

## APPROVED

### San Francisco Food Security Task Force (FSTF) Minutes

December 1, 2021

**Members present:** Ave Lambert; Paula Jones (DPH Food Security); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre); Cissie Bonini (EatSF/UCSF); Kim Madsen (Project Open Hand); Tiffany Kearney (DAS); Priti Rane (DPH-MCAH); Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank); Michelle Kim (DCYF); Raegan Sales (Children’s Council); Mei Ling Hui (SF Recreation and Parks); Jeimil Belamide (Human Service Agency/CalFresh); Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD)

**Also present:** Lea Troeh (EatSF/UCSF); Michael Pon (EatSF/UCSF); John McCormick (TNDC); Cindy Lin (HSA/Food Coordination Group); Veronica Shepard (SFDPH); Tommy McClain (HSA/Food Coordination Group); Anthony Khalil—Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates (Bayview Community Co-op); Maya Bonner (Bayview-Hunters Point Community Advocates); Guillermo Reece (SF African American Faith Based Coalition); Rebecca Barajas (TNDC); Carolyn Lasar (SF Market); Emily Leys; Sara Draper (SF Market); Kathleen da Silva; Cathy Huang (HSA/Covid Food Coordination Group); Alex Maykowski; Jason Pruett (ECS); Meredith Terrell (Meals on Wheels SF); Will Goodness (On Lok); Tammy Wong; Lina Sheth (API Coalition)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
1. Call to order	Cissie called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm	None
2. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Cissie Bonini (Chair)	Cissie welcomed everyone and called member roll. Members of the public introduced themselves in the chat.	None
3. Approval of minutes from November 3, 2021	One change was noted – the email for Deanna Sverdlov from the SF Marin Food Bank was wrong. With this change, Raegan Sales made a motion to approve the minutes, Tiffany Kearny seconded the motion. The motion passed.	Post approved meeting minutes.
4. General Public Comment	None	None
5. HSA Food Coordination Group update	Cindy Lin provided an update for the Food Coordination Unit. In December, they are rolling out pilot meals for families with children under 5 working with SF New Deal and Yu Yee Head Start on Kirkwood. Through the pilot, they will integrate feedback and roll out others programs. On Monday, December 13 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm, they will be working with the Food Security Task Force to host a special meeting on Food Empowerment Markets in order to get input on the development of this program. The first Food Empowerment Market will be in D10.	Post presentation to the website.

	<p>Meg Davidson asked is there are other ways to provide input other than the meeting. Cindy said that they can email her or Tommy McClain (<a href="mailto:cindy.lin@sfgov.org">cindy.lin@sfgov.org</a> and <a href="mailto:Thomas.mcclain@sfgov.org">Thomas.mcclain@sfgov.org</a>)</p>	
<p><b>6. Presentation on API Council Food Justice Report</b></p>	<p>Lina Sheth with the API Coalition presented on the Food Justice study conducted by Intention 2 Impact funded by the Stupski Foundation. The API Coalition is a city-wide coalition of 55 members. They work on broad impact issue such as housing and focus on policy and system change. For the project, they formed a smaller group and focused on the needs of 8 smaller districts with large API communities. The API Coalition received funding for the project, then Covid 19 happened. This resulted in a racial justice reckoning and API communities experience vicious hate crimes. To fully understand the scope of the assets and barriers related to food security within API communities in San Francisco, we conducted a participatory, mixed methods needs and opportunity landscape analysis.</p> <p>GUIDING QUESTIONS 1. What are community assets and leverage points related to food security? 2. What are barriers to accessing and utilizing these levers? 3. How does awareness of these levers, assets, and barriers tangibly inform community-led transformation within these neighborhoods?</p> <p>Raegan Sales asked what is the next steps and whether there are already hyperlocal solutions they can build on. Lina said that they don't know yet. They're looking at how to leverage the work on the ground. It will take capacity building. They will be looking at national building models too.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini asked if they have suggestions on how to make the API population more visible. Lina said that it's all in the research design. The most vulnerable are limited English speakers. They distributed their survey in 10 languages partnered with CBOs to administer the surveys.</p> <p>Paula Jones asked what it will take to keep the API Coalition playing this pivotal role?</p> <p>Anthony Khalil chatted: superb presentation, appreciate all the insights shared. Can you speak more on the concept of Food Assets and their distribution patterns/causation? Lina said that there is a parallel food system of low cost culturally appropriate food. Lina's email is: <a href="mailto:linasheth9@gmail.com">linasheth9@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Post presentation to website</p>

<p><b>7. FSTF Recommendations – survey results and next steps</b></p>	<p>Cissie Bonini reviewed the process to develop the FSTF recommendations, and presented part of the results from the survey.</p> <p>Process: • FSTF Survey conducted in November. Preliminary Survey Results focusing on resources, barriers, opportunities, and input on how to promote equity and address systemic racism will be presented for input at the December FSTF meeting. We will then add info on recommendations from presentations &amp; public comment during task force meetings in 2021. We will then present for final input and feedback during the January task force meeting. We will then work on graphic design &amp; then disseminate in January. We will set up meetings with City Departments ideally in January. For these meetings we will prepare slides. We will then meet with Major's office and Board of Supervisors. Our slides will be revised for these meetings.</p> <p>The outline for the recommendations will be: • Intro • Current landscape (include relevant data) • Re-thinking Food Security • Equity • Pathways to food sovereignty • Community led/community input - need to improve and fund • Address food security as a broader perspective (cost of living, housing, employment, health care, child care, income, etc.) • Adequate community resources, including new programing/innovations • Barriers • Recommendations • Local • State • Federal</p> <p>Raegan Sales added that household level service is a priority. Jennifer asked if there is advocacy such as waivers from the federal government.</p> <p>Lina added: One thing we found was delivery or access were stigmatized through lack of dignity for individuals as a barrier. Another barrier is fear of accessing public services due to immigration status. You see that with very low enrollment into CalFresh for some API communities. Opportunities - small grocers of ethnic groceries - what is the innovative role they play?</p> <p>Carolyn Lasar added for opportunities: Anything about mapping resources, locations, etc</p> <p>Lina Sheth added: Equity - 1. Leadership and community capacity building 2. Language access - how does this this get integrated into planning, design and evaluation and delivery levels</p> <p>Jennifer Lebarre added: Training around technology and how to access food systems</p>	<p>Post presentation to the website</p>
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	<p>Add land allocation (lack access to land as a barrier). Land allocation as an opportunity.</p> <p>Priti Rane added that we should point out the role of the pandemic in inequities – requires longer timeline and length for recovery.</p> <p>Tiffany Kearny added the need to invest in long term change.</p> <p>Geoffrey added – what are the linkages with the Office of Racial Equity?</p> <p>Volunteers to work on the recommendation: Meg Davidson, Tiffany Kearny, Raegan Sales (for proofreading), Paula Jones and Cissie Bonini. Members of the public are welcome to assist. Reach out to Paula Jones if you’re interested (paula.jones@sfdph.org).</p>	
<b>10. Food Security Task Force member updates</b>	<p>Tiffany Kearny from Department of Disability and Aging Services is conducting their needs assessment. For more information, the following is a link to the project:  <a href="https://www.sfhsa.org/about/departments/departments-disability-and-aging-services-das/help-improve-our-services-older">https://www.sfhsa.org/about/departments/departments-disability-and-aging-services-das/help-improve-our-services-older</a></p> <p>Paula Jones announced that the January FSTF meeting will be on January 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.</p> <p>Jeimil Belamide said that the November CalFresh benefits will be loaded on December 11 and 12) They’re waiting for notification for CalFresh extension of their administrative waivers.</p> <p>Jennifer LeBarre - Free Grab and Go Meals are available for children during Winter Break in San Francisco. Open on Tuesday, December 21st from 2-4pm. On this day only, pick up 10 days worth of Breakfasts and Lunches, including fruit, vegetables and milk. A link to more information is: <a href="https://www.sfusd.edu/announcements/2021-12-02-free-grab-and-go-meals-during-winter-break">https://www.sfusd.edu/announcements/2021-12-02-free-grab-and-go-meals-during-winter-break</a></p>	None
<b>11. Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm	