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## San Francisco Food Security Task Force

Minutes February 4, 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), Michelle Kim (DCYF), Magdalene Louie (DPH – WIC), Karen Gruneisen (Episcopal Community Services), Anne Quaintance (MOW), Paula Jones (DPH – Food Systems), Hilary Seligman (UCSF/SFGH), Charles Sommer (St. Anthony's), Simon Pitchford (Project Open Hand), Orla O'Keeffe (SFUSD), Teri Olle (SFM Food Bank), Bruce McKinney (Glide)

**Public:** Coleen Rivecca (St. Anthony's); Cissie Bonini (consultant), Angela Moskow (Urban Sprouts), Leah Vaughan (Health and Human Services), Ging Li (City College Nutrition Assistant Program), Danielle Boule (SFDPH), Rob Stengel (SF Department of Emergency Management), Ryan Thayer (TNDC/TL Healthy Store Coalition), Becky Gershon (SFM Food Bank), Tiana Wertheim (SF Human Service Agency), Mellissa Gordon (SF Community Member, ECS Chefs), Michelle Pierce (SFDPH Intern), Maria Waters (Supervisor Avalos Office), Rahmin Sarabi (Good Eggs), Erin Franey (Leah's Pantry), Sony Pyon (The Salvation Army), Monica Lopez (Community Member), Eli Zigas (SPUR)

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	Called by Ms. Olle at 1:31 pm	
2. Welcome and Introductions	Introductions.	Attendance noted.
3. Approval of Minutes from January 7, 2015	There were a few changes noted (one regarding attendance and a few typos). Ms. Quaintance made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. O'Farrell seconded the motion. The motion was approved.	Approved meeting minutes will be posted to the task force webpage.
4. Discussion of DRAFT FSTF data dashboard	<p>Ms. Gershon and Dr. Pitchford presented Draft 4 of the FSTF Data dashboard and accompanying memo. Mr. Pitchford acknowledged the challenges in pulling together this type of dashboard. This dashboard will be dynamic, and as new data becomes available, the group will plan how and when the dashboard will be updated. It was decided that the cost for a hospital stay should be added to the document. Ms. Lau questioned how the conversion from # of lbs. of food to # of meals worked in graph 4. Ms. Gershon will add the conversion to the notes. Ms. Gruneisen made a motion to approve the dashboard with the changes suggested and final edits. Dr. Seligman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The group thanked Ms. Gerson for all of her work on the dashboard.</p> <p>Dr. Seligman suggested that the task force discuss “how to get to a hunger free and food security San Francisco by 2020” at an upcoming FSTF meeting.</p> <p>The group also discussed coordinating how/when to disseminate the dashboard, and specifically coordinating</p>	As noted.

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	<p>dropping off the dashboard at the offices of the members of the Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>Ms. Jones will coordinate a meeting to discuss “how to get to a hunger free and food secure San Francisco by 2020” with the target of having this meeting prior to the March FSTF meeting.</p>	
<b>5. Presentation of Citywide Emergency Feeding Plan Exercise</b>	<p>Mr. Rob Stengel from the SF Department of Emergency Management and Ms. Cissie Bonini, consultant, discussed the upcoming citywide emergency feeding plan exercise. Ms. Bonini was engaged by the Tenderloin Hunger Task Force to develop a 2 year work plan around disaster preparedness and emergency feeding. Creating a pre-disaster collaborative at multiple levels to ensure all SF residents get fed during a disaster is the goal. There will be a table top exercise on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Stengel and Ms. Bonini explained that at the table top exercise, many stakeholders would participate in working together to plan for a disaster and identify gaps and needs prior to an actual disaster. Mr. Stengel noted that the goal of the exercise is to answer the question: “How do we work together to feed vulnerable residents after a disaster”. The Disaster Feeding Plan will answer this question. The goal is to pull in all CBOs, local government, restaurants, hotels, food trucks, etc. There will be participants in the exercise and observers of the exercise. The Exercise Planning Team is (DEM, HSA, Tenderloin Hunger Task Force members, etc.). The group will look at roles and responsibilities, and the Incident Command Structure. Mr. O’Farrell asked about the scale of the exercise. The exercise will be around a 3 week power outage. Many of the Food Security Task Force members noted that after the last big rain storm in San Francisco, there were many challenges to providing food services, including many clients were concerned that the food program they relied on might not be opened to serve food (whether it was a dining room, clinic (WIC), or home delivered meals).</p> <p>Mr. Stengel noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> 72 hour period is critical. There is a lot of food in San Francisco, but the challenge may be around distributing it.</p> <p>One question was whether the hospitals in San Francisco were involved. Ms. Jones will send some contacts for the hospitals. Once the invitation is ready, Ms. Jones will forward it.</p>	As noted.
<b>6. Discussion of FSTF requests for 2015-16 budget</b>	<p>Ms. Olle led the discussion on the FSTF budget asks for 2015-16 providing a background on the requests from 2014-15 and the outcomes. Dr. Pitchford asked if there were any items that were requested but not funded last year. Ms. Gruneisen said that last year, the FSTF was considering meals in shelters. The HESPA (Homeless Emergency Providers Association) which includes shelter directors, eviction defense agency directors, resource centers, collectively prioritize funding requests for shelters.</p>	NONE.

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	<p>They are very far along in their process. Part of their considerations is the cost of food. The group felt that the FSTF should support the priorities of HESPA. Ms. Gruneisen also let the group know that there will likely be a hearing on shelters in the near future. Ms. Rivecca mentioned that the HESPA group is generally focused on getting people in housing or preventing eviction.</p> <p>Dr. Seligman noted that this year, the FSTF will have results from the food security survey of SRO residents. Ms. Gruneisen noted that priorities from the survey respondents who are at high nutrition risk (n=501) include more funds to purchase healthy food (67%), pantries that are closer (47%), closer grocery stores (47%), and free/low cost microwave meals (43%).</p> <p>Ms. Quaintance asked whether there was a budget ask for the Healthy Food Purchasing Supplement. Mr. Sarabi mentioned that additional funds to transition to EBT might be needed.</p> <p>Mr. O'Farrell noted that the funds for CalFresh outreach is ongoing, and that there is a startup time needed to hire and train staff, etc.</p> <p>The group noted that we need to get a status update from each of the groups funded through the additional funds for food security in the 2014-15 budget. Ms. Weitheim noted that \$21K of the \$195K that Human Service Agency received for contracting with community based organizations for outreach is going to Leah's pantry. She suggested that the task force get an update on which SROs they're working in.</p> <p>Ms. O'Keeffe noted that there is a need to raise awareness of what it takes to make change and improve the quality and quantity of food programs including the need for infrastructure (physical and programmatic).</p> <p>Ms. Quaintance thanked Ms. Lau from DAAS for all of her leadership and diligence in managing the additional funds that DAAS received to contract for expanded food programs for seniors and adults with disabilities. Ms. Lau presented all of the new and expanded contracts to the DAAS commission earlier in the day.</p>	

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	<p>Ms. Lau noted that a lot of the work for a needs assessment was done, and providers have expanded. Based on the assessment of need, there is minimally another 5,000 San Franciscans that could be served.</p> <p>Ms. Gruneisen asked if additional funds for serving this high risk population could be included in the DAAS budget. Ms. Lau will check.</p> <p>Ms. Seligman mentioned the priorities listed in the Resolution committing San Francisco to being food secure and hunger free by 2020. We should analyze whether there is adequate funding for these priority programs.</p> <p>Dr. Pitchford asked Ms. O’Keeffe whether there were any requests from SFUSD. Ms. O’Keeffe suggested that since the task force is building on the priorities from last year, it would be good to maintain focus, and address this question in long range planning.</p> <p>Ms. Wertheim suggested that leveraging current investments (including infrastructure) to serve more meals for less funds is an appropriate focus.</p> <p>Dr. Seligman mentioned that we would anticipate that food insecurity/need for food programs will be less given current new investments.</p> <p>Ms. Quaintance made a motion to update the budget requests from last year subtracting what was received last year to develop the current budget asks. This summary of requests would be provided to the Supervisors, Mayor’s office and advocates. Dr. Pitchford seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Ms. Jones and Ms. Louie abstained.</p>	
<b>7. Discussion of FSTF participation on the California Food Policy Council</b>	<p>Ms. Hui let the group know about the proposed changes to membership within the CAFPC. The proposal is to have voting and non-voting members. Non-voting members will not have direct access to influence policy and will not participate in the annual Legislative Report. The Legislative Report may include analysis of the state legislative and budget session with respect to food systems. The CAFPC is moving to be more involved in state policy.</p>	<p>Ms. Olle will make changes noted, and Ms. Jones will have the bylaws reviewed.</p>

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	<p>Since the FSTF is an official member of the CAFPC, the FSTF will have a vote on whether the amended bylaws will be approved.</p> <p>The group discussed the FSTF involvement with the CAFPC. Ms. Hui made a motion to approve the amended bylaws of the CAFPC. Mr. O'Farrell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Ms. Louie, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Kim abstained.</p> <p>Ms. Lui will let the CAFPC know of the vote of the FSTF.</p> <p>Ms. Lui also let the FSTF know about a new sign on letter to the Market Match program similar to the same program proposed last year. Ms. Lui made a motion that as a member of the CAFPC, the FSTF votes that the CAFPC support the Market Match program. Mr. O'Farrell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Ms. Louie, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Kim abstained.</p> <p>Ms. Lui made another motion that the FSTF support the Market Match program. Mr. O'Farrell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Ms. Louie, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Kim abstained.</p>	
<b>8. Update on grocery delivery</b>	<p>Ms. Waters from Supervisor Avalos' office updated the FSTF on the grocery delivery project for CalFresh recipients. As part of the project, a survey was conducted and results showed that there many problems with transportation, and some residents' capacity to carry groceries. She asked for the FSTF support to ensure that California is chosen to pilot a demonstration project authorized in the 2012 Farm Bill that would allow EBT/food stamps to be used to pay for groceries that are delivered. She also let the task force know about a new development resulting from the purchase of Safeway by Albertsons. Ms. Waters had been working closely with staff from Safeway who were in support of this program. However, with the purchase of Safeway by Albertsons, staffing of this initiative is uncertain. Mr. Sarabi noted that Good Eggs applied to be an EBT vendor for the demonstration project.</p> <p>Mr. O'Farrell made a motion for the FSTF to send a letter to Congress in support of this project and California being a pilot state. Dr. Seligman seconded the motion. The motion was approved.</p>	As noted.
<b>9. Project Area</b>	Updates are include in the notes above.	None

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10. Items for the next meeting	Not discussed.	None.
11. Public Comment	Incorporated above.	
12. Adjournment	3:30 pm.	