

## DRAFT FSTF Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2023

**Present:** 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); Jennifer LeBarre (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); Priti Rane (SFDPH – Nutrition Services); Jeimil Belamide (HSA/CalFresh); Cissie Bonini (UCSF/Vouchers4Veggies - Eat SF)

**Also Present:** Reese Isbell (SFDPH – Office of Health Equity); Janna Cordeiro (Food as Medicine Collaborative); Kristi Friesen (Project Open Hand); Kim Wong (SFDPH – Community Health Equity & Promotion/ShapeUp SF); DeJanelle Bovell (SFDPH – Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Christopher Lee (SFDPH – Center for Data Science); Alex Goldman (SF Health Plan); Amanda Maroudas; Cathy Huang (SFDPH); Cindy Lin (SF HSA Food Access); Danielle Lundstrom (SFDPH – SNAP-Ed); George Gundry (Glide); Hannah Grant (Meals on Wheels); Kevin Liu (Project Open Hand); Serena Ngo (Hirsch Philanthropy Partners); Tiffany Dang (Department of Disability and Aging Services); Tommy McClain (SF HSA Food Access); Haley Nielsen (Farming Hope) Anthony Khalil (BVHP Community Advocates); Eric Chan (SFDPH – Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Geoffrea Morris (BHVP Community Advocates); Linda Huerta (Homeless Prenatal Program); Tammy (Tenderloin Food Policy Council);

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
1. Call order to order 1:30 p.m.	Call to order at 1:33 p.m.	None.
2. Land Acknowledgement 1:30 p.m.	Eric Chan recited the Land Acknowledgement.	None.
3. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Cissie Bonini (Chair, EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies) 1:35 p.m.	Cissie Bonini did member roll call and introduced the agenda.  Public Comment: N/A	None.
4. Approval of minutes from June 7, 2023 1:40 p.m.	Move made to approve minutes by Chester Williams and seconded by Michelle Kim. There were no abstentions or opposition. Motion passed.  No public comment.	None.
5. General Public Comment 1:45 p.m.	No public comment.	None.

<p>6. City food security budget update, FSTF members and city staff 1:50 p.m.</p>	<p>Cissie Bonini: The FSTF has recommended strongly to maintain funding of all food security programs for this new budget cycle.</p> <p>The Budget has come out, and we want to spend time clarifying the final budget, and present what we know about the mayor’s budget and addbacks, hear comments and feedback on budget process, and hear about known impacts to programming. We are eager to hear the impacts and we know a lot of programs won’t know right now given that there a lot of shifts happening, but we do want to see if there are any key known impacts as of current.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: This year \$20 million was dedicated to food security in the HSA budget, with a deficit of \$13 million compared to this previous year. Next year, the \$20 million gets reduced to \$10 million, with cuts across different categories. There is some new funding from the Dream Keeper’s Initiative, and also a bit from add backs.</p> <p>Review <a href="#">slide</a> for add back funding.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: What are the key pieces that weren’t funded? Were there specific budget asks or requests that weren’t funded, and could folks share that out?</p> <p>Anne Quaintance: The Budget Justice Coalition list on behalf of housing asked for a food security kiosk program with the funding to go to DAS. The first year would have been \$4.6 million and \$9.3 million for the second year, to serve a total of 5,000 people for 50 kiosks at 50 sites. It is considered new programming and didn’t make the add back list.</p> <p>Meg Davidson: The city-wide grocery contract was cut from \$10 million to \$4 million, with the following year being reduced to zero dollars. We are still trying to figure out how to address this impact. The biggest costs are food, and we will be reverting our food menu, and will probably going back to pre-pandemic</p>	<p>None.</p>
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	<p>foods. This may impact our purchased produce like mushrooms, bok choy, vegetable oil, bananas and other specialty items.</p> <p>Chester Williams: Will this also senior food boxes? There's a program within the food bank that allows extra products like cheese and butter.</p> <p>Meg Davidson: That is the Senior Food Box Program; it is a different program funded by the federal government and is not impacted.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: We also know that there was a halal food voucher request for \$250k as an addback that wasn't funded.</p> <p>Austin Dalmasso: The halal food voucher request was from us - Jon has more information but will be out until next week.</p> <p>Campbell Barbee: The zero-waste pre-pantry did not get funded, our contract with HSA ended.</p> <p>Campbell Barbee: We did not apply for the extra funding, but the original contract was not renewed.</p> <p>Cindy Lin: All our grants in that category will end, which is why we put out that new RFP that closed June 26, 2023, so that we can spend the new funding from Mayor.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: So there is no guaranteed funding, but there is a new RFP.</p> <p>Chat Comment: Priti Rane: Sorry if it was mentioned and I missed it. MCAH add back to support food security efforts to support BIH families continued this year</p> <p>Chat comment: Anthony Khalil: Many of us CBOs are in similar situations!</p>	
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	<p>Jennifer LeBarre: Do you need clarity on changes to sugary tax funding?</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Yes please.</p> <p>Jennifer LeBarre: Michelle, is there an issue with sharing this information?</p> <p>Michelle Kim: We are waiting for verification of the final document.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Was there a cut to the food security budget?</p> <p>Jennifer LeBarre: There was a cut to the budget overall – healthy food purchasing supplemental and healthy food retail, this changed from the committee’s budget to mayor’s proposal. I will confirm with Christina if the document is final and will follow up.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Are there any comments around budget process and perceptions around the process?</p> <p>Meg Davidson: It was not a fun time, and it is difficult to continue to make the case and remind our elected officials that this is not a manufactured crisis, that this is real. It feels like a lot of lip service was paid, and not a whole lot of action was taken.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Let’s open it up to public comment – comments about the budget process</p> <p>Public Comment:</p> <p>Reagan Sales: At Children’s Council, it’s been very disheartening. This is the first time to my knowledge that childcare was pitted against food security. We know the issues are linked and connected, and we can make an impact on food</p>	
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	<p>security through childcare interventions. Grateful to see a lot of support from folks and that we tried to work together.</p> <p>Haley Nielsen: To piggyback off of that, it was disheartening but I am glad that we didn't take that bait and stuck together.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: in relation to Priti's comment re: MCAH funding for BIH families, the amount is \$250k per year.</p> <p>Jade Quizon: At API Council we talked about how the budget was impacting current food programs, we had organizations that came to a meeting last week, and we heard that no current programs will be completely cut. There was some restructuring, but no major cuts.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: We need to figure out which communities are impacted, and what will happen with this shifting and how it will show up; I appreciate everyone's sharing.</p>	
<p>7. Food Security Task Force work plan for remainder of 2023, Cissie Bonini (Chair, EatSF/Vouchers4Veggies) 2:20 p.m.</p>	<p>Cissie Bonini: We have updated our workplan for the rest of the year and into the first quarter of next year.</p> <p>This year we will be able to pull data from the Biennial Food Security Report (BFSR) and have the data act as a backbone to our 2024 recommendations, which is a different process compared to the last few years. We will be adding components of this data to recommendations. The BFSR will be published by October, with 2024 recommendations to be published early January 2024.</p> <p>For ensuring community leadership, we are embedding it into our centralized food body within government, along with the community food policy body. Community food policy body: will be wrapped together with centralized body with government.</p>	<p>None.</p>

