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San Francisco Food Security Task Force (FSTF) Minutes

December 2, 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); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Mei Ling Hui (SF Recreation and Park); Rita Mouton Patterson (Hospitality House)

Also present: Lauren Small (La Cocina); Emily Leys; Janna Cordeiro (SF Market); Jason Pruett (ECS); Jessica Davidman (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggie – EatSF); Khadijah Grant (ZSFGH Wellness Program / Food As Medicine Collaborative); Krista McMiller (USF MPH Student & ZSFGH Intern; Sanjana Marpadga (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggie – EatSF); Tammy; Vinny Eng (SF New Deal); Alexa Kielty (SF Environment); Fiona McBride (Covid Food Coordination Group); Mary Johnson (Homeless Prenatal Program); Nikki Pearls (Dine 11); Zetta Reicker (A Better Course); Jessie Wesley, Kallisto Khan, John McCormick (TNDC); Tiffany Tu (DCYF); Jaime Stark (Farming Hope)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
1. Call to order	Anne Quaintance called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm	None
2. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Anne Quaintance (Chair)	Anne welcomed everyone and called member roll. Members of the public introduced themselves in the chat.	None
3. Approval of minutes from November 4, 2020	Chester made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes, Michelle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.	Post approved meeting minutes to the website.
4. Funding opportunity to maximize food donations, Alexa Kielty (SF Environment)	Alexa informed the group about CalRecycle grants focused on supporting the recovery of edible food. The funding can pay for refrigerators, freezers, transportation, storage, collection, cooking, equipment to modernize, etc. There is \$180K that they need to get out ASAP. She’s available to setup a call with anyone interested. Her email is: alexa.kielty@sfgov.org	None

<p>5. COVID Command Feeding Group Update, Thomas McCain, (Covid Command Center)</p>	<p>Fiona McBride provided the update for the Covid Command Food Coordination Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Latinx RFP; \$4.4 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Held pre-proposal conference yesterday b. Supports grocery distribution to the Latinx community through delivery and community site pick-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Way to support Latinx community, who have disproportionately borne the health and economic effects of COVID c. Latinx cultural and linguistic competency will be heavily weighted in the scoring process d. Grant will last for at least a year, and may be extended to 2 years e. Deadline to submit is December 18; Awards will be made in January f. Any questions can be directed towards Galen Leung: galen.leung@sfgov.org II. IQ Helpline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Team at Meals on Wheels has been observing the surge and responding well; double the amount of daily referrals between October and November b. They did a great job handling food needs coming through the helpline over the holiday last week c. SROs continue to be one of the toughest delivery models; we are excited to be establishing as needed contracts soon with vendors who can better meet the needs of clients in SROs III. Food Bank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Stonestown Drive-thru closing December 22 b. Plans in place to transfer people to Oracle Drive-thru IV. Encampment Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Housing & Homelessness Team in the Human Services Division at CCC have reported that there is a large encampment of 40 to 60 people at Showplace Square in the Design District b. Looking into funding a way to get food to people so they don't have to congregate at existing free food resources V. Tension in Food Lines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Two community partners have reported tension and harassment in their food lines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Southeast Asian Development Center ii. Mission Food Hub b. We are exploring ways to respond to this, and may partner with the city's Community Ambassadors Program 	<p>None</p>
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<p>6. CalFresh Update, Jeimil Belamide (Human Service Agency)</p>	<p>Jeimil Belamide provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. <u>CalFresh Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Caseload Volume <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. October 2020 – 60,170 2. October 2019 – 48,012 B. CalFresh Emergency supplements approved for December 2020 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CF households will receive up to the maximum benefit amount for their household size 2. Supplements will be issued to EBT cards in mid Jan 2021 C. Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) cards continue to be mailed out <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community members that have questions about their P-EBT card should call the state hotline: (877) 328-9677 2. Visit https://www.cdss.ca.gov/home/pandemic-ebt for more details D. Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) waiver <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CDSS received approval from USDA/FNS to extend this waiver through September 2026 2. Under the waiver CF households where all members are elderly or disabled with no earned income will receive a 36 month certification period 3. Standard certification periods are either 12 or 24 months. E. EBT Online Purchasing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CalFresh participants can order groceries online and pick-up at one of these Safeway locations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1335 WEBSTER SAN FRANCISCO CA 94115 - 2300 16TH ST SAN FRANCISCO CA 94103 - 2020 MARKET SAN FRANCISCO CA 94114 - 850 LA PLAYA SAN FRANCISCO CA 94121 2. Home delivery from Safeway may be available in the summer of 2021. 3. Home delivery is currently available only through Amazon and Walmart 4. Visit https://www.sfhsa.org/services/health-food/calfresh or https://www.cdss.ca.gov/ebt-online for more information and material 	<p>None</p>
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	<p>F. San Francisco Human Services Agency (SFHSA) Benefits 101 Webinar Dec 15 @ 2pm</p> <p>1. SFHSA will host a webinar on the many services that are available to community members. CBOs are invited! Register here... https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sfhsa-benefits-101-helping-community-providers-connect-people-to-services-tickets-130067867493?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing</p>	
<p>7. Update SFUSD, Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD Student Nutrition Services)</p>	<p>Jennifer provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting on Thursday, SFUSD will reopen to serve all children in San Francisco. An updated schedule of meal locations/times is available at: https://www.sfusd.edu/services/health-wellness/nutrition-school-meals. They are expecting to provide door to door service for families needing it using Soda Tax funds. SFUSD and partners are advocating at the state and local level for a Universal Meal Program during a legislative action conference in February. New York City and Boston have both implemented Provision 2 and the City has made up the difference in cost. 	<p>None</p>
<p>8. SDDTAC Update, Michelle Kim (Dept of Children, Youth and Their Families)</p>	<p>Michelle provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a new youth seat on the SDDTAC. The committee is trying to have the Mayor’s Office representative provide clarification for the FY 20-21 budget using SDDT funds. Recreation and Parks recently presented to the committee. The Committee has started conversations regarding FY 21-22 and FY 22-23 including new priority areas of mental health and violence prevention. The next meeting is Wednesday December 16th. There was a question regarding whether the Committee still would like a presentation on food security. Michelle will find out. 	<p>Michelle will find out whether the SDDTAC would like a presentation on food security.</p>
<p>9. Food Security Task Force work plan, Anne Quaintance and Paula Jones</p>	<p>Paula and Anne reviewed the Strategic Plan priorities: 1. Sustainability (human and financial), 2. Shared Measurement, 3. Adequate Community Resources, 4. Information and Referrals.</p> <p>The following are points made during the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During Covid-19, there has been a change in frame, there wasn’t a need to fight for support 	<p>As stated.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency response echoed the priorities in the Strategic Plan. However, something missions is: Burn out from folks involved, and equity issues • Acknowledgement that we now see ourselves as essential services • Need to bring in people are food insecure to meetings – there needs to be a strategy to do this. • We need to prioritize working with the Office of Racial Equity • Covid has highlighted a number of gaps (for example: delivery of groceries, and quality/cultural appropriateness of food). We need to build these into our work plan. • How can we elevate employees doing the work? Many are women and the majority are people of color. How do we value them and continue to see them as essential workers? • Need to add the priority of Equity and Inclusion. <p>Next steps: Determine what has happened for each priority area during Covid-19? • What is needed now? • What does the FSTF want to move forward?</p>	
10. FSTF Chair, Anne Quaintance	<p>Anne let the group know that she is resigning as the Chair today. Anne will remain a member of the Food Security Task Force. Paula will Chair the January meeting, and members wishing to be Chair should let Paula know. The task force will vote on a new Chair in January.</p>	<p>As stated.</p>
11. Update on City and Community Programs	<p>Meg (SF Marin Food Bank) let the group know that the Food Bank will be closing down the Stonestown pantry. The last day will be December 22. This pantry was designed to accommodate Farmer to Family boxes. They are enrolling everyone into other pantries. They are also expanding the Pantry at Home program. They have seen increases in pantry attendance at Bayview Opera House, Cornerstone, MLK and Besie Carmichael.</p> <p>Chester (Community Living Campaign) informed the group of the upcoming Feeding 5000 event at Cow Palace hosted by the SF African American Faith Based Coalition and their partners. Janna said that a vendor at the SF Market will provide 5000 boxes.</p> <p>Janna (SF Market) let the group know that she is working with 35 community groups through funding from Crankstart. She’s concerned about a cliff – the holidays, unemployment running out, surge in Covid-19 cases, and philanthropy funds running out.</p> <p>Khadijah (ZSFG Wellness Center) let the group know that they will be hosting a virtual event “Holidays on a Budget” with Chef Catherine.</p>	
11. Other Public comment	<p>None.</p>	

11. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm	