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San Francisco Food Security Task Force (FSTF) Minutes

September 2, 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); Geoffrey Grier (SFRT)

Also present: John McCormick (TNDC); Roberto Hernandez (Mission Food Hub); Jalal Albasi; Cissie Bonini (EatSF/UCSF); Jamie Stark (Farming Hope); Hala Hijazi (Human Rights Commission/SF Interfaith Council); Kallisto Khan; Tiffany Kearney (DAS); Lenore Estrada (SF New Deal); Erin Franey (SFDPH); Jessica Davidman (UCSF/EatSF); Emma Steinberg (Kaiser Permanente); Julia Middleton, Lauren Small, S. Fong, Francis Baltazar, H. Calhoun, Tiff Ting, Tammy, Krista McMiller, Sana Ahmad, Tuyen Tran, Tiffany Tu (DCYF), Amie Latterman, Vinny Eng, Lauren Heuman (SFUSD)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
1. Call to order	Anne Quaintance called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm	None
2. Welcome, member roll call, introductions	Anne welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.	
3. Approval of minutes from August 5, 2020	Edit: Jessica Davidman and Tiffany Tu were not listed in the previous meetings minutes. Chester Williams made a motion to approve the minutes, Jennifer LeBarre seconded the motion. The motion was approved.	Update minutes for August 5, 2020 meeting.
4. WIC COVID Initiatives	Priti Rane presented and reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency Food Vouchers (EatSF) were distributed through the WIC clinics valued from \$80 – \$280 per household that are redeemable for all food items except for alcohol and sugary beverages• There is ongoing work with partnership with Black Infant Health (BIH) to address difficulties with public transportation due to Covid; and with Lyft for transportation to and from grocery store• Vouchers may be distributed at the farmer’s market – Heart of the City Famer’s Market, Alemany Farmer’s Market. Noted that delivery and pick up of food was a significant safety concern.	Post presentation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What’s in the box? – mostly vegetables and fruits. The focus was to distribute highly nutritional items. • Goals of Produce Box Delivery Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gain an idea of how the boxes are received. Do people like it? Is it a good idea? Does it help? Survey was sent out to 500 families last July via text - Assess if we are going in the right direction • Preliminary Results of survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indicated that families appreciate that they did not have to go out to get supplies - 41% indicated that they are extremely satisfied with the variety of products - Would you choose to delivery box again? 99% said yes • Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Innovative - One of the first in the state - Market match dollars were made available totaling to \$56/box - Served 1500 families in the first round - \$84,000 funded through federal and local revenue distributed <p>Lessons Learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could not deliver more than 150 boxes to maintain quality of produce - Parking and pick up needs further planning to address traffic and safety concerns - Concern for the quality if the produce sits in the heat for too long. Food deteriorates rapidly in the heat and in the box <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2nd round of participant satisfactions survey to include questions on impact of COVID-19 on food security - Qualitative surveys of some families - Discussions regarding feasibility and sustainability <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Rita – is there a method to get feedback from clients? Priti – surveys are one of the tools we currently use to get feedback Anne – cost-benefit between the vouchers and the box? Priti – giving families options and flexibility expands the help</p>	
5. City budget update	Meg Davidson reported:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget for City and County of SF for 2020-2021 is \$13.7B. The following fiscal year is \$12.6B - General fund lost a bit of revenue - Mayor and the board of supervisors are trying to commit to the values they have in providing assistance to vulnerable population - There is \$20,000 fund for Workforce Gardening Program, Food Equity, Environmental Justice - DAS program will continue to provide food security for underserved communities - Workforce development and youth engagement are part of the budget which is usually a good indication for us - A bill that will establish food benefit for undocumented California residents has passed - SF will open up a pop-up pantry every Monday from 9 -1 at the UN Plaza <p>Additional information and references: https://sfmayor.org/sites/default/files/CSF_Proposed_Budget_Book_July_2020_LR_Web_REV2.pdf https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/BOS_Spending_Plan_Draft_V4_8-27-20_140am_FINAL_COMMITTEE_APPROVED_FILE_v1.pdf</p> <p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roberto Hernandez mentioned that there is not enough outreach to the Latino Community and it doesn't look like input from the community is reflected on the City's budget. 	
<p>6. Update from COVID Command Feeding Group</p>	<p>Cissie Bonini (EatSF/UCSF) reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work continues with IQ feeding and assisting organizations in their ability to maintain services given poor air quality by distributing PPE, and they will continue this month but may decrease that by next month. - On behalf of the major food providers, maintaining volunteers has been a challenge. They are also working on holiday planning. 	
<p>7. Communications for Food Security Task Force recommendations</p>	<p>Anne Quaintance reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We should have a new budget by October 1. Hopefully there is more significant funding for Food Security. Current funding is used efficiently and effectively and should go out to the most vulnerable. - Dean Preston's office has a request to meet with FSTF. 	

<p>8. CalFresh Update</p>	<p>Jeimil Belamide reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emergency allotment is authorized for September. Households will receive it sometime in November - Calfresh allotment will increase on Oct 1 as the household size increases - - Caseload is currently around 60,000 <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anne asked Jeimil if he would you recommend writing a letter to Kim Johnson on behalf of the Task Force. Jeimil responded that something from the group should be helpful. <p>Jennifer Lebarre made a motion to write a letter to advocate extension of waiver, Chester Williams seconded the motion. Jeimil Belamide abstained. Motion passed.</p>	<p>Write a letter to advocate for extension of waiver.</p>
<p>9. Update on City and community programs</p>	<p>Jennifer Lebarre reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - According to the USDA secretary, waivers are extended through Dec 31 - Free meals service to SFUSD families and next population to be served are community children - Developing plan for in-person learning - TNDC is starting next week with meal service - Meal charges are not retroactive - Food is limited to children 18 years and younger <p>Michelle Kim (DCYF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September 16 is Sugary Drinks Tax Update Meeting - DCYF update – providing distance learning for vulnerable population. <p>Sarah Chan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nutrition grant has been extended through December - Nutrition Grant Renewal will be discussed in the commission in November <p>Raegan Sales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a pilot program to give families access to meal pickup sites in their neighborhood - Will look into how to make these programs sustainable - October Event – “City Kids” - Children’s Council of SF 	

<p>10. Food Security Task Force election schedulex/</p>	<p>Anne Quaintance reminded the group that October is when we elect a new Chair and Vice Chair. Anne encouraged members to step up for the opportunity.</p> <p>Michelle Kim mentioned that there is a concern for when a city department employee is chairing; there may be reservations regarding that.</p>	
<p>11. Other Public comment</p>	<p>Announcements:</p> <p>Roberto Hernandez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you have any Latino clients, please invite them to Carnaval this Saturday, September 5 and Sunday, September 6 at John O’Connel High School from noon – 5pm. There will be a Health Fair with different healthcare providers and an Education Fair. Covid-19 testing will be available during the event. Job Fair will also be available. Bilingual help will be available. <p>John McCormick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There has been a loss of funding for SFUSD meal sites that resulted to a monthly average loss of 8,000 meals at the Tenderloin - Some of the funding has been restored - Testimonials will continue to be collected about how folks are impacted by the loss of funding for the federally funded meal sites - John McCormick welcomes more of testimonials regarding meal loss and will continue to collect them 	
<p>12. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:22pm</p>	