	<p>We had success with meeting three of four department heads. We couldn't meet with DAS due to scheduling issues. We met with 8 of the 11 District Supervisors (and/or their staff) - it's important to continue these conversations and to bring these recommendations directly to these folks.</p> <p>For Disaster Food Planning, there was a process around revising this disaster feeding plan, and we are asking DEM to present on this plan hopefully before the year ends.</p> <p>FSTF Member Comments:</p> <p>Raegan Sales: I need some time to sit with it and digest it, but my initial reaction is that I am looking forward to seeing more actionable and concrete next steps</p> <p>Jade Quizon: There is a lot going on in the task force, and I am interested in the biennial report and want to provide support where needed.</p> <p>Public Comment:</p> <p>Geoffrea Morris: I am wondering why Maria from DCYF is not on that list, her department gives a ton of money for youth (for next year's city departments).</p> <p>Paula Jones: It will be a good idea to reach out - Michelle, we know that DCYF is going to launch their RFP soon. Can I follow up with you (please include Eric Chan)?</p> <p>Michelle Kim: Happy to follow up with Maria and Paula, and with whoever else that wants to join in on the conversation.</p> <p>Comment Chat: Guillermo Reece: The SFAAFBCOALITION would like to take a further look at the budget because we feel there's a lot going on as well.</p>	
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<p>8. Update on the Biennial Food Security and Equity Report, DPH Project Team 2:35 p.m.</p>	<p><a href="#">Slide deck used for project update</a></p> <p>Reese Isbell:          Important: two upcoming special meetings          Date: August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.          Location: tentatively in person at 25 Van Ness, room 610          Tentative information to cover: diet-related health disparities, food security screening data, recommendations submitted by supporting Agencies, infrastructure for food security, other topics</p> <p>Date: September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 p.m. - 4.p.m.          Location: tentatively in person at 25 Van Ness, room 610          Review: all food program data sets, other topics; finalize recommendations          Please review slide deck for updates on additional data</p> <p>Paula Jones:          What we need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CACFP (Child Care Centers) - never included in reports because it's difficult to get the data</li> <li>- Free dining rooms and food pharmacies that are not City funded</li> <li>- Food security screening data: who has been screening for food security, what data is available</li> <li>- Data from residents – results of survey or focus groups with residents</li> </ul> <p>Are there any other organizations that have a free meal program that is not on this list?</p> <p>Jeimil Belamide: We have resources on SFHSA, I can send that page over - <a href="https://www.sfhsa.org/services/food/free-food-locations">https://www.sfhsa.org/services/food/free-food-locations</a></p> <p>Chat Comment: Kevin Liu: Project Open Hand Community Nutrition Sites is for those 18+ (gold card enrollment), through DAS</p>	<p>FSTF DPH staff to decide on standard measurements.</p> <p>Paula Jones to follow up with Kevin Liu from Project Open Hand for connection with free meals programs contacts and contacts provided in the chat.</p>
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	<p>Chat Comment: Nancy Hernandez: Legal Assistance to the Elderly provides hot meals to elders at 33 Seneca on Mission near Geneva.</p> <p>Nancy Hernandez: I'm not sure how this is funded though.</p> <p>Chat Comment: Kevin Liu: I am in touch with Food Not Bombs who is working with Free Eats folks to update their chart.</p> <p>Chat Comment: Cindy Lin: Not all of the sites on the link Jeimil shared are "open". Some have eligibility requirements, such as Curry.</p> <p>Tiffany Kearney: Missionaries of Charity have meal programs that aren't city-funded, I will get the address to Paula.</p> <p>Paula Jones: We want standard data from each organization that is not city-funded to be included in the report.</p> <p>Chat Comment: Paula Jones: Kevin Liu - would you put your email in the chat so we can follow up</p> <p>Chat Comment: Kevin Liu: <a href="mailto:Kliu@openhand.org">Kliu@openhand.org</a></p> <p>FSTF Comments:</p> <p>Jade Quizon: API Council wants to start organizing some community feedback sessions, any questions to include to keep data as standardized as possible?</p> <p>Paula Jones: We have data points outlined from our questions we sent out to agencies for the BFSR. We will be collecting data from other areas as well. We can look at the ordinance and see what it requires. Can you look at the</p>	
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	<p>ordinance? We can send everyone our outline (which is based off the ordinance).</p> <p>Chat Comment: Tiffany Kearney: Missionary Sister of Charity - 3255 Folsom; Sister Savina - 415-550-2465; 415-550-2392; - if the first # does not work, try the second</p> <p>Jade Quizon: We are looking at other community assessments and are probably going to model feedback sessions off of that. We are still in the developing/planning phase.</p> <p>Paula Jones: We can connect offline with the rest of the team and decide on standard measurements to use to keep us aligned.</p> <p>Paula Jones: I am concerned that the two special meetings is not enough to go through all of this data, yet we are on an extremely tight timeline. One of the reporting agencies is delayed in getting us data which is why we had to push the special meeting back. We need to figure out the process and new iteration for next report which will be in 2025, and this will need to go into recommendations to support the next phase.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>9. Food Security Task Force member updates 2:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Jeimil Belamide: HSA - CalFresh updates: caseload as of June 2023: 76k households, totaling 104k individuals. The interview waiver is still in place and will likely be in effect until March 2024.</p> <p>Related to P-EBT, CDSS sent about 9k households postcards notifying them that their benefits have not been used. There has been an uptick, both county and statewide, the theft of benefits. It is called skimming, where people are putting cameras on point-of-sale devices to track and retrieve personal information like PIN numbers. We are reminding folks to be vigilant, and will share a link on how to protect oneself from scams and fraud:</p>	<p>FSTF to follow up with Austin Dalmasso for Tenderloin Food Policy Council event policy recommendations.</p>

	<p>Chat Comment: <a href="https://www.sfhsa.org/protect-ebt-benefits-scams-and-fraud">https://www.sfhsa.org/protect-ebt-benefits-scams-and-fraud</a></p> <p>Cissie Bonini: How much is the benefit for the 9,000 households for P-EBT? Jeimil Belamide: It depends on each household.</p> <p>Campbell Barbee: Glide: As of 7/6, we are back indoors serving meals again. It is going really well so far, clients seem to enjoy it, and there were quite a few clients that haven't seen each other in a while. We are excited to be back inside and want to thank our partners DAS/HSA.</p> <p>Austin Dalmasso: TNDC: On 6/29, we had our first meeting of the Tenderloin Food Policy Council. It went well, we had over 100 people show up. There were a lot of policy recommendations and can share the data once I'm done combing through all the notes and responses.</p> <p>Jade Quizon: I was there for the Tenderloin Food Policy Council event; it was a great turn out.</p> <p>CYC is hosting a food festival in Chinatown on 7/22 from 11:30 am – 3pm on Waverly Place, 12 dollars for a tasting pass for four items. Visit <a href="http://www.cycsf.org">www.cycsf.org</a> to purchase tickets.</p> <p>The Southeast Asian Community Center is hosting a free picnic for seniors at the Stow Lake Boathouse in Golden Gate Park. It will be on 7/30 from 10 am – 4 pm. Reservations are required. Update: The event is at max capacity.</p> <p>Raegan Sales: We are wrapping up last month of our Farm to Early Child Care pilot program. We do not have all the answers about data and reach, but happy to come back in a couple months and share. We have a blog post that we will share summarizing what we've done, how to get in touch, and if folks are interested in supporting funding the program to continue into the future:</p>	
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10. Adjournment 3:00 p.m.	Adjourned at 2:50 p.m.	None.

