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

May 5, 2021

**Members present:** Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank); Ave Lambert; Raegan Sales (Children’s Council); Paula Jones (DPH Food Security); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre); Cissie Bonini (EatSF/UCSF); Emma Steinberg (Kaiser Permanente; Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Mei Ling Hui (Rec & Park); Kim Madsen (Project Open Hand); Jeimil Belamide (HSA/CalFresh); Tiffany Kearney (DAS); Michelle Kim (DCYF); Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD)

**Also present:** Janna Cordeiro (SF Market); Lea Troeh (EatSF/UCSF); Jalal Alabsi (TNDC); Meredith Terrell (Meals on Wheels SF); Rebecca Barajas; Tiffany Tu (DCYF), Michael Pon (UCSF), Veronica Shepard (SFDPH; Marchon Tatmon (SF Marin Food Bank); Amy Beinart (Supervisor Ronen’s office); Jennifer Tong; Emily Leys; John McCormick (TNDC); Kallisto Khan (TNDC); Tommy McClain (HSA/Covid Food Group); Jaime Stark (Farming Hope); Adelle Kanan; Cindy Lin (HSA/Covid Food Group); Kathleen da Silva; Lauren Small (Leah’s Pantry); Sarah Chan (DAS); Vinny Eng (SF New Deal); James Iannuzzi; Jason Pruett (ECS); Kelsey Long (UCSF); Eric Smith; Whitney Francis (SFDPH)

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 April 7, 2021	Ave made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes, Meg seconded the motion. The motion was approved.	Post approved meeting minutes to the website.
4. General Public Comment	There was no general public comment.	None
5. Update from Supervisor Ronen’s office	Amy Beinart let the group know that Supervisor Ronen’s office will be introducing an ordinance to reauthorize the Food Security Task Force in the next few weeks. Supervisors Chan and Safai will be co-sponsoring. Supervisor Ronen	None

	called a hearing on food security before the Budget and Appropriations committee for May 19 <sup>th</sup> . The Food Security Task Force has been asked to present the 2021 Recommendations. Their goal is to inform the city budget process.	
<b>6. Food Security Task Force Reauthorization</b>	<p>Paula showed the group the current membership seats for the task force, reviewed the recommendations from multiple meetings, and showed a proposal for the membership seats through the reauthorization process. In summary, the proposal was: Have odd number of seats • Add Office of Racial Equity • Remove 1 DPH seat so that DPH has only 1 seat • Add more dedicated seats for members of the public / experience of food insecurity.</p> <p>Task force members comments include: increase the connection with high school students and other communities especially seniors; be more intentional and specific with membership seats; include impacted communities (look at the example of the Mental Health Board); need to follow up on providing stipends and whether it would be counted as earned income; may need to add more seats rather than removing one of the DPH seats; in agreement generally with the proposal; need to stagger seats since there is a learning curve for new members; some member positions may need to be different terms; 2 year terms is not very long – agree with longer terms and staggering-the process and length to be approved as a member takes many months; advocate for no time limit to membership seats; agreement that there is a steep learning curve and appreciates the discussion about payment for some members to participate-are there other models?; need to make sure that the right people are representing the community and that certain voices are kept on.</p> <p>Public comment: An option could be added to renew membership</p>	Post presentation to website
<b>7. Legislative Update</b>	Meg Davidson and Marchon Tatmon (SF Marin Food Bank) presented the SFMFB’s state legislative priorities including their organizations priorities, and the bills they are supporting.	Post slides to the website.
<b>8. Update on Supervisor visits</b>	Task force members provided the following feedback from the visits. Emma said that Sup. Preston had a desire to support neighborhood based interventions. He had questions regarding the plan for school meals. Supervisor Stefani’s office was very supportive and mentioned a pilot for transportation. Raegan said that all of the supervisors were supportive of the efforts, and all supported central coordination and shared data. Meg said that many of the supervisors had come out to volunteer at pantries. Supervisors were supportive of the data presented.	None.
<b>9. Update on city budget process</b>	On June 1, Mayor Breed will release her budget for FY 21-22 and 22-23.	None
<b>10. Covid Food Coordination update</b>	Cindy Lin introduced herself as the new Covid Food Coordination Manager. Tommy McClain updated that an RFP is open until May 13 focusing on “flexible food support” for D10, D11, and Treasure Island. SF New Deal and Savor are serving 14 Shelter in Place hotels. For the IQ Food Help Line, they are in contract with Meals on Wheels.	None
<b>11. Food Security Task</b>	Jeimil Belamide provided the following update for CalFresh: <b><u>SFHSA CalFresh Updates</u></b> I. CalFresh Volume by household	None

<p><b>Force member updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. March 2021 – 63,345</li> <li>b. Feb 2021- 62,721</li> <li>c. March 2020 – 51,240</li> </ul> <p>II. Outreach Efforts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. SFHSA CalFresh, in partnership with 211 San Diego, will restart an outbound call campaign to SSI recipients living in San Francisco. 211 San Diego will call SSI recipients that are not yet on CalFresh and assist them in submitting CalFresh applications to the SFHSA.</li> <li>b. SFHSA CalFresh continues its partnership with the SF Marin Food Bank. Efforts to educate CBOs in assisting CalFresh applicants and recipients in setting up their very own MyBenefitsCalWin account, CalFresh online portal, are underway. The online portal will allow applicants and participants to submit applications, forms, and documents using a computer or mobile device.</li> </ul> <p>III. CalFresh Rules and Regulation Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Emergency Allotment supplemental benefit was approved for May 2021. The supplemental benefit will give CalFresh households the maximum Calfresh amount according to their household size. CalFresh households will see this supplemental amount on their EBT cards around June 13<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>b. California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has received an extension to waive ABAWD (Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents) rules. The waiver will be in effect through June 30, 2022.</li> <li>c. Implementation of Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) 2.0, which will provide food benefits to certain students and childcare aged children is still awaiting approval. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the California Department of Education (CDE) continue to work on submitting an implementation plan to USDA-FNS.</li> </ul> <p>Raegan Sales let the group know that Children’s Council hosted a CACFP Webinar Forum. Paula Jones was a panelist.</p> <p>Michelle Kim said that on June 14<sup>th</sup> they will provide the meals in the Summer Together Initiative. She also let the group know that she and Marna Armstead (Sister Web) are the new chairs for the Committee.</p> <p>Jennifer LeBarre let the group know that they have been providing free meals for in-person and participation has increased. They have continued Grab and Go at 10 locations and on June 14<sup>th</sup> they will have elementary based Grab and Go. They have also reopened the Gordon Lau site, and are still partnering with 2 CBOs for meal distribution sites (TNDC and Treasure Island). They are also continuing door to door service for 300 students. They are also engaged in federal advocacy regarding free school meals for all.</p>	
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	Meg let the group know that the SF Marin Food Bank has a new Executive Director, Tanis Crosby. They also launched a new capital campaign.	
<b>12. Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm	

