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San Francisco Food Security Task Force

Minutes July 1, 2015

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 278

In Attendance:

Task Force Members: Leo O'Farrell (Cal Fresh), Linda Lau (DAAS), Mei Ling Hui (SF Environment), Magdalene Louis (DPH – WIC), Karen Gruneisen (Episcopal Community Services), Simon Pitchford (Project Open Hand), Orla O'Keeffe (SFUSD), Teri Olle (SF Marin Food Banks), Hilary Seligman (UCSF/SFGH)

Public: Natalie Folkerts (SFE Intern), Jeffrey Liu (SFE), Mario Paz (Good Samaritan Family Resource Center), Rahmin Sarabi (Good Eggs), Anna Bloom (UCSF Research), Jennifer Tsai (EatSF), Melissa Akers (EatSF), Michael (SFGH Therapeutic Food Pantry), Erika Sarmiento (SFGH/Therapeutic Food Pantry), Lauren Durford (Revolution Foods), Jeffrey Smith (G2T), G. Grier (SF Recovery Theatre), Brytane Brown (Tenderloin Economic Development Project), Anh Nguyen (Tenderloin Economic Development Project), Keith Tanner (SF Urban Agriculture Alliance), Becky Gershon (SF Marin Food Bank)

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	Called by Ms. Olle at 1:33 pm	
2. Welcome and Introductions	Introductions.	Attendance noted on sign-in sheets
3. Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2015	Ms Gruneisen made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Pitchford seconded the motion. Ms. O'Keeffe abstained.	Approved meeting minutes will be posted to the task force webpage.
4. Presentation on therapeutic food pantry	<p>One-page handout on this project was handed out.</p> <p>Dr. Rita Nguyen shared a presentation on the recent project to open a therapeutic food pantry at SF General Hospital. She talked about the critical need in hospitals for better support for patients in terms of food and hunger, as approximately 40-70% of people at SF General Hospital are food insecure. They wanted to start a prescription food program, where doctors could write prescriptions for patients to receive food on-site.</p> <p>They are focused on providing support in all areas of food security: access, knowledge, skills, tools, and community connections. This will lead to sustained behavior change.</p> <p>Right now they are doing a summer pilot program, where they are serving pregnant women with diabetes. There has been widespread appreciation for the program by the women that have been served. In terms of a timeline, she hopes that in early 2016 they will be piloting the full program, with the build-out of the space beginning in the spring of 2016, and full-swing program operation by the fall of 2016 with a M-F 9a-4p operating schedule so that it's a full-time pantry. Eventually they will be hiring 1.5 FTE</p>	As noted.

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	<p>staff – including a full-time nutritionist.</p> <p>The group discussed questions about how the project would reach the Vietnamese and other South East Asian communities in San Francisco, how it would impact women living in SRO's, what the hiring process will look like for the staff that will be hired, and how doctors will write prescriptions for patients.</p> <p>Follow-up: Ms. Nguyen asked the FSTF to write and share a statement of support for the project.</p>	
5. Discussion of FSTF budget outcomes for 2015-2016	<p>Ms. Olle shared a handout and an update about the outcome of the FSTF's budget asks this year. In total, we got \$2.7 million in additional funding, out of \$5.1 million that we asked for. Adding that to last year's approved budget, that's \$7.577 million for FY 2015-2016.</p> <p>Ms. Olle and other FSTF members met with every single BOS, with special focus on budget committee – they noted that they had broad support from all the supervisors. True testament to our work towards achieving food security by 2020.</p> <p>Mr. Pitchford commented that the documents that we prepared were very helpful. He noted that other advocacy groups are looking to the FSTF as an example of how to advocate for funding.</p> <p>Follow up: Ms. Olle will write a thank you letter to all the BOS and the Mayor.</p>	As noted.
6. Discussion of National Hunger Commission hearing	<p>Ms. Olle discussed the National Hunger Commission Hearing that was held in Oakland on June 15th. Presenters from the FSTF – including Ms. Jones, Ms. Gruneisen, and Ms. Quaintance. Now is the time to think about submitting written testimony, so Ms. Olle encouraged Task Force members to share ideas for what to include.</p> <p>Ms. Gruneisen shared that the Commissioners were sympathetic to food security issues. Their reaction to the Task Force was positive, and they were curious about it. They were shocked to hear about SF's effort to house homeless individuals in SRO's without kitchens.</p>	As noted.
7. Discussion of communications	Discussion of communications postponed.	None.
8. Project updates	<p>Mr. O'farrell: Shared the news that CDSS has a new CalFresh bureau chief – Kim McCoy Wade from the Alliance to Transform CalFresh. He also shared that there has been an uptick in applications coming through Medi-Cal - at least 100 applications in the last month. He also shared that the best resource right now for seeing which farmers markets accept EBT is at EatFresh.org.</p> <p>Ms. Franey: Informed the group about additional funding from CDSS that they will be getting for Leah's Pantry for piloting a project to do nutrition education through texting. The message will be around reducing consumption of sugary drinks. It was originally piloted by CDPH. Ms. Franey is hoping it</p>	As noted.

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	<p>moves to an evidence based practice. Participants in the project will receive 2 tips a week via text message.</p> <p>Ms. Louie: Informed the group that WIC started giving out farmers' market coupons – of \$20 value. The project is funded by the USDA.</p> <p>Ms. Lau: Gave an update that they added a new CHAMPS site – in the Sunset (Noriega and 22nd). First site has seen 120 people a day, so it is a success. Ms. Lau also gave an update about the senior farmers' market program – July 8th – she asked people to contact INR about participating. They only have 2,000 vouchers even though 3,000 people want to access it.</p> <p>Ms. Gruneisen: She informed the group that she'd like to give an update on the SRO research project in August.</p> <p>Ms. O'Keefe: Updated the group that in June they served 45,000 breakfasts and 120,000 lunches. Also, the Board approved a new wellness policy, which she would like to update the group on next month.</p> <p>Ms. Seligman: Shared that Eat SF expanded to SOMA, and they are now recruiting participants at SOMA market. They have a total of 500 participants in the program now. She is also excited about new funding for Bay View and Hunters Point, and they are currently conducting a vendor search. They are also going to allow participants who are SSI recipients.</p> <p>Ms. Hui: Gave updates on the bills that the CA Food Policy Council is following for their yearly report. Water bills are still being decided on. Ms. Hui introduces the bills that the California Food Policy Council is following this legislative season. The group needs to vote on the top three of the ten guiding principles that resonate most with the Task Force. The group voted to keep the first three values as the priority.</p> <p>Ms. Hui also reminded the group about the three sign-on letters that the group agreed to at the last meeting. She asked anyone who has suggestions or comments about the letters to email her by the end of the day.</p> <p>There will be a webinar called "Agriculture and Drought – Implications for food security" on July 22nd at Noon.</p>	
9. Items for the next meeting	Budget update	None.
10. Public Comment	Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary of FNS for the USDA addressed the group. He talked about the continued importance of working to enroll more people in CalFresh – especially in California where numbers are low. He also talked about community eligibility for schools with high poverty rates, and the	As noted.

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	<p>necessity to address poverty and income gaps in order to truly address hunger.</p> <p>Ms. Nguyen (Tenderloin Economic Development Project): Suggested that there should be more equitable representation in these meetings from minority groups in San Francisco, especially minority South East Asian communities. The Task Force also may consider approaching the meetings from different frameworks that will be more inviting to people from different cultures. Also, encouraged members of the group to hire more culturally diverse people to do this work around food security.</p> <p>Mr. Grier (From the Garden to the Table): Shared a flyer with everyone in the group about From the Garden to the Table.</p> <p>Ms. Brown (Tenderloin Economic Development Project): Shared her concern about culturally insensitive nutrition education programs, and cautioned the group against assuming low-income community members have no nutritional knowledge.</p> <p>Mr. Sarabi (Good Eggs): Gave an update that they are still having trouble getting online payments using EBT accepted as an option through the USDA and FNS.</p> <p>Ms. Gruneisen suggested that we could get an update on the homeless count and survey results from this year's study.</p>	
11. Adjournment	3:27 pm.	