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

February 3, 2021

**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); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre); Cissie Bonini (EatSF/UCSF); Emma Steinberg (Kaiser Permanente); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Jeimil Belamide (CalFresh); Kim Madsen (Project Open Hand); Rita Mouton-Patterson (Hospitality House)

**Also present:** Jessica Davidman (UCSF); Kallisto Khan (TNDC); Tiffany Kearny (DAS); Jordan Davis; Krista Miller; Lauren Small (La Cocina); Janna Cordeiro (SF Market); John McCormick (TNDC); Sana Ahmed; Jason Pruett (ECS); Julia Middleton (Children’s Council); Carmen Chan; Jessica Arrango; Sophie Shen; Holly Calhoun; Katie Ettman (SPUR); Cheryl Shanks (TNDC); Sanjana Marpadga (EatSF); Khadijah Grant (ZSFGH Wellness Program / Food As Medicine Collaborative); Tammy; Jaime Stark (Farming Hope); Erin Franey (SFDPH/Food as Medicine Collaborative); Lea Troeh (EatSF); Veronica Shepard (SFDPH)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
<b>1. Call to order</b>	Cissie called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm	None
<b>2. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Cissie Bonini (Chair)</b>	Cissie welcomed everyone and called member roll. Members of the public introduced themselves in the chat.	None
<b>3. Approval of minutes from January 6, 2021</b>	Two edits were noted. edit was noted – add start time of meeting. Anne made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes, Ave seconded the motion. The motion was approved.	Post approved meeting minutes to the website.
<b>4. Presentation of Food Security and Early Child Education Community, Raegan Sales (Children’s Council)</b>	Raegan presented information about food insecurity among families with children, child care in San Francisco, participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in San Francisco, progress in implementing standard food security screening in Children’s Council, impact of COVID19 on early child care. Raegan presented information about the pilot food program among 14 child care providers serving 118 families. These child care providers agreed to shop, prepare and package 3 meals/week for families for 4 weeks. Details about the program, results and next steps were presented. The presentation will be posted to the FSTF webpage at <a href="http://www.sfdph.org/foodsecurity">www.sfdph.org/foodsecurity</a>	Post presentation to website
<b>5. Update on CalAIM (California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal) Food as</b>	Presenters provided a background on Food as Medicine and the growing body of research showing that providing food improves health outcomes and reduces health care costs. The goal of Food as Medicine is Public and private health insurers include medically supportive	Post presentation to website

<p><b>Medicine Proposal, Emma Steinberg (Kaiser Permanente), Erin Franey (SFDPH/Food as Medicine), Katie Ettman (SPUR)</b></p>	<p>food interventions as a covered medical benefit. Details of the CalAim Waiver proposal: Food as Medicine Details • Certain populations with chronic medical needs or disabilities would be provided medically supported food and nutrition services as part of their MediCal benefits. The request to California Department to DHCS: • Expand the definition of medically-supportive food and nutrition. As of January 8, 2021 – the request has been in the draft wavier. They provided a position paper, and a list of organizations supporting this request. All documents will be posted to the FSTF website: <a href="http://www.sfdph.org/foodsecurity">www.sfdph.org/foodsecurity</a></p>	
<p><b>6. Food Security Task Force Strategic Plan and work plan, Cissie Bonini (Chair, EatSF/ Vouchers4Veggies), Paula Jones (DPH)</b></p>	<p>Cissie provided a summary of the strategic planning discussion on 1/29/21  Overall framework: Impact of COVID on strategies (pre-during-post) 2. ID of key strategic priorities advanced due to COVID-19 to retain and build upon. Call out flexibility in regulations and new interventions 1. Shared measurement, information &amp; referral, adequate community resources, etc. 3. Covid Command and a need for centralized coordination around food security including dedicated resources to include community input 4. Sustainability: Re-authorize FSTF with changes (more discussion needed) 5. Pre-budget meetings with Supervisors.</p> <p>Cissie proposed the following process: • Update FSTF 2020 recommendations (motion to approve plan to revise /make changes after public comment) • Meetings with Supervisors (Feb/March) • Present FSTF 2020 revised recommendations (include list of innovations/examples if possible) • Talking points (and/or slides) to include: Summarize key strategic priorities advanced due to COVID-19 to retain and build upon. Call out flexibility in regulations, new interventions, co-led by the community (continued need to reach-out to community regarding needs and gaps). Emphasize health &amp; racial equity. • Gather feedback from Supervisors • Re-authorization of FSTF • Gather input from Supervisors and other key stakeholders • Discuss changes in strategic planning subcommittee; bring recommendations to Taskforce</p> <p>Cissie reviewed the proposed changes to the 2020 recommendations. The following were comments on the information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– It’s a good time to reach out to the supervisors</li> <li>– Make sure to call out community engagement</li> <li>– Update Federal COVID relief information</li> <li>– Highlight that one program is not enough to solve food insecurity</li> <li>– More food is needed</li> <li>– Notice dietary needs</li> </ul> <p>Members volunteered to reach out to supervisors to set up meetings.</p>	<p>As noted.</p>

