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San Francisco Food Security Task Force

Minutes July 1, 2009

1:30pm-3:00 pm, City Hall, Room 278

In Attendance

Task Force Members: Leo O'Farrell, Max Rocha, Maria LeClair, Renske van Staveren, Angelina Cahalan, Tammi Minix

DPH Staff to Task Force: Paula Jones

Public:

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	1:39 pm by Mr. O'Farrell.	
2. Approval of Minutes from June 3, 2009	Ms. LeClair motioned to approve minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Van Staveren and unanimously approved.	Ms. Jones will have the approved minutes posted online.
3. Review of action plan for future work of the Food Security Task Force.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RS said that one item had been omitted from the final version and asked that "preparing annual report" be added back to the action plan.• LO expressed concern about the bandwidth of the task force and mentioned that interns may be able to help with research assistance. He felt that the task force needs to explore this option.• ML asked who would staff the task force.• RS commented that we need to keep communicating the need.• AC commented that St. Anthony's has a strong intern program and that interns can help analyze data and draft reports for the task force.• LO mentioned that we also need to measure website hits.• PJ will check with DPH webmaster to see if this is possible.• LO said that we need to be more modern with communicating – using Twitter and YouTube, for example.• To do: LO, RS, AC and PJ will develop an intern job description. It was mentioned that it would be useful to recruit someone with social media experience.• MR reviewed the FSTF annual report and asked who the intended audience was? It seemed that the information was useful, and he asked how we had been doing around these issues. The group expressed concern that some of the	Ms. Jones will work with other members of the group to develop intern position description.

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	<p>items mentioned in the report had not been completed and that the task force should review the priorities again in order to focus our work.</p>	
<p>4. Discussion regarding meeting with Supervisor Maxwell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about this is included in the previous agenda item. 	<p>No action needed.</p>
<p>5. Program Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TM shared that the need for food was growing. The Bayview YMCA has seen tremendous growth in their food pantry. They have gone from serving 600 families to 3,000 in a matter of a few months.. • LO shared that applications for food stamps increased 22% since December. 100 people applied for food stamps using www.benefitsSF.org. • LO discussed a new regulation – AB 433 that would allow the resource limit for families to be waived. The SF food stamp office will implement this starting July 1, 2009. This requires that family planning brochures contain links to TANF. • LO gave an update on the metrics for www.benefitsSF.org. They have received 101 applications - ~29% were from CBOs, 38% were received after hours, 66% of applications were initiated by women. 40% of the households have children, 66% speak English, 2% Spanish. SF has 19,000 food stamp cases (non assistance food stamps) and 4,000 are families with children. This figure (cases with children) has doubled. HSA has seen cases grow 25%. • MR suggested that DCYF can broadcast the information about www.benefitsSF.org through their regular email blast. • LO mentioned that the task force needs to choose a new Vice Chair and that he would like nominations for this by the August meeting. • It was suggested that for the August meeting, Magdelene Louie from the WIC department provide an update on the changes to WIC. 	

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6. Public Comment	Public Comment: Public comments are incorporated above.	
7. Adjournment	Mr. O'Farrell adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5 2009 from 1:30pm-3:30 pm at City Hall in Room 278.	