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San Francisco Food Security Task Force (FSTF) Minutes

January 6, 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); Mei Ling Hui (SF Recreation and Park); Jeimil Belamide (CalFresh)

Also present: Lauren Small (La Cocina); Emily Leys; Janna Cordeiro (SF Market); Sanjana Marpadga (EatSF); Khadijah Grant (ZSFGH Wellness Program / Food As Medicine Collaborative); Tammy; Vinny Eng (SF New Deal); David McCahon (HSA/Covid Food Coordination Group); Zetta Reicker (A Better Course); Jessie Wesley, Jaime Stark (Farming Hope); Erin Francy (SFDPH/Food as Medicine Collaborative); Esperanza Macias (Instituto Familiar de la Raza); Cheryl Shanks (TNDC); Kim Wong; Jalal Alabsi; Fancis Baltazar (Conard); George Gundry (Glide); Nikki Perls (Dine 11); Peri Weisberg (HSA); Liza Murawski, TPC, Community Mental Health Advocate; C.A. De Naissance (member of the public); Catherine Barton (member of the public); Lea Troeh (EatSF); Brian Griffin; Abel Murillo (SFM Food Bank)

| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION ITEM |
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| 1. Call to order | Paula called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm | None |
| 2. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Paula Jones (Vice Chair) | Paula welcomed everyone and called member roll. Members of the public introduced themselves in the chat. | None |
| 3. Approval of minutes from December 2, 2020 | One edit was noted – add start time of meeting. Anne made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes, Raegan seconded the motion. The motion was approved. | Post approved meeting minutes to the website. |
| 4. Presentation of Food Support Gaps Analysis High Need Populations and Systems Level Gaps, David Mccahon (Covid Command Center / Human Service Agency) | <p>David McCahon presented results from a new gaps analysis of food needs. Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Inform ongoing COVID-19 situational awareness◦ Demonstrate increasing food insecurity that has worsened during the pandemic◦ Inform after action reports and future disaster response efforts◦ Offer recommendations intended to improve coordination <p>COVID-19 and Factors Contributing to Increased Food Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ High rates of unemployment, loss of income, physical school closures, and concerns related to COVID-19 exposure all contribute to rising food insecurity <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support programs that serve African American/Black, Pacific Islander, | Presentation and report will be posted to the FSTF webpage (www.sfdph.org/foodsecurity) |

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| | <p>and Latinx communities • Consider innovative approaches to support immigrant communities in need of food support • Help prepare and support organizations addressing food insecurity among families • Address food insecurity among African American/Black and Latinx seniors • Develop strategies that support greater coordination between large and small scale food distribution programs • Maintain ongoing awareness of staff and volunteer capacity at organizations working on food security</p> <p>Questions/Discussion Meg(SF Marin Food Bank): What is the rollout plan for recommendations? David: The planning for rollout is ongoing.</p> <p>Cissie: essential workers and food service workers, when will they have access to vaccine? Paula: may have some information to share regarding the vaccine rollout plan.</p> <p>Public comment: If foodbank gets funding, does that mean that recipient communities have an input on what the community will receive?</p> <p>David provided his email in case attendees would like to get more information about his report/presentation. David.mccahon@sfgov.org</p> | |
| <p>5. COVID Command Feeding Group Update, Thomas McCain, (Covid Command Center)</p> | <p>On Friday the group will begin providing meals to the encampment at Showplace Square. For the IQ Food program, there is an increase in self-referrals. The Covid Food Coordination Group will activate “as needed” contracts to provide food to people isolating/quarantining in SROs.</p> <p>Going forward, the Covid Food Coordination Group will not be providing PPEs to organizations. However, if organizations need help acquiring PPEs, the group will assist if possible.</p> <p>Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important to move forward on providing food for the homeless. There is not enough food for this population. • What is the plan for Great Plates? This program is more geared for economic development than food security. | <p>None</p> |
| <p>6. CalFresh Update, Jeimil Belamide (Human Service Agency)</p> | <p>Jeimil Belamide provided the following update for the CalFresh program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. CF volume by household <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. November 2020 – 59,739 B. Oct 2020 – 60,170 C. Nov 2019 – 48,301 | <p>None</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> II. Emergency allotment approved for January 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Supplemental benefit will be issued to households around February 7 B. Supplemental benefit will raise all eligible households to the maximum CalFresh allotment for their household size III. CalFresh Interview Waiver requirement continues through June 2021 IV. Federal Stimulus Payment - \$600 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Will not be counted against CalFresh benefit V. Federal Relief Bill – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Counties are still waiting for official and detailed administrative guidance from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) B. Will likely include... <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 15% increase of CalFresh benefits for six months. 2. Exemption of Unemployment supplements - Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC) will be exempt for CalFresh eligibility determination 3. Additional funding for Online EBT (online purchases of groceries using EBT card/CalFresh benefits) 4. Modifications to student eligibility rules to allow more college students to qualify for CalFresh. | |
| <p>7. Update SFUSD, Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD Student Nutrition Services)</p> | <p>Jennifer provided the following update:</p> <p>Outreach about the SFUSD meal programs is ongoing. Service days are Tuesdays (SFUSD students and siblings) and Thursdays (all children) at 18 grab and go sites and 2 community partnership sites. More SFUSD families are getting food. However, participation by the public is lower than expected.</p> <p>Through a grant from Battery Powered, they are able to expand their home delivery from 200 to 800 students. Students receiving this service: students with Individual Education Program (IEPs), students in the 504 program, students who are pregnant or recently gave birth, and students with food allergies. They are looking at adding siblings of these students. This program previously relied on a combination of staff and volunteers to deliver the meals. They are now paying for the deliveries.</p> | <p>None</p> |

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| | More info is available at Sfusd.edu/schoolfood | |
| 8. SDDTAC Update, Michelle Kim (Dept of Children, Youth and Their Families) | Michelle asked the Co-chairs of the SDDTAC if they would like a presentation on food security. She will follow up with Paula. There are currently open seats on the Committee. Paula will send out the application information to the FSTF email list. | As stated. |
| 9. FSTF Chair Election, Paula Jones (SFDPH) | <p>Cissie Bonini is interested in being Chair of the task force. There were no other members interested.</p> <p>Cissie has been involved with the FSTF for many years. She is currently the Executive Director of EatSF - Vouchers 4 Veggies – a healthy food program for low-income San Franciscans. Prior to this role, Cissie was the Director of Programs for St. Anthony Foundation – a multi-service nonprofit serving homeless and low-income individuals and families. She also oversaw St. Anthony Dining Room for nearly ten years. She left St. Anthony’s for school to attain a Master’s degree in Public Administration, during which time I began working at EatSF. She was a member of the Food Security Taskforce (from 2010 – 2013). She continued to attend Food Security Taskforce meetings during school (2013-15) and was an alternate for Dr. Hilary Seligman from 2015 – current. She was a founding member of the Tenderloin Hunger Taskforce and chair of the Disaster Subcommittee. She currently oversees the SF Food Providers Emergency Communication and Coordination Committee – a group of 12+ feeding organizations collaborating together to address COVID feeding needs and challenges and am a member of the Emergency Operations Center Feeding Unit Steering Committee. Her career reflects a long-standing commitment to alleviating food insecurity in San Francisco.</p> <p>Cissie was elected as Chair by unanimous vote.</p> | None |
| 10. Food Security Task Force work plan, Paula Jones (SFDPH) | <p>Paula reviewed the Strategic Plan priorities: 1. Sustainability (human and financial), 2. Shared Measurement, 3. Adequate Community Resources, 4. Information and Referrals.</p> <p>Many of the priorities of the Food Security Task Force have been advanced during Covid. However, there is still a need to work on all areas.</p> <p>We will hold a subcommittee meeting before the February task force meeting to further discuss the strategic priorities and next steps. The subcommittee will report back at the February task force meeting.</p> | As stated. Post slides to website. |
| 11. Update on City and Community Programs | <p>Sarah Chan (DAS) – new RFP – free meal and snack programs. More information will be shared with the group.</p> <p>Raegan Sales (re: pandemic relief program). Requests to be on the agenda for Feb so that</p> | |

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| | <p>she can provide an update to the group.</p> <p>Meg Davidson (SFMFB) – USDA approved 5th round of Farmer to Family food boxes. The program is restricted to existing vendors. Oracle clients will now be enrolled. They will also be welcoming 4 clinics at the drive through pantry.</p> <p>Nikki Pearl Dine One One – Grant was awarded to the effort by Tipping Point. They will be providing 1,000 meals/week for 16 weeks. 100% volunteer run effort.</p> | |
| 12. Other Public comment | None. | |
| 13. Adjournment | Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm | |