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San Francisco Food Security Task Force (FSTF) Minutes

July 13, 2022

**Members Present:** Meg Davidson (SFMFB); Meredith Terrell (Meals on Wheels San Francisco); Michelle Kim (DCYF); Paula Jones (DPH Food Security); Raegan Sales (Children’s Council of San Francisco); Tiffany Kearney (DAS); Cissie Bonini (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggie – Eat SF); Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Hannah Smith (SFUSD); Jeimil Belamide (HSA); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre); Guillermo Reece (SFAFB Coalition); Priti Rane (DPH - WIC); Rita Mouton-Patterson (Hospitality House); Kim Madsen (Project Open Hand)

**Also Present:** Brittany Panela (AIM/Agriculture Institute of Marin); George Gundry (Glide); Lea Troeh (UCSF); Anthony Khalil (Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates); Cathy Huang (HSA); Cindy Lin (HSA); Erin Franey (Food as Medicine Coalition); Gabriela Allman (Homey and Mission Meals); Janna Cordeiro (Food as Medicine Collaborative); Aarya C.; Fiona McBride (HSA); Jodi Stookey (SF DPH – Maternal Child and Adolescent Health); Anthony Macaulay (Meals on Wheels SF); Katie Ettman (SPUR); La Rhonda Reddic (DPH Office of Anti-Racism and Equity); Lacy Cano; Leah Walton (DAS); Veronica Shepard (SF DPH Office of Anti-Racism and Equity); Tommy McClain (HSA); DeJanelle Bovell (DPH Office of Anti-Racism and Equity); Peri Weisberg (HSA)

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<td>1. Call to order</td>
<td>Cissie Bonini called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm</td>
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<td>2. Land Acknowledgement</td>
<td>Cissie read the land acknowledgement: <a href="https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/PoliciesProcedures/Land_Acknowledgment_PandP_DPH.pdf">https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/PoliciesProcedures/Land_Acknowledgment_PandP_DPH.pdf</a></td>
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<td>3. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Cissie Bonini (EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies)</td>
<td>Cissie Bonini (EATSF) introduced Hannah Smith as a new member representing SFUSD. Hannah holds the position of Student Nutrition Department as Manager for the past four years. Hannah Smith (SFUSD) shared Jennifer LeBarre has been promoted to Interim Director of Policy and Operations.</td>
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<td>4. Approval of minutes from June 1, 2022</td>
<td>There were 4 names misspelled in the draft notes. Which these changes, Chester made a motion to pass the notes with the changes, Jeimil seconded the motion. Michelle Kim and Raegan Sales abstained. The motion passed.</td>
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<td>5. General Public Comment</td>
<td>Brittany Panela AIM/Agriculture Institute of Marin introduce herself and a new program Rolling Route mobile market. The locations where the market serves are:</td>
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| 6. City budget – updates on funding for food/nutrition programs | Treasure Island, Visitation Valley & Western Addition/New Liberation Church
https://www.agriculturalinstitute.org/rollin-root cal-fresh/ebt accepted

Anthony Khalil added that his organization is a community partner of Rollin Route. They're trying to understand how to have the green belt support communities in need. |
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| $15 Million added to the Mayor’s Budget (1 year only) for food security
Technical Adjustment Letter (containing the $15M figure) added to chat:
| Gabriella Aleman from (Homey SF and Mission Meals Coalition) shared an update on the community coalition that successfully advocated for funding to continue their food programs.: Gabby shared that the coalition consists of 25 organizations and with the Food as Medicine programs, includes 35+ organizations. Gabby shared that the funding is the only food support for BIPOC agencies. Collectively, the coalition partners serve over 70K households in the Bay Area. Raegan Sales (Children’s Council of San Francisco): SF Child Care Planning and Advisory Council, Parent Voices, Budget Justice Coalition, Shape Up, Children’s Council and Wu Yee Children’s Services came together to advocate for increase funding for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Their coalition met with Supervisors and was at City Hall during the budget hearings and on add back day to advocate for CACFP. They were successful in securing 1$M annually for 2 years to increase CACFP reimbursements. $500K came from the Board of Supervisors and $500K came from the Mayor’s office. The funding is not officially baselines at this time, but hopefully the funding will be maintained. Gabriella Aleman Homey SF provided an update -: partners with 25 agencies; Mission Meals represents 35+ CBO’s; HSA (allocated only) funds for wrap around services re: all food insecurities. More funds now available to CBO’s for resources to feed/support 70, households. Lin HSA-Reagan Sales Children Council of San Francisco / Food Security- met with Supervisors and City Hall Staff on Add Back Day; request for food support for Child Care Providers through the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Additional 500K from District |
Supervisors approved for 2 years; Additional $500K from Mayors Office approved for 2 years= $1M.
Tiffany Kearney DOS- received additional $2M added for programming- added funds for home delivery. *Projected gap in funds: $1.5M this year They have additional funding from state/federal sources.

Michelle Kim (DCYF Nutrition): Received no budget increase; Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Committee-(SDDTAC) submitted their recommendations for funding (see comparison chart https://sf.gov/file/comparison-sddtac-recommendations-and-mayors-final-budget-fy22-23-fy23-24-0). The Mayor provided less funding for Food Access than the committee advised. The SDDTAC advised allocating $1.54M for Food Access/Healthy Food Purchasing Supplement, and the Mayor provided $1M. The SDDTAC advised allocating $800K to Rec and Park for Requity/outreach and scholarships, and the Mayor provided $2,017,213 to this program.

Paula Jones (Food Security Task Force) on behalf Emily Cohen (HSH): Add Back Funds for TAY Navigation Center (food security and wage expansion) = This funding allows center to provide a meal increase from 2 per day to 3 per day. Over $30-million of funding added for housing related capacity. Over the last two years, the City has leased or acquired over 2,500 new units of Permanent Supportive Housing, the largest expansion in 20 years. The FY22-24 budget focuses on ensuring equity across the portfolio through significant investment of $67.4 million in our existing PSH portfolio to enhance case management services, increase staff wages and make capital improvements in legacy PSH buildings.

The budget also includes new investments in temporary shelter to continue to improve and diversity our shelter system. Building off our success from operating the SIP hotel program our new shelter investments including:

- New non-congregate cabin program:
  - $7 million in FY2022-23.
  - Build new non-congregate cabin site for up to 70 guests
- Operate new semi- and non-congregate shelter programs:
  - $25 million in anticipated new state funding over two years.
  - Operate ~410 beds of non- & semi-congregate shelter at 711 Post & Baldwin Hotel.
- Extend one year of operations at three hotel-based emergency shelters providing ~295 units

In addition to these critical investments, the Mayor’s budget includes funding for a new partnership between HSH and the Office of Transgender Initiatives to end homelessness for the transgender community in San Francisco. The initial investment in this effort includes:

- A dedication of 150 scattered-site permanent housing subsidies to be allocated for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) households.
- Acquisition and operations of 50 to 80 units of PSH for TGNC youth.
- $6 million over two years ($3 million annually) to build capacity among TGNC-serving providers and fund short-term/shallow subsidies and/or provide flexible financial assistance.

These investments are critical to HSH’s intersectional equity strategy as we know that BIPOC transgender people are at particularly high risk of violence, discrimination and homelessness.

Paula Jones DPH: Healthy Foods Purchasing Supplement

Last year’s budget included an additional one-year increase of $750K. However, this year as Michelle reported, fewer funds were allocated so there will be less funds available for the healthy foods program; The request for a fulltime staff to support the task force was approved (Health Coordinator II position)

Meg Davidson (SFMFB): Highlighted the work done by the Coalition Gabby reported: Mayor’s Office and Board of Supervisor’s staff were both vocal and supportive. The Food Security Task Force’s work helped set priorities and educate the BOS.

Public Comment:
Janna Cordero (in the chat) Excellent work everyone! shout out to those who were there late--- from both groups! I know Jamie from Farming Hope was there with participants in person until late in the night. Also, big shout out to Shakira for guidance and work, and Ronen’s office for their leadership and support.

Janna Cordero said the Food as Medicine Collaborative advocating for funds be put towards food security.

Veronica Shepard (SFDPH OARE): Asked if the FSTF had a calendar to allow community involved to be involved in meetings with Boards of Supervisors to advise them on their collective impact; Paula Jones (SFDPH) shared that the task force has included community members in some past meetings and would like to have community members in future meetings.

Janna Cordero (in chat) great point Veronica! would be good to do some advocacy training...

Meg Davidson (in chat) Yes! That theme of advocacy training came up as a common theme during the special FSTF meeting when Jade presented other food policy council models.

Raegan Sales (in chat) Starting early was key for us as it gave time to organize a broad coalition of support and coordinated messaging.

Cindy Lin (HSA): HSA is in contract for a grant for the Food Empowerment Markets with Bayview Senior Services as of July 1st pilot and $5M is allocated for this program. The Food Empowerment Market idea was inspired by Unity Shop of Santa Barbara & The Store in Nashville; They are currently looking for space on 3rd Street and once the lease is secured, the location will be shared; they are drafting plan for creating community advisory board.

Cindy added that they don’t publish their unit budget. The first group to hear will be their portfolio of grantees.
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<td><strong>Janna Cordero asked:</strong> can you tell us when the spending plan will be finalized.</td>
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<td>Janna Cordeiro asked: Are you going to update the group about the 2 RFP's that came out just after our last meeting? Thanks. I just meant that they existed--- last mtg the update was that there weren't additional RFPs coming out</td>
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<td>Meg Davidson: Here are the two latest HSA RFPs: RFP 1024- Citywide Grocery Access $5.725M; RFP 1027- Mission Food Hub Operator $2M</td>
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### 8. Update on Medi-Cal/CalAIM food based interventions and capacity building opportunity – Paula Jones (SFDPH), Katie Ettman (Food as Medicine Coalition & SPUR),

Katie Ettman (Food as Medicine Coalition & SPUR): shared Medically Supportive Food & Nutrition will be covered by Medi-Cal for a spectrum of 7 services - Medically tailored/supportive groceries, food pharmacies, Meals including Medically Tailored and Medically Supportive meals, and behavioral, cooking, and/or nutrition education. Health plans need to opt-in.

Paula Jones (SFDPH): The CalAIM initiative is new and only in place for 5 years. Having early positive outcomes will support the case for robust statewide investment in these services as standard covered benefits after CalAIM ends. SFDPH, The Food as Medicine Coalition and SPUR have been working with Collaborative Consulting to develop support for food organizations to be more ready for this potential opportunity. The first phase of our work involves having organizations complete a readiness assessment survey in order to gauge interest in and readiness to potentially contract with health plans. We will be holding a webinar on Friday 7/22 to share more about CalAIM/Medically Supportive Food and Nutrition and launch a Readiness Assessment.

**Webinar to Launch 7/22/22:** Who should attend? Any/all eligible CalAIM medically supportive food and nutrition Community Support organization are encouraged to attend the webinar; complete readiness assessment tool survey by EOD 8/5 for organizations to better understand their readiness.

Since the CalAIM waiver is an option health plans are allowed to opt-in, there is an emphasis on the sickest populations, we’re hoping that we will track that food support helpful for the sickest patients and work on pushing the health plans along the spectrum on the local and state level.

**Task Force Member Comments:**
<p>| <strong>9. White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health update - Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank) a. Public comment</strong> | Meg Davidson (SFMFB) presented a brief overview of the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. The last White House Conference on Hunger was 1969 and SNAP (food stamps) was created as a result of this conference; When? September; Purpose of conference: Ending hunger, increase healthy eating and physical activity by 2030; Conference Outcome(s): Conference in September 2022 outcome is to create recommendations based on input by different entities; Five |</p>
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<td>Cissie Bonini shared that at the next FSTF meeting we be reviewing how to implement the 2022 FSTF Recommendations to make them more actionable.</td>
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<td>Cissie asked who can present at the upcoming FSTF meeting e.g.: present an informative presentation. Highlight interventions, data, surveys, and updates from other organizations. Members to submit ideas to Paula Jones and Cissie Bonini.</td>
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<td>Brittany Panela (AIM) said she’d like to present.</td>
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<td>Reagan Sales shared: Collaboration with Shape up SF will meet to discuss where there’s potential for alignment with the FSTF; encouraged to connect with Paula Jones as next steps.</td>
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<td>Meg Davidson asked whether the groups that presented to the FSTF received funding. Paula Jones will follow up with the groups which include for Food as Medicine (Dr. Rupa), DISH/LaCocina and Mi Mercado.</td>
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| 11. Food Security Task Force member updates | Hannah Smith (SFUSD): CalMeals 4 All passed. All students will receive meals for free (breakfast and lunch) regardless of their family income. They will also be able to serve supper at some schools. Keep Kids Fed Act would equip schools, summer meal sites, and childcare food programs with extra resources so they can continue serving children through school year 2022-2023. Once waivers are decided, Hanna will present to the task force on school meals.  
Jeimil Belamide (HSA): CalFresh July Emergency Allotment was approved. CDSS meeting with all counties to develop outreach plan and framework to provide the services to college students; HSA currently serves $70k households / $97K individuals; seeing monthly increase from May. HSA Policy update: One administrative waiver related to pandemic (interview waiver) was set to expire June 30 now extended to September 30, 2022; makes it easier to get people on and stay on CalFresh.  
Raegan Sales (Children’s Council of San Francisco): Keep Kids Fed Act also extends Tier 1 eligibility through July 1 to all, adds $.10 reimbursement through the fiscal year. The city funding will be in addition to this.  
Anne Quaintance (Conard House): Launched on-site food program about 8 weeks ago; Kiosk/self-service smart fridge which provides healthy food/meals (by Farming Hope) to 110 residents (Hosted in1 building so far). They have funding through December for this program.  
Michelle Kim (DCYF): Although they are short-staffed, the DCYF Community Assessment was done and presented to Board of Supervisors; The Assessment has not been approved.  
Priti Rane (WIC): Reported still seeing increased need for services; 28% increase during the pandemic. See about9k (an average) participants monthly. Acknowledged the baby formula shortage putting stress on families; WIC expanded options to purchase; Baby formula plant in Michigan State will open soon. WIC San Francisco pivoted and is now a distribution site for specialized medically needed baby formula. |
Jodi Stookey reported: ‘Rapid Survey’ led by DCYF goes out quarterly to collect food insecurity information. 2 FSTF items were added to the ‘Rapid Survey’; Is open to programs sending in questions.

Tiffany Kearney (DAS): They are actively monitoring all grantees and doing a thorough assessment of what’s going on. They’re seeing a high demand for services.

Public Comment: N/A

| 12. Adjournment | Cissie closed the meeting at 3:23PM |