

Approved FSTF Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2024

Present: Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security/Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Guillermo Reece (San Francisco African American Faith-Based Coalition); Jade Quizon (API Council); Mei Ling Hui (SF Rec and Park/Urban Agriculture); Raegan Sales (Children’s Council of SF); Tiffany Kearney (Department of Disability and Aging Services); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theater); Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD); Emily Cohen (SF Dept. of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); Cissie Bonini (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggies – EatSF); Hannah Grant (Meals on Wheels SF); Lura Jones (Leah’s Pantry)

Also Present: Alesandra Lozano (OEWD); Cindy Lin (SFHSA); Emma Tucher; Kalil Macklin (Elevance Health); Katy Garlinghouse (Rollin’ Root); La Rhonda Reddic (SFDPH/Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Leah Walton (SFDAS); Leah Treoh (UCSF); Peri Weisberg (SFHSA); Rebeca Flores (SFDPH/Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Sherrice Dorsey-Smith (DCYF); Tiffany Dang (SFDAS); Zach (Intern – Sup. Shamann Walton’s Office – D10); Veronica Shepard (SFDPH/Office of Anti-Racism & Equity)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
1. Call order to order 1:30 p.m.	Call to order at 1:35 p.m.	None.
2. Land Acknowledgment 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 roll call and introduced the agenda. Public Comment: None.	None.
4. Approval of minutes from January 17, 2023 1:40 p.m.	Geoffrey Grier made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Chester Williams seconded the motion. 13 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Meeting minutes have passed.	None.
5. General Public Comment 1:45 p.m.	No Public Comment.	None.
6. OEWD Presentation on the Biennial Food Security & Equity Report, Alesandra Lozano (OEWD) 1:50 p.m.	Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here . This agenda item starts at the 6:00 minute mark and ends at the 34:45 minute mark.	

Alesandra Lozano from The Office of Economic and Workforce Development presented their sub-report for the 2023 Biennial Food Security & Equity Report.

Alesandra Lozano: I only assisted staff in facilitating the completion of the sub report. I do not do any programming. If questions come up at the end of the presentation. I will do my best to answer any questions. I will follow up on additional questions related to the sub report later that I don't have an answer to.

Katy Garlinghouse: The CEO of Rollin' Root said for me to mention the fact that the Governor is thinking of cutting the matching program which is obviously a concern for us since it's the way that we make our farm fresh mobile market affordable to many. I don't know if there's been discussion on this. This is my first time at a Food Security Task Force meeting and I wonder how it's being addressed.

Alesandra Lozano: That is a great question. I trust state legislation for our OEWD divisions, however most of our state legislation work goes through the Mayor's Office. I do know that the City has designated lobbyists, so when we have budget concerns at the state level, usually we will flag it for the lobbyists to adjust to understand that this would be an issue that the lobbyist would take to the state. We typically go through the Mayor's Office for things like that. It will be tough to adjust anything in this year's budget considering the budget - forecast at the state level.

Caty Garlinghouse: Am I to understand this would be an issue to take to the state level?

Alesandra Lozano: I do not know. We flag any concerns we have and that depends on the dynamics of the capital.

Paula Jones: Hi Caty, just so you are aware, task force members generally comment first and then we take comments from the public. We appreciate your comments and questions. Alesandra is not beholden to answer that question and she may not know the answer.

	<p>Caty Garlinghouse: Thank you so much, I appreciate it.</p> <p>Alesandra Lozano: We also don't manage the matching program. I flag things that OEWD is actively involved in and administering.</p> <p>Paula Jones: Thank you so much Alesandra, it was great to work with you all and the team at Urban Century.</p> <p>Alesandra Lozano: Thank you for actively holding my hand through this.</p> <p>Paula Jones: I still wonder at the generating economic activity like the grocery vouchers and especially Market Match because there was a study showing that the economic multiplier is three. I wonder if you all want to relook at just that. It supports a broader system and supports our farms. I wonder if the assumption is that people who are using CalFresh and getting Market Match don't spend at other places, is a bit limiting in terms of how those shoppers are viewed?</p> <p>Anne Quaintance: Great presentation. Thank you for the information. I was curious about the food programs, for the home programs did you purposely leave them out?</p> <p>Alesandra Lozano- I cannot answer that question. I wasn't involved in the actual development of the program. I facilitated making sure that our consultants were doing their job. That's a great technical question and I'm happy to follow up on that with you.</p> <p>Paula Jones: Federal funding was a line item so I would assume that all federal funding for those programs was documented. There is a table in the appendices that show each program and what was their federal funding and state funding.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Thank you for your presentation, we really understand the volume of data.</p>	
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	<p>Paula Jones: Thanks for coming here. The task force and the some of the public really wanted to hear from you.</p> <p>Alesandra Lozano: Thank you, Paula.</p> <p>Public Comment: None.</p> <p>Amendment: Comment from Cissie Bonini: Cissie Bonini made a suggestion to disaggregate data. OEWD bucketed SNAP and local Market Match vouchers, where 90% of SNAP redemption was at larger retailers. But if you disaggregate the local funding, there's a greater percentage going to BIPOC-owned small businesses.</p>	
<p>7. Update on subcommittee on Reimagining Food Coordination, Eric Chan (OARE/SFDPH) and Jade Quizon (Subcommittee Chair, API Council) 2:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 36:05 minute mark and ends at the 56:50 minute mark.</p> <p>Eric provided a recap of subcommittee meeting that happened in January. Jade presented the finalized criteria list for the task force to vote on.</p> <p>Jade Quizon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed Finalized Criteria List • Started a list with about 50 criteria and the spent last few months editing the list writing definitions for all, also getting as much feedback as we can from everyone. Try to keep this a public process sending the criteria list to the list serves managed by Eric and to the Dph and Paula. Sending out to the public, and to the food security task force and our subcommittee members. • We have talked about survey list in our subcommittee meetings, and we have talked about it here. So, we hope that it was enough time for everyone to review that list. We had that time to receive comments on that list and received comments from four people. Thank you for sending that. 	

- Myself and the subcommittee team tried to incorporate everyone's feedback making changes again and incorporating criteria's if we seemed like somewhat duplicative or could be bucketed into one criteria. So now we are down to 28 criteria, and we believe everyone should have a copy of this, so we wanted to take this time to get any last -minute comments on it but after this what we are going to do is send out the quadric survey to narrow down criteria list to a more refined priorities list. This is what will help us in this next stage of the project.
- The survey will have a couple of standard questions like, name, where are you living and working in SF? Things like that. Using the Likert scale with four options you are going to score each of the 28 criteria. Likert scale ranges from these criteria is non-negotiable, it has to be incorporated into our priorities list, it has to be worked on by our new food organizing structure to inclusion, does not matter to me, and then there is two options in between. So we will leave about two weeks to go through that and fill out the survey but for today just want to see how everyone is feeling about that criteria.

Paula Jones: Jade, are you looking for a vote to approve that criteria list?

Jade Quizon: Yes. That is the goal. By the end of the day to vote whether we approve the criteria list so that we can send out the survey.

Paula put link to criteria list in the chat.

Jade Quizon: There were some criteria were initially on the list like having an equity criteria framework that you won't see on the final version because we felt that Equity and Justice should be a value of what the new structure is like that's a super non-negotiable so instead of voting on it we're just going to build it into the next structure and we feel the same way about ecological sustainability as well, so just wanted to point that out. Does anyone have any last-minute discussions on this list?

