

APPROVED

San Francisco Food Security Task Force (FSTF) Minutes

November 3, 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); Emily Cohen (HSH); Priti Rane (DPH-MCAH); Rita Mouton-Patterson (Hospitality House); Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Michelle Kim (DCYF); Raegan Sales (Children’s Council); Mei Ling Hui (SF Recreation and Parks); Jeimil Belamide (Human Service Agency/CalFresh)

Also present: Lea Troeh (EatSF/UCSF); Michael Pon (EatSF/UCSF); John McCormick (TNDC); Lauren Small (Leah’s Pantry); Cindy Lin (HSA/Food Coordination Group); Janna Cordeiro (Food as Medicine Collaborative); 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); Fiona McBride (HSA/Food Coordination Group); Rebecca Barajas (TNDC); Anthony MacCaulay (Meals on Wheels SF); Carolyn Lasar (SF Market); Susie Smith (HSA); Emily Leys; Janis Kim; Sara Draper (SF Market); Kathleen; Cathy Huang (HSA/Covid Food Coordination Group); Emily Pope (Conard House); Peri Weisberg (Human Service Agency); Sean Brooks (SF Marin Food Bank); Deanna Sverdlov (SF Marin Food Bank)

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 October 6, 2021	Chester Williams made a motion to approve the minutes, Ave Lambert seconded the motion. Raegan Sales and Jeimil Belamide abstained. The motion passed.	Post approved meeting minutes.
4. General Public Comment	None	None
5. SF Marin Food Bank survey results, Deanna Sverdlov, SF Marin Food Bank	Deanna Sverdlov, Strategy and Analytics Manager for the SF Marin Food Bank (SFMFB) presented their 2021 Survey and Demographics Collection Summary. She provided an overview of the process and methodology of the survey, and then summarized the survey related to demographics, satisfaction with food and services, COVID-related questions, food insecurity,	Post presentation to the website.

and the case of households with children, and with single parents. For next, they will continue participant demographic data collection, work to get more insights using Alteryx software, and digging more into the data and stories.

Acronyms used in the presentation:

PES = Pantry Enrollment System. This is a subset of our Open to the Public pantries citywide who have agreed to use our enrollment system and process

SOGI - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

PUP = Pop-Up Pantries (COVID response)

PAH = Pantry at Home (COVID response)

H1st SH = Supportive Housing

Paula Jones thanked Deanna for the presentation asking if based on high levels of people running out of food or money for food, do they know if their clients are accessing other programs? Deanna said that they will be looking more closely at the data.

Anne Quaintance asked how they will be using the data. Deanna said that they're looking at which groups are underserved based on needs.

Priti Rane said that over 1,000 of SFDPH Maternal Child and Adolescent Health's (MCAH) clients are enrolled in pantry at home. MCAH is enrolling them.

In response to a question regarding SFMFB's plan to work in collaboration with BIPOC organizations, Deanna said that this is a priority and they're working on a plan.

Meg Davidson provided her email and said that anyone can reach out directly (mdavidson@sfmfoodbank.org) and she's happy to chat with you.

For questions about the survey, please contact Deanna Sverdlov (dsverdlov@sfmfoodbank.org).

Public Comment:

- Looking through a "collective impact lens" what is the plan for SFMFB to work in collaboration with other partners especially those orgs dealing with our B/AA, Latinx, P.I. and Native American populations?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the Food as Medicine Collaborative, we enrolled many patients in the pantry at home program as well, many who are Black/AA seniors. But there's a lot more to do. • How does the SFMFB intend to reverse the overrepresentation(inequitable access) and outcomes of under service through this data collection that reenforces the need. • What kind of resources (staff/time/\$) does it take to do such comprehensive surveying? how many on the team? I'm asking because many much smaller groups with fewer resources are being asked to survey/collect data so it's important to understand the resources that are needed. 	
<p>6. Food Security in Conard House Supportive Housing and discussion on food security and housing, Anne Quaintance, Conard House</p>	<p>Anne Quaintance introduced Emily Pope from Conard House who presented Food Security in Conard House Supportive Housing - Community Needs Assessment and Recommendations. Emily shared a background on Conard House, the assessment methods, and the recommendations.</p> <p>Their resident survey found that 66% of respondents report they do not have enough money to buy food each month. A summary of what's not working: economic resources are too few to maintain food security; barriers to obtaining food outside the home; available food resources do not always meet residents' cultural and dietary/nutrition needs; barriers to preparing food in the home.</p> <p>Anne added that Conard House demographics are: 37% White, 26% African-American/Black, 26% Asian/API, 5% Multiracial, 6% Other, 10% under age 40, 50% ages 40-59, 40% ages 60-84</p> <p>Emily shared recommendations including: Increase funds to purchase food (CalFresh and EatSF); Provide groceries, pantry goods, prepared meals on site in SH community space such as a vending machine-style, and refrigerated storage units; Increase funding for collaborative food security-housing partnerships; Allow purchase of delivered meals and groceries with CalFresh funds (continuation of policy begun during pandemic); Provide minimum standard meal prep & storage equipment for all SH residents • Heating element (such as induction cooktop) • Refrigeration source • Sink • Items for cooking and eating (pans, utensils) • Shelving with sealed bins or closed cupboard spaces (for temperature control and pest prevention): Offer food resources for varied skills/abilities (no prep, some prep, independent prep); Offer knowledge and skills development for meal prep and nutrition education; Offer culture- and diet-specific prepared meal and grocery/pantry options</p>	<p>Post presentation to website</p>

	<p>Anne added that they found a perfect kiosk/fridge with access/tracking software for \$4,600 and she's looking for funding.</p> <p>In response to the comment about the SF law recently passed that would limit the percentage of residents' income going for rent, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing has implemented it, and the Department of Public Health hasn't moved forward yet.</p> <p>Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For economic access— didn't SF recently pass a law that would limit the portion of folks income living in supportive housing that would be for rent? something like no more than 30% of their fixed income (Emily said rent was over \$600 and average SS income is \$950ish). When does this go into effect? • Really great insights, Emily -- thank you! • Wanted to share this report from the CA Department of Agriculture on its recommendations around equity in farming: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/farmerresources/pdfs/2020FarmerEquityReport.pdf 	
<p>7. Covid Food Coordination Group update, Cindy Lin, HSA</p>	<p>Cindy Lin provided an update on their portfolio of grants from the three RFPs issued. Two efforts are targeting specific populations - Families with young children and SRO residents. There are also grants supporting groceries and vouchers. The total combined grant amount is \$12.85M.</p> <p>Paula let the group know that there will be a Special Meeting of the Food Security Task Force in partnership with the HSA Food Coordination Group regarding Food Empowerment Markets. Please hold Monday, December 13th from 2-4 pm for this meeting.</p> <p>Meg asked that the HSA Food Coordination Group provide some information in advance of this meeting. Cindy said that they will try to send some background research from the 10 program models that they interviewed.</p>	<p>Post presentation to the website</p>
<p>8. Membership Nominations</p>	<p>Task force members voted on the two membership application received from Guillermo Reece and Meredith Terrell. Both spoke about why they wanted to be a member of the task force.</p> <p>Task force members nominated both to be members. The nominations will be forwarded to the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors.</p>	<p>As noted.</p>

9. Preliminary input on food security survey, Cissie Bonini, EatSF/Vouchers 4 Veggies	<p>Cissie Bonini shared the status of the survey, the process and timeline to complete the recommendations and meet with city departments and members of the Board of Supervisors. Cissie will present a summary of the survey results in December, and the task force will finalize the recommendations in early January.</p>	None.
10. Food Security Task Force member updates	<p>Paula Jones let the group know that the January meeting will need to be rescheduled due to a conflict. She asked if everyone would check their calendar to see if January 12th (Wednesday) from 1:30 – 3:30 pm is available. Raegan Sales said that Shape Up may be holding their meeting on that day and she would let her know.</p> <p>Jeimil Belamide provided the following CalFresh Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CalFresh caseload: September 2021 – 64,721 Households, 90,742 individuals 2. The CalFresh Administrative Waiver that allows counties to waive the interview requirement of CalFresh applications and recertification is set to expire on 12/31/2021. CDSS is currently gathering feedback from counties and will provide further instructions and detail. 3. The CalFresh Emergency Allotment gives extra CalFresh benefits to a household up to the maximum CalFresh benefit amount for their household size, it was approved for October and will be available on EBT cards around 11/14/2021. 4. P-EBT <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. USDA has authorized P-EBT 3.0 for 21-22 school year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDSS is drafting a plan for approval b. P-EBT 2.0 benefits continue to be sent to eligible individuals for the school months of Feb – May 2021. 	None
11. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm	