

Approved FSTF Meeting Minutes

April 05, 2023

Present: Cissie Bonini (Vouchers 4 Veggies/EatSF); Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security/Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Campbell Barbee (Glide SF); Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Austin Dalmasso (Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation); Emily Cohen (HSH); Hannah Smith (San Francisco Unified School District); Guillermo Reece (San Francisco African American Faith Based Coalition); Jade Quizon (API Council); Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank); Mei Ling Hui (SF Rec and Park/Urban Agriculture); Raegan Sales (Children’s Council SF); Tiffany Kearney (Department of Disability and Aging Services); Michelle Kim (Department of Children Youth & their Families); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign)

Also Present: Lea Troeh (UCSF); DeJanelle Bovell (SFDPH – Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Jordan Brown (UCSF); Kristi Friesen (Project Open Hand); Serena Ngo (Hirsch Philanthropy Partners); Anthony Khalil (BVHP Community Advocates); Anthony Olubiyi; Asha Chirackal (BVHP Community Advocates); Christopher Lee (SFDPH – Center for Data Science); Cindy Lin (SF HSA Food Access); Ellen Garcia (EatSF); Fiona McBride (SF HSA Food Access); Jocelyn Villalobos; Katherine Merriman (Zuckerberg San Francisco General); Kathleen Reed (SFDPH CalAIM Community); Katie Ettman (SPUR); Linda Huerta (Homeless Prenatal Program); Laura Jones (Leah’s Pantry); Maggie Shugerman (BVHP Community Advocates); Reese Isbell (SFDPH – Office of Health Equity); Tommy McClain (SF HSA Food Access); Tiffany Dang (Department of Disability and Aging Services); Marianne Szeto (SFDPH – ShapeUp SF); George Gundry (Glide)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
1. Call order to order 1:30 p.m.	Meeting called to order 1:32 PM	None.
2. Land Acknowledgement 1:30 p.m.	Cissie Bonini recited the Land Acknowledgement.	None.
3. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Cissie Bonini (Chair, EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies) 1:32 p.m.	Cissie Bonini read the roll call, introduced new task force members including Jade Quizon, Campbell Barbee, Austin Dalmasso, and other meeting attendees introduced themselves in the chat. Public Comment: N/A	None.
4. Approval of minutes from February 1, 2023, 1:35 p.m.	Move made to approve by Chester Williams and seconded by Tiffaney Kearney. Abstentions: Hannah Smith, Mei Ling Hui, Anne Quaintance, and Michelle Kim. Motion passed as is. Public Comment: N/A	FSTF staff to upload approved January meeting minutes to FSTF site.
5. General Public Comment 1:40 p.m.	Public Comment: N/A	None.

<p>6. Presentation - Update on CalAIM Medically Supportive Food and Nutrition, Katie Ettman (SPUR), Cissie Bonini (Vouchers 4 Veggies/EatSF) 1:40 p.m.</p>	<p>Katie Ettman presented an update on Medically Supportive Food and Nutrition. Medically Supportive Food and Nutrition is a spectrum of food-based preventions to help prevent, reverse, and treat chronic disease when integrated into health care. It is operationalized as 7 different interventions in California: Medically tailored meals, medically supportive meals, medically supportive groceries, medically tailored groceries, food pharmacies, produce prescriptions, and wrap around services.</p> <p>SPUR is a state-wide coalition working on the implementation of Medically Supportive Food and Nutrition for the past 4 years. Biggest success: Integration into CalAIM. CalAIM is the state’s application to the federal government asking for exemptions for federal Medicaid rules to pilot and test innovative approaches. Health and managed care plans in CA can help pay for food-based interventions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The downsides to the current success/process: 1. CalAIM is only a 5-year waiver (testing occurring: 2022-2026): funding is not an ongoing guarantee. 2. Services are options health care plans can opt into. Each individual health plan gets a choice in what community supports they do and do not provide. <p>Implementation Support: Medically Supportive Food & Nutrition Knowledge Network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPUR + Food as Medicine Collaborative created a space for CBOs and local government implementers to learn about CalAIM and how to better integrate services. - Google Sign-up form to support CalAIM implementation in chat: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrqoDnupzluY1gwFtyEeyBnHCM9gsYm3fCRT_nJbsSOxYXQ/viewform <p>Long-Term Vision: Medically Supportive Food and Nutrition funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the California state level, SPUR + Food as Medicine collaborative are co-sponsoring legislation. Assembly Bill AB1644: authored by Assembly member Bonta to transition medically supportive nutrition 	<p>FSTF staff to find advice on what the FSTF can do around SPUR’s ask.</p>
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	<p>interventions from optional services in CalAIM to fully covered medical benefits.</p> <p>Timeline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 2023: Policy Vehicle to pass bill AB1644; 2024: Budget appropriation to fund the implementation guidance (team will have 1 year to develop rules and regulation on the state level); 2025: Larger Budget appropriation to cover costs over the long-term (60% federal and 40% funding at the state to cover costs in the long-term) <p>SPUR’s Ask: FSTF to request the SF BOS to support AB1644 bill moving forward.</p> <p>FSTF Member Comments:</p> <p>Anne Quaintance: Regarding logistics - Has the city lobbyist approved this? Why are you not asking the Board of Supervisors (BOS)? Katie Ettman: There’s no official adoption by the city lobbyist. One way to get the lobbyists to support are to get the BOS to pass a resolution of support.</p> <p>Emily Cohen: It might be easier for partner departments to take this ask to the state ledger as well. Has SF health plan opted in? Katie Ettman: In July, they will start offering medically tailored meals. They have not opted into the broader spectrum. There is local work being done to get SF health plans to move in this direction.</p> <p>Chester Williams: What is SPUR looking at for budgeting? What is this going to cost? Katie Ettman: In the first year to pass the bill, nothing. SPUR is waiting for Health Care Services department at the state to release their budgets before we provide an assumption of costs. There is research that shows food-based interventions can save health care dollars (by preventing chronic conditions and high-cost interventions). From a microsimulation study, it was found that if we subsidized fruits/vegetables/healthy meals for national medical/medicare populations, it would save \$30-100 billion in costs savings, annualized over a longer-term period. We hope it’s enough to sway the budget folks to say yes.</p>	
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	<p>Cissie Bonini: To clarify, the cost return shared from the microstudy is shown over a 5-year period. Paula Jones, Katie Ettman, and I met with the SF health plan to adopt the full spectrum of the interventions. They have only opted into medically tailored meals. SF Health Plan is interested in adopting the full spectrum framework and exploring other options. We would like to reinforce this robust opportunity as there are so many existing interventions and a lot of collaboration amongst CBOs and the city. We are encouraging SF health plans to step into the opportunity in a big way, or else we're leaving money on the table.</p> <p>Paula Jones: Thank you for that update, Katie Ettman. I agree with Emily Cohen. One way to do this is by departments taking this ask to the ledge committee. This conversation is happening in our public policy and planning office; we missed this deadline for the upcoming meeting, but next ledge meeting would be good. The goal is for DPH to provide appropriate information to be reviewed at the ledge committee. Paula Jones to connect with Emily Cohen afterwards regarding the ledge committee. Emily Cohen: Let me check internally for conflicts and get back to you.</p> <p>Katie Ettman: Can the internal city governments, FSTF, and Spur work in parallel? Paula Jones: As a public body created by another public body, we are not allowed to take a position on a topic as the FSTF that the body that created us doesn't already have a position on. Katie Ettman: This would be a request for permission for support. Paula Jones: That's a good idea to explore. Paula Jones to find advice on what the FSTF can do around SPUR's ask.</p> <p>Katie Ettman: For additional context, this is not a FSTF specific ask; SPUR and FSTF feel very connected. In Los Angeles County, colleagues were able to support the BOS passing a resolution about how medically supportive nutrition relates to diabetes/diabetes management and are currently working with their health plan to opt into the full spectrum.</p> <p>Meg Davidson: Thank you for leading this work. SF Marin Food Bank signed onto this bill as it is a great opportunity to maximize our food as medicine work.</p>	
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	<p>Home delivered groceries program is especially helpful for the population we serve via HDG.</p> <p>Katie Ettman offered to provide a status update in next FSTF meeting and discuss what may be possible. Happy to draft the request or resolution for the BOS if needed.</p> <p>Public Comment: N/A</p>	
<p>7. Discussion of end of CalFresh Emergency Allotments and plans, Cissie Bonini (Vouchers 4 Veggies/EatSF) a. Public comment 2:05 p.m.</p>	<p>Austin Dalmaso: In the Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation’s Community Organizing Office, I hear people are stressed. A rally was held outside of SF City Hall that led to the passing of a resolution to recommend the state to supplement these allotments. Additionally, 2 people from our office and 10 community members met with staff from Matt Haney and Scott Weiner’s offices to see what they could do at the state level. There has not been too much headway, but the conversation continues.</p> <p>Anne Quaintance: People have not been hopeful but are showing interest in state potential. It’s been harder to get people to advocate than usual. People wonder if we can get more EatSF vouchers. Conard House has been receiving more vouchers which has been helpful. People are interested in the next round as well as other resources. Cissie Bonini responded: I echo the uptick in grocery support needs. We expect it to get stronger.</p> <p>Meg Davidson: From SF Marin Food Bank’s perspective, there has been an increased demand from our network and pop-up pantries. I would like to celebrate the work Austin Dalmaso and TNDC have been doing around organizing. Additional state level advocacy for SB600 to increase the floor of the CalFresh Minimum Benefit of \$23 to be lifted to \$50! If anyone wants to get involved, I’ll put my email in the chat. mdavidson@sfmfoodbank.org</p> <p>Jade Quizon: Reported being a part of a new food coalition team. They are in the process of creating a survey to know needs and resources for their coalition members and how their work impacts clients.</p>	<p>None.</p>

	<p>Campbell Barbee: Regarding the meals program at Glide, we're bracing for an influx of seniors. There are more outside in-line at 7:30 am. In budgeting meetings, there has been an increased need to secure funding for the senior meal program. It is highly unlikely that we'll achieve this, but we think we'll get busier. Inflation is affecting the costs of breakfast and lunch programs. Glide is good at reacting, so we just plan to react when it happens to meet the needs.</p>	
<p>8. Update from HSA Food Coordination Group, Cindy Lin (HSA) 2:15 p.m.</p>	<p>HSA + the Department of Emergency Management are updating the city-wide Disaster Feeding Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – There are a lot of things to update in the plan. There's a workgroup some people on the call are present for. The team is working with the Red Cross and updating this workplan published version in late fall and will be sharing with community when it's finished. <p>RFP 1074 is located on the city HSA website. It targets specific neighborhoods that don't have any pantries or enough pantries. Since this is a public meeting: Cindy Lin is unable to answer questions live, however, the RFP is ready for applications.</p> <p>FSTF Member Comment: N/A</p> <p>Public Comment: N/A</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>9. Discussion of FSTF 2023 Recommendations and meetings with stakeholders, Cissie Bonini (Vouchers 4 Veggies/EatSF), Paula Jones (SFDPH) 2:25 p.m.</p>	<p>Cissie Bonini thanked Tiffany Kearney, Meg Davidson, Meredith Terrell, and Paula Jones for a good job on creating the recommendations. Paula Jones and Cissie Bonini then presented the recommendations using the presentation to department heads and other groups. The bulk of the FSTF meetings with the SF Board of Supervisors were held in March and will continue through April.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The full recommendations are linked here: https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-02/FSTF_2023_Recommendations.final_.pdf – The presentation slides are linked here: https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-04/FSTF%202023%20Recommendation%20slides%204-5-23.pdf 	<p>None.</p>

Cissie Bonini discussed the current landscape of food insecurity in San Francisco. Despite significant growth of food programs in San Francisco, Food insecurity remains high among surveyed participants.

- 80% SF Marin Food Bank clients; 72% HSA Food Access Program clients; 45% DAS clients; DCYF partnered with Stanford to measure parents: Of 100,000 respondents, 30% of all survey respondents were food insecure.

The FSTF lifts the work of the HSA Food Access/Coordination group for responding to community need, elevating community voice, and getting money into the community quickly. This is alongside new coalitions created to elevate community voice. We see them all as critical and huge successes.

San Francisco has made significant food security investments since 2020: Investments in food security reduced food insecurity rates for low-income SF residents. The California Health Interview Survey shows high rates of food insecurity before Covid in 2019 as 59% and it has improved to only 35% in 2021 for residents under 200% FPL.

With Bay Area housing higher than the national average and rising food costs, it has impacted people. It is a significant impact, and many waivers can make eligibility easier. Funding for HSA is not guaranteed beyond June 2023. The program is looking to expand eligibility to pregnant people, seniors, and families with children with disabilities with a corporate sponsor for the delivery. It is no longer in place, so they are having to scramble. We've seen a decrease in funding for our senior nutrition providers.

- To find additional information shared from the slides regarding the recommendations, please go to this link:
<https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-04/FSTF%202023%20Recommendation%20slides%204-5-23.pdf>

After the last FSTF meeting, we met with Supervisor Peskin's office, Director Trent Rhorer/HSA, and Dr. Colfax/DPH. Across the board the FSTF heard that food security is important to them but it's a tough budget year. There's a lot of

interest to show their investment works. Different players had questions about housing, food, CalFresh, Farm Bill, and others. The coordination around food policy was brought up and someone had different ideas for how that could happen.

- In the meeting with DPH, the FSTF was asked for advice on different ways the city has worked to break silos.
- Meg Davidson: During the meeting with Grant Colfax, they asked us about our recommendations knowing they had to make budget cuts. They asked us how to do it equitably. It's pretty telling.
- Paula Jones: DPH also asked if we knew what was happening at the state level. There were things in the works we weren't aware of yet.
- Overall, it sounded like department heads wanted us to keep engaging directly by emailing lists and attending meetings. City-wide coordination was of interest and how that may work. The more staff we have sharing materials is welcome. The BOS has already heard from other coalitions. This is a very synergistic effort.

Cissie Bonini added to the chat: Please remember if you're interested, please join us as it's important to have different voices and faces on this call. FSTF members need to schedule a department meetings with the FSTF group.

FSTF member Comments:

Anne Quaintance: It looks great. I'm curious about what data points you have, people were requesting to know things like: What's the data on food security? Are people staying housed?

- Paula Jones: I would love to hear more about the points people are asking for. We should be tracking that. Anne Quaintance: Tipping Point Community and other agencies were helpful.

Guillermo Reece added to the chat: Thank You for the development of the recommendations... I agree on the presentation.

	<p>Michelle Kim added to the chat: I like the visuals! I feel the information presented is more digestible to understand.</p> <p>Anne Quaintance: Budget Justices have asked for food security data from the supportive housing Food kiosk program.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: The Mayor’s Office is requesting all budget asks by May 1st to sustain funding for all programs at all levels. The FSTF keep you all updated. The slides are on the website. The data will certainly be helpful.</p> <p>Public Comments: N/A</p>	
<p>10. Update on the Biennial Food Security and Equity Report, (DPH Project Team) 2:55 p.m.</p>	<p>Paula Jones, Reese Isbell, DeJanelle Bovell, and Christopher Lee were all a part of the project team introduced to the FSTF.</p> <p>Link to the presentation found here: https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-04/FSTF%20update%204-5-23.pdf</p> <p>DPH is required to work with the FSTF specifically to review the data and develop recommendations. Reese Isbell will be the contact with the city agencies.</p> <p>The project team will get results of the standardized food security screenings through city agencies, but we want to know about what community programs are doing. The project team would like to hear from anyone on the call if you’d done any of this kind of data collection and figure out if that should be completed in the report.</p> <p>Last steps are to collect data from non-city entities, review the Food Security Data Set, and develop recommendations. From the Food Security Data Set, the project team will generate analysis, and work with the FSTF and city agencies to develop recommendations of policies and budget addressing food insecurity, gaps in resources, and infrastructure to support food security. Team to schedule special meetings for additional conversation soon. paula.Jones@sfdph.org -</p>	<p>None.</p>

please let Paula Jones know if you have food security screening data and/or qualitative data from clients/residents.

FSTF Members Comments:

Raegan Sales added to the chat: Thanks for the overview/refresher, Paula. So excited that there's a project team now!

Michelle Kim: DCYF has automated some of our data collection processes which makes it easier to share data metrics. We'll be happy to share more information about the summer meals program in the future!

- Paula Jones to loop back and share the documents that have been developed for the Biennial Food Security & Equity Report for feedback.

Chester Williams: For the supervisors, what kind of response have we gotten for the recommendations?

- Paula Jones: We let them know it's happening. There were discussions on food security data in one meeting but no I don't think it's registered as a big one. Cissie Bonini, do you recall anyone reacting to the biennial food security and equity report. Cissie Bonini: The recommendations can lead to actionable items. There is an opportunity with the report that has equity in the name to shape how we approach this.
- Chester Williams: They need to take this seriously as we need to know how funding is going. In low-income communities, this is a real need. Paula Jones: Great point. What's important for the BOS to see? The ordinance requires a lot, but we want it to be simple so it's digestible and actionable.
- Meg Davidson: Thank you, looking forward to how much better we can make it this time around.

Public Comment:

Paula Jones: Jade Quizon mentioned the survey being developed by the food advocacy group. I wonder if they're getting client-level data. The Report Team

	would like to know more information about their programs, focus groups, or surveys so that we can collaborate. We're open to having more involvement in this process. The idea is that the city is doing this data collection rather than depending on the FSTF to do it. Cissie Bonini: Thank you for the regular updates.	
11. Food Security Task Force member updates 3:15 p.m.	<p>Maggie Shugerman: Status update for the D10 Food Empowerment Market: We're using the platform UniteUs for the referral. Please reach out for any questions at maggie.shugerman@bhpms.org. The brick-and-mortar store is not open yet, but we are continuing to distribute chicken, eggs, and other shelf-stable items every month to our 150 founding stakeholder clients in D10 until we officially open.</p> <p>Anne Quaintance: Our location has food available in the Kiosk 4 days a week. We'll look to adding a 5th day but we're not able to expand beyond the 1 kiosk until we secure additional funding.</p> <p>Michelle Kim: DCYF is working on processes for our summer meals application so a website of the different sites we are supporting will be released soon. The Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC) has a new group of members. Happy to report that Chester Williams now sits on the seat!</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: We hope to have an in-person FSTF meeting sometime soon. Zoom is nice but we might have at least one as there are a lot less restrictions for Covid-19.</p>	None.
12. Adjournment	2:59pm meeting adjourned	None.