	<p>Jennifer LeBarre: Can you please explain the difference between addresses food sourcing and worker’s rights and strengthens local food economy? I mean outside of the local aspect of it? They seem very similar to me.</p> <p>Jade Quizon: So, adjusting food sourcing and worker’s rights is ensuring labor practices, like food workers are taken care of and everyone that is a food worker in the food system versus strengthening local food economy finding opportunity for small businesses to generate wealth in the economy. So strengthens local food economy is based on retail and restaurants, and small businesses; and food workers is more like the people.</p> <p>Jennifer LeBarre: But there are connections between the two? Is that correct? Is that the intention? I don’t want to get nitty gritty but if we are saying for example, addresses food sourcing and worker’s rights there? Then it is worker’s rights throughout the system? Because we know it prioritizes sourcing of food and related resources from local the regional food shed.</p> <p>Jade Quizon: Yes.</p> <p>Jennifer: You know as opposed to the local economy.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: I don’t think they need to be mutually exclusive, by the way, so I mean I think again this distinguishes different food policy councils or different food structures will prioritize the needs of their communities’, right? So, if you are voting on this you get to choose how important you think it is. You can highlight those. I think generally the bucket is around you know, there is a little bit more focus on supply chain and the other one is a little bit more focused on the economy so like the OEWD the economic multipliers benefiting businesses which you hope benefit other folks. Is that correct Jade?</p> <p>Jade Quizon: Yeah, I would agree with that.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Other questions, comments on these as criteria?</p>	
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	<p>Cissie Bonini: Are we feeling that we can vote on these? Any other comments, questions? Does somebody want to make a motion to approve these criteria?</p> <p>Raegan Sales: Just to clarify, are we making edits to them as they are or do we want to make edits to them?</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Both.</p> <p>Raegan Sales: If there aren't any edits I move to approve the criteria as shared.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Motion on the floor to approve. Second my Anne, thank you Raegan, thank you Anne. Any discussion before we go into vote?</p> <p>Paula Jones: I think we should take public comment before we take a vote.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Discussion first from Food Security Task Force, public comment second. Anything in the chat? Not seeing hands up and nothing in Chat? Not seeing public comment.</p> <p>So were going to go ahead and vote. So how many folks in favor of these 29 criteria? Please raise your hand.</p> <p>Eric Chan: Please keep your hand up until LaRhonda and Rebeca have counted everyone.</p> <p>LaRhonda Reddic: I counted 12 hands.</p> <p>Rebeca Flores: So did I.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Any Nays?</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Any abstentions?</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: So, I'm seeing zero nays and abstentions, so that motion has passed. Great!</p> <p>Jade Quizon: I just wanted to quickly say a couple of things thank you first sub-committee working on this is most tedious part of the project. Now we get to</p>	
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	<p>the fun part of envisioning a new model for SF so I'm really excited about that. When you do get the survey because of Qualtrics and the way that it works you'll have a list of the criteria but the definitions aren't going to be listed alongside of it so you will have to download a spreadsheet from the survey that you were just looking at if you need a refresher of what the definitions are.</p> <p>Jade Quizon: Survey will be sent out either today or tomorrow and give a couple of weeks for everyone to fill out and it is food security task force and members of the public.</p> <p>Paula Jones: But the survey is anonymous?</p> <p>Jade Quizon: I will double check.</p> <p>Eric Chan: We will send out an email with a specific hard deadline so please get in your responses by then. Please also circulate it among your networks for people that might be interested in being a part of this process. We are also going to send it to the list serve and put it on the website as well.</p>	
<p>8. Review FSTF Workplan, Paula Jones (Vice Chair, OARE/SFDPH) 2:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 56:50 minute mark and ends at the 1:07:30 minute mark.</p> <p>Paula Jones presented on the FSTF work plan for 2024 for the next two quarters.</p> <p>Our goal is to work on 2024 recommendations this month, next month have them ready to be finalized and then meet with department heads around them as well as the elected officials and the mayor's office and have them fully available. For the Federal and State, we thought it might be best to bring in either Nourish California and /or FRAC to present of Federal and State Legislative agenda. To ask them, representatives from those organizations and you know there may be others, to come in March or in April or May. For the budget ask I am going to move down this funding Equity special revenue. I think it is embedded in some of our recommendations n the past but budget actually I think we had it as an agenda item or as a topic that we really need to be looking</p>	

to that issue when we develop recommendations. So, this is why I put the recommendations process.

- We know what is happening with the food security task force configuration. You know we elected a vice chair and a chair in October although I do believe we don't have the next quarter, July, August, October, November, December but I think Cissie and I both willing to stay in these roles, but we'd really like to see and offer opportunities for others that could step into a vice chair role and or the chair role. So, I think we will be later this year or at any point holding an election again, even though it's off year we only said that we would do it for another year.

Jennifer LeBarre: Just a suggestion I love the idea of having Nourish and FRAC come. I would just suggest especially if we are looking at state that it be in March because of the legislative calendar. If we get later May or June, we may not have a chance to really have a good comment period depending on the bill or whatever our ask is.

Paula Jones: Just again the ask for this role this group so everybody kind of remembers is a public body created by the Board of Supervisors. We can't take positions on anything unless the public body that created us takes positions so what we generally do as a task force is try to push, have task force member that are part of City agencies or that are not go to some of the legislative leads for the city agency so that they can take it up to the Board of Supervisors for the city to take position. Alesandra who was just here was one of the legislative leads for her department. Susie Smith is one for HSA, and Sane Patel is the one for the Department of Public Health. So that is a great suggestion and I think Eric after this we can give you some contacts for you to reach out to those groups. Thanks Jennifer.

