

APPROVED

San Francisco Food Security Task Force

Minutes September 7, 2011

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

In Attendance:

Task Force Members: Leo O'Farrell (Food Stamp Program), Maria LeClair (DPH Nutrition Services), Sean Brooks (SF Food Bank), Paula Jones (DPH – Food Systems), Dan Schuman (Project Open Hand), Anne Quaintance (MOW), Maurita Dunphy (DCYF), Linda Lau (DAAS) Emanuel Hepburn (Bayview YMCA), Gail Priestley (St. Anthony Foundation), Jean Cooper (Glide Foundation), Linda Lau (DAAS), Deloris McGee (Community Living Campaign), Karen Gruneisen (ECS)

Public: Adam Scow (Food and Water Watch), Bruce McKinney (Glide), Jenny Huston (Farm to Table Food Services), Alicia Salvatore (Stanford Prevention Research), Carmen Lee (The Free Farm), Leah Vaughn (Community Maps), Robert Mason (Temple United Methodist), Maureen Sarver (Home Base), Megan Wall (SFDPH) Colleen Rivecca (St. Anthony Foundation), Elizabeth Boileau (Food Runners), Charles Simms (Glide), Colleen Kavanagh (Campaign for Better Nutrition)

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	Called by Mr. O'Farrell at 1:35pm	
2. Approval of Minutes from August 3, 2011	Several changes were noted to the attendance list and an additional change (double word in item 4). Quaintance motioned to approve the minutes with the changes. Ms. LeClair seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.	Ms. Jones will post minutes to FSTF webpage.
3. Preliminary results from Nutrition study of free dining rooms	<p>Ms. Jones presented a brief preliminary summary from the nutrition study conducted by Soledad Drago with support from Dr. Hilary Seligman. The study involved collecting information from participating organizations about their meal program, their recipes, preparation methods, serving sizes, analyze the nutritional content of the meals served, and determine the extent to which meals served in the programs are nutritionally adequate. Ms. Drago collected information from 3 different meals from each of the participating organizations, and has analyzed one of the meals from each organization so far. Participating organizations represent over 190,000 free meals each month in San Francisco. Although the meal programs from each organization are all unique, the results presented today are presented in aggregate. Preliminary results indicate that meals on average are low in calories, dietary fiber, calcium, vitamin D, folate, thiamin and zinc, and are high in total fat, saturated fat and sodium.</p> <p>Ms. Drago and/or Dr. Seligman will present the results of the entire study as soon as all of the information has been analyzed.</p> <p>Task force members suggested that it would be helpful to present the information to participating organizations in a roundtable format in order to discuss the unique characteristics of each program, and to have the input from the participating organizations when developing recommendations. Task force members also commented that the amount and variety of fresh fruits and vegetables depend on the growing season and the availability from the food bank.</p>	No action necessary.

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4. Possible impacts of federal budget reduction act	<p>Ms. Rivecca informed the task force of upcoming federal appropriations process, and the Senate appropriations decisions being made this week including possible cuts to WIC, CSFP, TEFAP and other critical programs. She also updated the task force on the Congressional Debt Reduction Committee's task to cut the federal budget deficit by at least \$1.2 trillion over 10 years or automatic spending cuts will be triggered. The committee has formed and there is a schedule for meetings and media is allowed to attend hearings. The task force discussed some of the programs that will potentially be impacted including some HIV and shelter related funding. Mr. Brooks commented that the SF Food Bank lost some of their FEMA funding for pantries, partially due to the allocation model, as well as the new emphasis on developing a tracking system to ensure pantry resources are being distributed to the needy.</p> <p>Ms. Kavanagh commented that programs identified by the Obama Administration to be ineffective will likely be targeted for cuts. She referred to a report released by the Obama Administration earlier this year.</p> <p>Ms. Rivecca said that organizations could send a letter to Senator Feinstein asking her to reject nutrition cuts in the FY 2012 Agriculture Appropriations budget. Ms. Dunphy made a motion for the task force to send a letter to Senator Feinstein. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Rivecca offered to draft the letter and send it to Senator Feinstein.</p> <p>Ms. Lau also made a motion to send a letter to the local FEMA board expressing that we support funding for food. Mr. O'Farrell seconded the motion. Ms. Cooper offered to assist with writing the letter.</p> <p>Mr. Brooks made a motion to send a letter to the National FEMA Board letting them know of the current weaknesses in the National Allocation Model. Ms. Quaintance seconded the motion. Mr. Brooks offered to write the letter.</p> <p>Public comment: A member of the public commented on the need for a tracking system for pantries to ensure that people in need have access to the resources and to minimize duplication.</p>	Action items included in discussion.

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5. Discussion and timeline for annual report	Discussion tabled until the October meeting	No action needed
6. Project updates	<p>Mr. O'Farrell let the task force know that the CalFresh program was hiring 17 new eligibility workers and 3 new supervisors due to the increase in CalFresh enrollment.</p> <p>Ms. Priestley informed the task force that on September 24th St. Anthony's will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary with a rally and a BBQ for 10,000.</p> <p>Mr. Schuman informed the task force of the memorial service for Ruth Brinker, the founder of Project Open Hand, on September 12th at the North Light Court of City Hall.</p> <p>Ms. Boileau informed the task force that Food Runners will be hiring another food solicitor.</p> <p>Ms. Dunphy updated the task force on the DCYF snack and summer lunch program. They were very happy with the food from the new vendor, and have received positive reviews on the food and overall operations. DCYF will be looking to make sure that there are strategic hubs for summer lunch in each neighborhood</p> <p>Ms. LeClair informed the task force of the progress of the Breastfeeding Promotion Work Group. They continue to meet and work with city hospitals to assess their current practices and plan for increasing their support of breastfeeding.</p>	No action needed.
7. Upcoming meetings or reports back from other meetings	<p>Ms. Salvatore introduced her work at the Stanford Prevention Research Center, and asked members of the task force if they would be interested in potential collaborations. Several members of the task force were interested. A separate meeting will be scheduled.</p> <p>A Mayoral Forum will be held at the LGBT center on September 26 hosted by SF Urban Agriculture Alliance, SF Green schoolyard Alliance, and other partners.</p>	No action needed.
8. Legislative update	Adam Scow from Food And Water Watch discussed FWW's draft Farm Bill Resolution. Task force members had questions about some of the programs in the resolution, and asked Mr. Scow to explain the impacts of these bills on the price of food and access for low income people. Ms. Jones, Ms. Cooper and Ms. Quaintance agreed keep in contact with FWW as they work on the Farm Bill. Mr. Scow informed the task force that he is scheduling a meeting with members of the SF Board of Supervisors, and that his organization may have a Farm Bill forum in San Francisco in the future.	No action needed.

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	<p>Ms. Rivecca also updated that task force on state legislation including AB6, AB69 which are both on the Governor's desk. Advocates are hopeful that AB 152 will also reach the Governor's desk. Unfortunately, there is not as good of news for AB 828. She referred the task force to California Food Policy Advocates information sheet.</p>	
9. Items for the next meeting	<p>Ms. Rivecca provided information about high priority state legislation affecting food for vulnerable residents including AB6, AB69, AB152, AB828, SB43. August 26 is the last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills (out of suspense file). September 9th is the last day for any bill to be passed by Assembly or Senate, and October 9 is the last day for the Governor to sign or veto a bill.</p>	No action needed.
10. Public comment	<p>Public Comments are incorporated above.</p>	
11. Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Priestley at 3:35 pm.</p>	