemic - The HSA Pandemic Survey indicates Latinx, African American or Black, and Pacific Islander’s all demonstrate high levels of food insecurity as compared to White and other Asian clients. - Interviews with food security experts in San Francisco indicate there may be growing needs among families, working poor, and undocumented residents - The interviews have generated several new approaches to expanding food resources in places where individuals already seek out service, or work in lower wage jobs, such as testing sites (in-progress), some hospitality jobs, expanding delivery when possible, bolstering SFUSD capacity <p>Questions: Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank): Are there any population you feel like you’re missing from your research? David: smaller grassroots neighborhood level will be great to add to this research</p> <p>Cissie: when will the research be completed? David: initial draft will be ready by the end of the month.</p>	
<p>8. EatSF and SFPDH: COVID-19 emergency food vouchers, Cissie Bonini (Vouchers 4 Veggies/EatSF)</p>	<p>Cissie Bonini:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EatSF + SFPDH: Covid 19 Emergency Presentation - Vouchers 4 Veggies – Eat SF <p>Emergency COVID-19 Rapid Response: In partnership with the San Francisco Department of Public Health, EatSF was able to leverage an existing network of community based organizations and clinics to swiftly and effectively respond to growing food security needs in San Francisco.</p> <p>Reach: 6000+ households • 4,300 COVID food vouchers • 2,100 fruit and vegetable vouchers • Distributed/mailed 100,000+ food vouchers • Partnered with 157 agencies</p> <p>Questions: What is the redemption rate before Covid? Redemption rate is at 77% - 80% before Covid.</p>	<p>Post presentation to website (www.sfdph.org/foodsecurity)</p>

9. Update on City and community programs	<p>Michelle Kim (DCYF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting is on November 18 at 5pm. There will be a discussion regarding new priority areas. <p>Sarah Chan (DAS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food delivery program renewal be discussed in December <p>Erin Franey (SFDPH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food pharmacy: Pre-Covid there were 10 clinics; now there are 11. - The focus population include HIV-positive individuals, housing insecure, African American population <p>Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None of the vendors serving our area have been selected. Foodbank will not be receiving food from the vendors in the area 	
10. Other Public comment	None.	
11. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:29pm	