

San Francisco Food Security Task Force

Minutes July 5, 2017

1:30 – 3:30 pm, 25 Van Ness, Room 610

In Attendance:

Task Force Members: Leo O’Farrell (CalFresh), Linda Lau (DAAS), Michelle Kim (DCYF), Paula Jones (SFDPH), Karen Gruneisen (Episcopal Community Services); Karl Robillard (Meals on Wheels of SF); Geoffrey Grier (Recovery Theatre/Green Mobile Kitchen), Ryan Thayer (TNDC); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Magdalene Louie (SFDPH); Orla O’Keeffe (SFUSD)

Public: Teri Olle; Steph Galinson (U Pacific); Michelle Cooke; Tiffany Tu (DCYF); Rachel Ball (EatSF); Charles Shen (TNDC); Rita Nguyen (SFDPH); Daniela Flores (Eat SF); Olga Stavinskay (Human Service Agency); Melanie Colvin (DCYF); Aimee Williams (SFSU) Donna LaVallee (SFDPH); Janna Cordeiro (SF Wholesale Produce Market); Ave Lambert (resident); Francesca Costa (SF&M Foodbank); Becky Gershon (SFMFB); Rio Holaday (Change Labs Solutions); Cindy Kauffman (DAAS); Sonny Pyon (The Salvation Army); Cristobal Bonal (HAS Calfresh); Monica Lopez (resident); Karen Cohn (SFDPH); Kati Lei (DCYF); Patty Baldwin (CCSF – Ocean Campus); Tracey Patterson (CFPA); Kristal Caballero (CFPA); Meg Davidson (SFMFB); Bruce McKinney (Tenderloin Hunger Task Force)

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	Leo O’Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.	
2. Welcome and introductions	Leo O’Farrell welcomed everyone and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.	
3. Approval of minutes from May 3, 2016	A few changes were noted. With those changes, Karen Gruneisen made the motion to accept the minutes from the May 3 rd task force meeting. The motion was seconded by Chester Williams. The motion was approved unanimously.	Approved meeting notes will be posted to the website.
4. Presentation and discussion of food security budget priorities and next steps, Teri Olle, Anne	San Francisco budget: Teri Olle discussed the budget recently passed by the Board of Supervisors. She stated that there is a concern about potential future cuts to city and state budgets. The Mayor put \$500,000 in new budget for home delivered meals and \$1.5 million was added to food programs through the add back process. Additionally, an additional \$275,000 for food programs was included for specific districts, and \$60K for healthy retail program.	