Paula Jones: For the whole area around ensuring Community voice Community leadership we being the task force and the Department of Public Health really

want to create some briefs around the biannual food security and equity report, something that is more digestible that summarizes some of the information that is in that report and actually start holding Community meetings and partnering with community-based organizations to hold those meetings. We are really intending to do that March, April, May, that kind of time.

Paula Jones: Responding to a question from the chat. I know that the housing groups are really pushing the food issues with their leadership for pushing these issues.

- For the issue of medically supported food and nutrition and CAL AIM- finding mor money to pay for food um through you know medical waivers, we would like to invite the health plans to come and talk to the task force and talk to us about their plans. Which interventions they have chosen what is their plan for advancing this work through Cal Aim. We are thinking around April, May, June, for those kind of presentations.
- For the Centralized food body, that's going to be part of this reimagining the structure for food organizing in San Francisco if that becomes prioritized through that criteria process.
- We published the Food Equity Report. We are going to begin the planning stages for the next version. We did just have a meeting internally at the Department of Public Health around this, we would like to come back to the task force. I think March is going to be the time that we need to do this and get your input around that biannual report, that process, and come to you about ideas about how to do it next time and get your input. I can't say this enough the task force has a very strong voice in what I prioritized I think for the Department to do. I know you gave us a lot of information at those public meetings, and we are going to need you all to really be clear about what you would like to see

	<p>different or the same in the next version. So, Eric and I will bring that to you in March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with Department heads. Sharise, I am wondering if we should add Maria Sue from DCYF to this list of department heads that we meet with. We can reach out to you separately around that but, DCYF plays a huge role in the food world for the community. • And then meeting with department heads and that will be once we get our presentation done. <p>Paula Jones: We don't have any planned activities in this quarter and in the next quarter. Are there any questions or comments? Task force members?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In our next conversation we really need to build out the rest of the year. <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<p>9. Food Security Task Force 2024 annual recommendations, Eric Chan (OARE/SFDPH) 2:55 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the recording for this presentation, linked here. This agenda item starts at the 1:07:30 minute mark and ends at the 1:23:20 minute mark.</p> <p>Eric Chan gave a presentation on updates related to the 2024 Recommendations related to format, design, content, and timeline.</p> <p>Paula Jones: Does this resonate or are there other things that you all are hearing and experiencing that you feel need to be included?</p> <p>Anne Quaintance: I think it's great, I really appreciate all the work. I was taking a look at the 2023 report from the SF Marin Food Bank and it has some ways of including people's experiences like stories or quotes, mixed with data. I think people still need to understand the size of the problem, and we need some positive messaging on what's working as well.</p>	

	<p>Lura Jones: It's definitely great idea to have quotes, data, images, but also making sure to include some strength-based language, what has San Francisco been good at, what recommendations have been in the past that have been good so that it's not all doom and gloom.</p> <p>Paula Jones: We need your input on what the positive messages are, so that would be helpful.</p> <p>Eric Chan: Yes, that is what we are asking for. We need stories and quotes to highlight both challenges and positive stories/quotes that tie back to our recommendations. If people have direct quotes from communities they're serving, please send them my way.</p> <p>Rebeca Flores: You can have quotes in Spanish, or videos, something that ties back to communities, possibly interview families.</p> <p>Tiffany Kearney: I really like that suggestion of having different languages and having it translated it English.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: A positive from a national perspective, is using soda tax funds to support food security initiatives with a health equity lens is a real success.</p> <p>Eric Chan: For next steps, I'll be working with Hannah Grant and Raegan Sales to continue working on the draft. The draft will also be shared with those task force members that attended the special meeting for their feedback and input as well.</p> <p>Public Comment: None.</p>	
<p>10. Updates and emerging issues 3:20 p.m.</p>	<p>Anne Quaintance: We opened our second food kiosk site at Conard House, it opened on Monday and residents are thrilled. This is a partnership with Farming Hope, they are providing meals at a supportive housing site, which is funded by</p>	<p>None.</p>

	<p>SFDPH Behavioral Health Services and HSA funding, and mental health services (state) funding. Eric, if you want some of those quotes and talking to residents when a program first opens is great, so you can hear what people have been having and what they're having now.</p> <p>Eric Chan: Thanks, please send some quotes.</p> <p>Jade Quizon: The FFACTS summit is happening, keep an eye out in your email for the invitation.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: What day is it?</p> <p>Jade Quizon: It's two days, March 3rd (Sunday) and March 4th (Monday).</p> <p>Public Comment: None.</p>	
11. Adjournment 3:30 p.m.	Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.	