<p><b>7. COVID Command Feeding Group Update, Paula Jones, (SFDPH/ Covid Command Center)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City is looking at continuing certain efforts that have been successful such as the “Get Food Resources” webpage and connecting individuals to food resources through 3-1-1. The Food Coordination Group is likely to continue in some form for the next twelve to eighteen months, although we plan to move from the COVID Command Center to a departmental operation. The details are still being worked out.</li> <li>2. The Food Coordination Group is working with Unsheltered Services, HOT, and HSOC to deliver food to unsheltered individuals in the area of 8<sup>th</sup> and Irwin. This was a special request from Unsheltered Services in trying to keep this group together to move these individuals into other housing and sheltering situations.</li> <li>3. Meals on Wheels continues to successfully coordinate the Isolation and Quarantine Food Delivery Helpline. (get overall dashboard number) The Food Coordination Group through its as-needed contract with Market on Market is handling referrals for clients living in SROs for the Isolation and Quarantine Food Delivery Helpline. Market on Market is delivering three times a day to clients with no personal refrigeration or cooking facilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were able to obtain a Cantonese-speaking disaster service worker to do intake for SRO and the Outbreak Management Group</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. The Food Coordination Group has met with the three vendors who were awarded contracts for the Latinx Community Grocery Distribution RFP to request bids related to the scope of the need, duration, and location of the services that are being requested by the City. The requests for bids from these three vendors are being reviewed and a determination will be made as to which vendor(s) will provide these services.</li> <li>5. The Food Coordination Group is preparing to draft and put out its Requests for Qualifications and/or Requests for Proposals for emergency food services for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. This will replace RFQ -885 and RFQ -999</li> </ol>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>8. CalFresh Update, Jeimil Belamide (Human Service Agency)</b></p>	<p>Jeimil Belamide provided the following update on CalFresh:</p> <p><b><u>CalFresh Updates</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. <b>CalFresh Caseload Volume – Households</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. December 2020 - 61,289</li> <li>B. December 2019 - 48,532</li> <li>C. Nov 2020 – 59,739</li> </ol> </li> <li>II. <b>Emergency Allotment is reauthorized for February 2021</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Will increase CalFresh benefits to the maximum amount for all eligible households</li> <li>B. Will be available to households in March</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>None</p>

	<p><b>III. Federal Relief Bill Updates</b></p> <p><b>A. 15% increase in CalFresh benefits from January 2021 – June 2021</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 15% increase to January benefits will be issued in early February</li> <li>2. 15% increases to benefits from February – June will be included on a households normal benefit deposit date</li> </ol> <p><b>B. CalFresh College Student Rules Expansion!</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two new populations of college students may be eligible for CalFresh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students that are eligible for work study</li> <li>- Students with a \$0 EFC (Expected Family Contribution)</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Effective until 30 days after the Public Health Emergency is declared over by the Federal government</li> <li>3. CDSS (California Department of Social Services) and CSAC (California Student Aid Commission) will lead outreach efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Feb 8– 19:</i> CSAC will send emails to population of “\$0 EFC” students</li> <li>- <i>Feb 22-26:</i> Schools will notify “work study” students via online student portals and campus financial aid offices</li> <li>- <i>March – Summer:</i> CDSS and CSAC will continue promote the new rules via social media, postcards, and Basic Needs Centers on campus, and other activities TBD</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Code for America is working to incorporate the new rules on their website</li> </ol>	
<p><b>9. Food Security Task Force member updates</b></p>	<p>Michelle said the Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Committee will be deciding their budget recommendations at the next meeting on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, Cissie and Paula will present on food security the next meeting.</p> <p>Meg discussed the legislative priorities of the California Hunger Action Coalition:  <a href="https://nourishca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/CHAC-2021-Jan-VirtualLobbyWeek-PolicyAgenda-FINAL.pdf">https://nourishca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/CHAC-2021-Jan-VirtualLobbyWeek-PolicyAgenda-FINAL.pdf</a></p> <p>CHAC – CA Hunger Action Coalition had its January Lobby Day, meeting with dozens of state Senators and Assemblymembers to highlight our anti-hunger and anti-poverty priorities (doc linked above). A couple to highlight:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB 221 (Santiago) - Provide Emergency Food Benefits for immigrants adversely affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic and excluded from federal aid</li> <li>• SB 107 (Wiener): CalFresh—Simpler for Seniors - Simplify the CalFresh application for older adults and people with disabilities. Make it easier to complete the application and other forms by phone</li> </ul> <p>Reach out to Meg Davidson (<a href="mailto:mdavidson@sfmfoodbank.org">mdavidson@sfmfoodbank.org</a>) with questions or to get involved.</p>	
<b>10. Other Public comment</b>	Geoffrea Morris from Supervisor Safai’s office let the group know that food insecurity is high on Supervisor Safai’s priorities. They are looking at options to support food security.	
<b>11. Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm	