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San Francisco Food Security Task Force (FSTF) Minutes

March 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); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre); Cissie Bonini (EatSF/UCSF); Emma Steinberg (Kaiser Permanente); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Rita Mouton-Patterson (Hospitality House); Mei Ling Hui (Rec & Park); Kim Madsen (Project Open Hand); Emily Cohen (Dept. of Homeless and Supportive Housing)

Also present: Kallisto Khan (TNDC); Tiffany Kearny (DAS); Janna Cordeiro (SF Market); Jason Pruett (ECS); Julia Middleton (Children’s Council); Jaime Stark (Farming Hope); Lea Troeh (EatSF/UCSF); Lauren Small (Leah’s Pantry); Fiona McBride (Covid Food Coordination Group/Human Service Agency); Jalal Alabsi (TNDC); Janine Trame, Meredith Terrell (Meals on Wheels SF); Kelsey Long (UCSF); Fanny Lapitan (DAS/Covid Food Coordination Group); Zetta Reicker (A Better Course); Tammy (TNDC), Mary Johnson (Homeless Prenatal Program); Rebecca Barajas, Lauren McCasland (DAS); Luis Castillo

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 February 3, 2021	Two edits were noted. Emma made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes, Jeimil seconded the motion. The motion was approved.	Post approved meeting minutes to the website.
4. General Public Comment	KaSelah Crockett announced a new UCSF initiative – the Pregnancy PopUp Village. They are looking for partners for the Food and Agriculture portion of the village. For more information, contact: acierge@gmail.com Geoffrey Grier announced the Black Cuisine Pickup from George Davis Senior Center. See: Bayview Senior Services - https://bhpmss.org for more information.	None

<p>5. Update on Supervisor Visits (Cissie Bonini and Emma Steinberg)</p>	<p>Cissie and Emma reviewed slides for the upcoming Supervisor visits and took questions and feedback. They are developing talking points</p>	
<p>6. Discussion on Food Security Task Force Reauthorization (Paula Jones, SFDPH)</p>	<p>The following are notes on the discussion: Purpose: <i>TOPIC: Data collection</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual assessment – the task force doesn’t have the capacity to do this. This should be a city function. The Task Force should oversee the report. • Maybe put “prepare assessment” but not “annual assessment” • Get rid of “federally funded” • Include language to make explicit that the report should take an “equity lens” and “health equity lens” • Add - Engage with marginalized residents in SF • Urban Forestry Council requires data in the way described – see Environment Code Chapter 12 <p>Membership: Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add corner store/grocery store representative • Would like to see the community reflected – from the highest impacted neighborhoods • Could there be funding for stipends to support community members to participate as members? • Add Office of Racial Equity as a member • Designate a seat/CBL that serves specific populations (example pregnant and lactating people) • Some existing members may need to cede seats to community members • Call out membership by neighborhood (example: Latino Task Force for Mission; what group for Bayview?) • Add seat for transportation, and a for profit seat • The Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Group added seats for 3 health equity coalitions • Add Office of Economic and Workforce Development • Add group with expertise in food recovery <p>Staffing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to have the staff capacity to do the assessment • Need to have dedicated analytical staff to publish timely data – the CCC Feeding Group reports have been helpful • Now – everyone on the task force pitches in to help staff the task force, and at times puts in financial resources to publish report. 	<p>Post presentation to website</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Committee has dedicated staff for the Committee, funds to hire evaluation consultants and communication consultants. The Food Security Task Force also needs dedicated staff and financial resources. <p>Length:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would the maximum amount of time be? • In consideration of the impact of Covid-19 on food security – the length of time should be 5 years. • 5 years makes more sense • The time frame should be beyond the pandemic and through the recovery phase. <p>Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the FSTF is to provide recommendations for funding, policy and programs, but it struggles to do this because of rules for public bodies. For example – the task force can't make specific funding recommendations due to potential conflicts of interest. The task force can't support policies unless the City supports them. How can this challenge be overcome? • Likes adding membership seats for folks most impacted, corner stores, and OEWD • Don't agree that the task force should be tied to the length of the pandemic • Need to have an odd number of seats • Could there be a second seat for SFUSD • Add seat for immigrant population 	
<p>7. Food4All Campaign, Gabby Tilly (Nourish CA)</p>	<p>Gabby Tilly from Nourish presented information on the Food4All Campaign. The goal of the campaign is to modernize the California Food Assistance Program to provide state-funded nutrition benefits to all Californians ineligible for CalFresh just due to their immigration status. The Food4All Campaign is posted to the FSTF website: https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/mtgsGrps/FoodSecTaskFrc/docs/Food4All_101_Nourish_California_March_2021.pdf</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>8. COVID Command Food Coordination Group Update,</p>	<p>The Covid Food Coordination Group Deputy Lead, Thomas McCain provided the following update:</p> <p>Meals on Wheels continues to successfully run the Isolation and Quarantine Helpline. As of Monday, March 1, the Helpline has served 19,100 people in 5,400 households. Meals on Wheels handles the intake and delivery to households and works with Shanti for same-day, emergency needs and religious and cultural needs. Our team at COVID Command communicates with the Outbreak Management Group with regard to testing events at SROs and then vendor Market on Market prepares the meals and delivers to those SROs.</p> <p>Contracts have been finalized with two of the vendors who were selected from the Latinx Community Grocery Distribution Request for Proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$3 million to CANA for the Mission Food Hub 	<p>None</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$1.4 million to Arcadio's and its sub-contractors: Clinic by the Bay, Women's Building, HOMEY, Mission Meals, Bernal Heights Community Center, The Patient Pantry, Todos por Nicaragua, La Raza Community Center, Dos Paises un Corazon 	
9. CalFresh Update, Jeimil Belamide (Human Service Agency)	<p>Jeimil provided the following update on CalFresh:</p> <p>CalFresh Updates</p> <p>A. CF Caseload Volume</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jan 2021 – 62,149 2. Jan 2020 – 49,068 3. Dec 2021 – 61,289 <p>B. Policy Updates and Reminders</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emergency Allotment approved for March. Will provide all eligible households up the maximum CF benefit for their household size. Supplemental benefits will be issued to households in April. 2. 15% increase in CalFresh benefits continues to be in effect until June 2021 3. Pandemic EBT 2.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDSS is holding a webinar March 24th to provide further details on the rollout of Pandemic EBT 2.0 	None
9. Food Security Task Force member updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Chan let the group know that DAS will be releasing the RFPs for the nutrition program this month. • Raegan Sales announced that Children's Council will be hiring a Health and Nutrition staff for the Spanish speaking community. • Emma Steinberg announced a survey for Food as Medicine coalition. They would like responses back by March 15th • Cissie Bonini shared a link for the SPUR Food as Medicine webinar. • Meg Davidson announced the National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference will be held virtually. The cost is \$75. • Cissie Bonini announced the release of a Food Security report by the SF Budget and Legislative Analyst office. • Kallisto Khan announced City Impact's food distribution. 	None
10. Other Public comment	Janna Cordeiro suggested a future agenda item around racial tensions in the food lines.	
11. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm	