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San Francisco Food Security Task Force (FSTF) Minutes

March 2, 2022

Members Present: Jeimil Belamide (Human Service Agency /CalFresh); Emily Cohen (Homeless and Supportive Housing); Priti Rane (DPH MCAH/WIC); Tiffany Kearny (DAS); Paula Jones (DPH Food Security); Mei Ling Hui (Rec and Park/Urban Agriculture); Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD); Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Meg Davidson (San Francisco Marin Food Bank); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre); Cissie Bonini (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggie – EatSF); Guillermo Reece (San Francisco African American Faith Based Coalition); Meredith Terrell (Meals on Wheels San Francisco)

Also Present: DeJanelle Bovell (DPH Office of Antiracism and Equity); Lea Troeh (EatSF/UCSF); Anthony Macaulay (Meals on Wheels); Janna Cordeiro (Food as Medicine Collaborative); Emily Leys; Cathy Huang (HSA/Covid Food Coordination Group); Jade Quizon (UC Berkeley/Goldman School of Public Policy); Kathleen da Silva; Michael Pon (EatSF/UCSF); Stefanie; Tommy McClain (HSA/Food Coordination Group); Tuyen Tran (SF Health Plan); Veronica Shepard (DPH Office of Antiracism and Equity); Anthony Khalil (Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates); Cindy Lin (Food Coordination Manager at SFHSA); Lauren Small (Leah’s Pantry); Michelle Pierce (Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates); Carol Lau; Tommy McClain (HSA/ Food Coordination Group); Emily Pham; Claudia Wallen (EatSF/UCSF); Peri Weisberg (HSA); Jodie Low (Homeless Prenatal Program); Susie Smith (HSA); Alex Maykowski (Children’s Council); Jason Pruett (ECS)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to order	Cissie Bonini called the meeting to order at 1:33pm.	None
2. Welcome, member roll call, introductions	Cissie welcomed everyone and proceeded to take roll call.	None
3. Approval of minutes from January 12, 2022	Cissie asked for changes, corrections, omissions of the meeting minute document. Meg Davidson corrected agenda item number 9 -CalFresh update: correcting 68,000 case number to 6,800 cases. Additional change in pronouns noted. Motion to approve with changes made by Jeimil Belamide, second by Geoffrey Grier. Motion passed.	Post approved meeting minutes.

	Public Comment: N/A	
4. General Public Comment	N/A	None

<p>5. HSA Food Coordination Group update</p>	<p>Cindy Lin provided the following HSA Food Coordination Update and listed this link in the chat: sfcitypartner.sfgov.org/pages/events-BS3/event-search.aspx</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RFP 977; closed last week of February - RFP 1011; published and open until early April. Questions welcome until this Friday until 5pm, direct questions to email listed in RFP document <p>Available RFPs from other teams & RFP topic/category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1010: info & referrals - 1017: self-sufficiency for immigrant cal works participants - 1009: outreach and engagement for immigrant communities <p>Questions can be sent to HSARFP@sfgov.org</p> <p>Update on Family Meal Pact Program that supports families with (at least) one child under the age of 5: Currently families can pick up 5-12 meals from a site or voucher for a restaurant pick up. Tommy McCain is leading the program.</p> <p>Questions/Comments Task Force Members: N/A</p> <p>Public Comment:</p> <p>Michelle from Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates asked how the parameters of food empowerment market RFP developed? Restrictions in the RFP exclude smaller community partners that have been doing the work to develop a program in favor of full scale multi-national corporate non-profits. BVHP Advocates as an organization feels excluded from this program and they are not the only non-profit that shares this sentiment. Cindy Lin responded that without the contracts team present, as per city rules, they cannot respond to questions about RFPs. Cindy suggested that this and any additional questions be submitted as a formal questions, and the answer will be published next week. Collaborations are encouraged. Michelle confirmed she would follow up with HSA contracts, and she would share the written concerns with the task force.</p> <p>Veronica Shepard asked had thought that the purpose of HSA funding was to target smaller orgs. Cindy Lin said that all communications regarding the RFP must be facilitated by our contracts department in order to ensure that we comply with open competitive bidding rules.</p> <p>Note: Questions should be sent to HSARFP@sfgov.org and specify that this question is for RFP 1011.</p>	<p>Update FSTF website with current meeting location information.</p>
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In the chat, Carol Lau shared that the task force website needed to be updated since meetings were not being held at 25 Van Ness and she had gone to that location.

<p>6. Reimagining Food Security in San Francisco: Exploring approaches from other cities</p>	<p>Paula Jones introduced Jade Quizon, Master of Development Practice Candidate, Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley who is interning with the FSTF exploring how other cities/counties organize around food issues within the public sector, policy bodies, or other types of structures, and how they center equity. Jade will share what she is learning over the next several months.</p> <p>Summary of Presentation: Two key strategic priorities of the reimagining food security project align with sustainability in increased resources to enable the FSTF to achieve all strategic priorities as well as achieving adequate community resources. The three project deliverables are the following: theory of change (ToC) model based on input from FSTF members, survey results, and interviews, a comparative analysis of different food policy council’s formats, and a proposal for new food coordinating policy body proposing next steps for the task force. Project timeline initiated mid-January and expected to be completed by the end of May (including the following deliverables: final edition of ToC map, final draft of comparative analysis, and a final report) with two highlighted check-in points between now and then.</p> <p>Discussion: Meg Davidson expressed gratitude to Jade for providing extra bandwidth for the work. Meredith Terrell: Seconds Meg’s enthusiasm and offers support/resources to Jade if requested. Paula added that since the conversation thinking about how other cities are framing and funding would be interesting. She said that the task force may hold a special meeting to discuss lessons learned and next steps.</p> <p>Jade is open to receiving examples of food policy councils or any other resources to include in the research & analysis from all via email (jvquizon@berkeley.edu).</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	<p>Post presentation to the website.</p> <p>The FSTF may hold a special meeting late March/early April to present initial finding and get input.</p>
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<p>7. Presentation on SF Racial Equity Index, Sami Iwata, SF Office of Racial Equity</p>	<p>Summary of Presentation: Shared the values and vision for the Office of Racial Equity (ORE)--of transforming systems to advance collective liberation—an office that was created in 2019 in response to growing racial disparities in SF blatant systemic racism in the City’s delivery of services, practices, and systems. With community input, ORE will function with three main objectives: learning and evaluation (ex: Racial Equity Index/Scorecard), strategy (ex: policy), and action (ex: Racial Equity Action Plan [REAP]). Racial Equity Index: Website that highlights key racial equity issues in SF, and a way to measure change (indicators). Sami shared ORE’s Criteria for prioritizing indicators for initial data work, as well as an example along the theme of ‘Housing, Homelessness, and Land Use’ using the “guiding questions” and “prioritized indicators” framework. Three data challenges named by community 1. assumptions misrepresent outcomes for specific racial/ethnic groups, 2. limited indicators that don’t reflect real people’s lives, and 3. the potential to be a “check the box” exercise, rather than a way to create accountability and transparency. Community also named five requests: 1. to validate data methodology and narratives; 2. establish consistency across City departments; 3. don’t only use census categories; 4. increase relevancy with additional indicators and data sources; and 4. create accountability for data collection/analysis.</p> <p>ORE will be working with community groups, Food Security Task Force members, and other stakeholders on guiding questions and indicators for the whole index. ORE envisions a food system that is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive, community-led and participatory, without the exploitation of people, land, or the environment. • Remove the significant structural inequities that exist within our food and economic systems. • Establish healthy, resilient communities with equitable access to nourishing and culturally appropriate food, land, and control over their means of production. • Sami concluded by sharing relevant links, the ORE website racialequitysf.org, and contact email RacialEquitySF@sfgov.org <p>Paula: Expressed gratitude and offered support. Sami shared that they would need support in the plan of engagement, outreach, and ideas on how to engage communities to get a broader perspective.</p> <p>Chester added that the pillars of rent, housing, and mortgages need examination with a racial equity lens, particularly in low-income areas. Chester shared that some of the issues seem to be racially motivated. Sami acknowledged that displacement is ongoing/real and will be examined by the Office of Racial Equity.</p>	<p>Post presentation to the website.</p>
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	<p>Meg inquired about the office’s awareness/ability to address the intersectional indicators (Ex: Older adults being impacted by other indicators such as housing). Sami acknowledged that everything is connected and that it’s important that the narrative provides a more humanistic view that the office strives for towards opposed to purely numbers and graphs/charts.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>8. FSTF Recommendations and meeting plan</p>	<p>Cissie thanked everyone for support in providing/creating recommendations draft. Paula thanks Jennifer Tong and Claudia Wallen from Vouchers 4 Veggies for support. Cissie showed the material. Anne Quaintance asked for a PDF to look at the pages more closely for feedback. Said it looks great overall but no specific comments because it was shown too quickly. Paula responded that she will share PDF. Cissie reminded the group that the recommendations are done and will be sent out for dissemination; proceeded to share PowerPoint of the recommendations (for broad comments/questions/feedback); Anne Quaintance noted she shared an edit for the language on the slides regarding people experiencing homelessness. Paula acknowledged the correction and will update the language in the final version.</p> <p>Cissie asked for volunteers to set up meetings with the Board of Supervisors. Mitchelle asked if volunteers needed to live or work in the districts. Cissie responded that volunteers can be connected in many ways. Tiffany then asked if you do submit the form for a supervisor’s office, does that mean the individual that submitted it will do the presentation for their district? Cissie responded that coordination is necessary and Cissie, Paula, Meg and Meredith are prepared to do the presentations. There is a prep meeting before the meeting to get on the same page, you may do the introduction, but the core team will present. Next steps: Core team will find volunteers for the remaining districts. Cissie and Paula shared that the Department Head meetings will occur starting next week. Core team will meet with the Mayor’s budget staff next week.</p>	<p>Core Team to find volunteers for the remainder districts.</p>

	<p>Meg asked if our program participants or advocates join our meetings. Paula shared that in past years, program participants and other community organizations have joined the meeting and if non task force members would like to join, please email Paula (paula.jones@sfdph.org) or Cissie Bonini (cissie.bonini@ucsf.edu)</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
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<p>9. Food Security Task Force member updates</p>	<p>Jeimil Belamide provided Cal Fresh Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Caseload as of Feb 2022; Households – 67,000; Individuals – 93,000 B. Emergency Allotment approved for February benefits. The Emergency allotment effectively gives CalFresh households the maximum CalFresh benefit amount for their household size. C. Waivers/Pandemic Related Rules set to expire on 3/31/2022 – CDSS Transition Plan includes a plan to submit an extension request to the Feds in March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interview Requirement Waiver is set to expire on 3/31/22, meaning households that are applying and recertifying for CalFresh benefits will have to complete the interview requirement to complete the process. 2. Emergency Allotments are approved on a month-to-month basis, if the Public Health Emergency is declared over the issuance of Emergency Allotments is likely to sunset soon after. 3. Temporary Student Eligibility Rule – Student eligibility rules will return to normal; resulting in certain subsets of college students who were temporarily deemed eligible for CalFresh during the COVID10 public health emergency, as no longer eligible for CalFresh. D. CalFresh applications assistance is available at the Tenderloin Linkage center <p>Geoffry Grier: Community meetings with the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) open to the public every 3rd Wednesday of the Month, next being 3/16 from 6-8pm. Mental health closely tied to food and food issues, not discussed enough. Welcomes everyone.</p> <p>Jennifer Lebarre: SFUSD update: Pushing federal government to extend waivers for universal meals for the schools and additional funding. Planning California Meals for All and summer-time activities.</p> <p>Anne Quaintance: Conard House is working on a food program with on-site 24/access food program with private funding. They are also handing out Vouchers 4 Veggies/EatSF, and the residents are appreciative, and the case managers are sharing how helpful the vouchers are for individuals.</p>	<p>None</p>
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Meg Davidson shared the following in chat: “Ask your Representative to sign onto - H.R. 6613, Keeping School Meals Flexible Act. This bipartisan effort would provide the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to give schools across the country the flexibility and support they need to feed students as supply chain issues stemming from the pandemic continue to impact schools, communities, and families.”

Meg also shared the following: National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference taking place; looking forward to participating in lobby day, welcoming interested individuals and to reach out if the registration fee is a barrier to any. (mdavidson@sfmfoodbank.org). <https://www.antihungerpolicyconference.org/>

Public Comment:

Jenna Cordero shared the following message:

Medicine Collaborative is hiring a new Program Manager, announcement push today/tomorrow. The position is focused on supporting food pharmacy programs around the city (there are currently 11 clinics implementing a food pharmacy program in San Francisco that are looking for expansion).

10. Adjournment	Cissie adjourned meeting 2:58pm.	
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