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<p>Quaintance (Meals on Wheels of SF); Mark Ryle (Project Open Hand); Becky Gershon (SFMFB)</p>	<p>California budget:</p> <p>Mark Ryle from Project Open Hand informed the group about a pilot nutrition program newly approved in the state budget. Governor Jerry Brown today approved a \$6 million innovative healthy food pilot project for low income Californians with chronic health diseases. The Food Is Medicine based program, was supported by State Senators Mike McGuire and Nancy Skinner, and State Assemblymembers Phil Ting and David Chiu. The \$6 million project will be used over a three year pilot project period and is expected to reach 16,000 people. The coalition includes Project Open Hand in San Francisco, Ceres Community Project and Food For Thought in the North Bay Area, The Health Trust in Santa Clara County, Project Angel Food in Los Angeles and Mama’s Kitchen in San Diego. The funds will target chronically ill Medi-Cal patients who suffer from congestive heart failure, cancer, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or renal disease. The funding for this pilot project is included in SB 97.</p> <p>Becky Gershon discussed the state budget which included \$8 million next year to fund CalFood with \$6 million dollars being allocated each year thereafter. She noted that this was the first time there has been on-going funding for the program and food purchased through the program must be California grown.</p> <p>Becky also let the group know that there is no new funding for SSI recipients in the recently signed state budget. However, there are recommendations for a Legislative Analyst study to examine options to end the cash out policy which prevents SSI recipients from being eligible for CalFresh.</p> <p>California legislature passed AB 453 which establishes a new program that would provide a “Food Insecure-Free Campus” designation to encourage and incentivize anti-hunger efforts on California’s public university campuses. The certification would encourage college campuses to pursue the following: 1. Establish a <i>Swipe Out Hunger</i> program which encourage college students to donate unused meal credits to students who need them and then, remaining benefits to be donated to the on campus food pantry. 2 Establish an on-campus pantry or partner with a local food bank to provide regular on-campus food distributions. 3. Designate a person on campus to make sure</p>	
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	that the students on campus have access to accurate information about CalFresh and how to apply.	
5. Presentation and discussion of 2017 Homeless Count - Karen Gruneisen (Episcopal Community Services)	<p>Karen Gruneisen discussed the results from the 2017 Homeless Count that is conducted every two years in January.</p> <p>Some key findings from this year's count:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite being less than 6% of the population 34% of the homeless are Black • Asians are the only group that is underrepresented in the homeless counts. • The homeless population has remained steady for the past two years, but due to the development of the Mid Market Area, the homeless populations are less concentrated and are spread throughout the city. • A majority of people who are homeless in San Francisco have been residents of SF for more than 10 years. • Only 27% of those classified as chronically homeless are living in shelters • 59% of the homeless surveyed have been homeless in excess of a year. • The number one cause of homelessness in San Francisco is loss of a job. 	
6. Update and discussion regarding SFDPH Therapeutic food pantries in clinics, Rita Nguyen (SFDPH)	<p>Dr. Rita Nguyen asked for a letter of support from the FSTF as part of a proposal to scale the therapeutic food pantry/food pharmacy model to additional clinics throughout San Francisco. Dr. Nguyen noted theirs was among only four collaborations selected to proceed to submitting a full proposal. The collaboration is an opportunity for healthcare systems to take a larger role in addressing food insecurity and connecting patients to food programming and resources. The proposal will be a cross-discipline collaboration that provides an opportunity for food service providers to access underserved communities that may not be aware of the various resources and programming availability to them. In this way, healthcare could play an important role in connecting patients to public sector and nonprofit services.</p> <p>Following Dr. Nguyen's presentation Karen Gruneisen made a motion that was seconded by Linda Lau to have the FSTF write a letter in support of the proposal. The motion was passed with Ryan Thayer abstaining from the vote.</p>	The task force will send a letter of support.
7. Update on data and measurement, Paula Jones	The FSTF Assessment Work Group will meet Wednesday, July 19 th from 2 – 4 PM @ 25 Van Ness Room 610. The assessment will have information of city as a whole and by district. First draft due August 1	Agenda will be sent to the list serve and posted to the website.

(SFDPH), Sophie Rosenmoss (UCSF)		
8. Project Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peri Weisberg from the Human Service Agency provided an update since her presentation in May. At that time they were seeing a decrease in applications for CalFresh and an increase in households asking for discontinuance. Peri reported that the number of applications with households with mixed application status is approaching normal and the number of households voluntarily leaving the program is also almost back to normal. • Tracy Patterson of California Food Policy Advocates will send a survey to gather input on priorities around food policy. • Karen Gruneisen (Episcopal Community Services); SRO Group has applied for funding from Stupski Foundation. The Foundation board will review this in mid-July. • Janna Cordeiro from the SF Wholesale Produce Market announced that the market is looking for partners for the produce they have recovered through their food recovery program. • Ryan Thayer let the group know that the Closing the Hunger Gap conference will be held this fall in Tacoma Washington. The goal of the 2017 CTHG conference is to move hunger relief organizations toward strategies that promote social justice and address the root causes of hunger, using the lens of racial and economic equity. 	
9. Recognition of Teri Olle	Leo O'Farrell presented a Certificate of Honor to Teri Ollie from the Board of Supervisors for her leadership in reducing food insecurity in San Francisco.	
10. Public Comment	Incorporated above.	
11. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 3:29	