

APPROVED FSTF Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2023

Present: Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security/Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Anne Quaintance (Conard House); Austin Dalmasso (Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation); Emily Cohen (HSH); 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 of SF); Tiffany Kearney (Department of Disability and Aging Services); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Priti Rane (SFDPH – Nutrition Services); Jeimil Belamide (HSA/CalFresh); Cissie Bonini (UCSF/Vouchers4Veggies - Eat SF); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theater)

Also Present: Alex Goldman (SF Health Plan); Anthony Khalil (BVHP Community Advocates); Asha Chirackal (Vouchers4Veggies/EatSF); Cathy Huang (SFDPH); Christopher Lee (SFDPH – Center for Data Science); Cindy Lin (SF HSA Food Access); DeJanelle Bovell (SFDPH – Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Ellen Garcia (EatSF); Eric Chan (SFDPH – Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Fiona McBride (SFHSA Food Access); George Gundry (Glide); Haley Nielsen (Farming Hope); Jordan Brown (UCSF); La Rhonda Reddic (SFDPH – Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Lura Jones (Leah’s Pantry); Tiffany Dang (Department of Disability and Aging Services); Tommy McClain (SF HSA Food Access); Veronica Shepard (SFDPH – Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Jonathan Cordero (The Association of Ramaytush Ohlone); Kaela Plank (SFDPH – Center for Data Science); Sylvia Selinger (All My Uso’s & Fa’atasi Youth Services); Tiffany Lei (DCYF); Anika Yu (API Council); Emmy Miller (TNDC Food & Nutrition); Danielle Ngo (SF Planning); Lisa Chen (SF Planning); Jalal Alabsi (TNDC); Beth Bodner; Charlotte Espanol (SOMCAN); Jessica Campos; Michael; Rebeca Flores (SFDPH – Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Teddy Fang, 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 Acknowledgment 1:30 p.m.	Eric Chan recited the Land Acknowledgment.	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 July 12, 2023 1:40 p.m.	Move made to approve minutes by Raegan Sales and seconded by Geoffrey Grier. There were no abstentions or opposition. Motion passed. Public Comment: N/A	Post approved minutes to the website.

<p>5. General Public Comment 1:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Campbell Barbee (email clarification): I just wanted to clarify what happened with the Zero Free Waste Pantry at Glide. HSA did not renew our grant for the program, after extending the program several times throughout the pandemic. We decided not to apply for the recent RFP offered in response to the Mayor’s cuts, as we really don’t have the bandwidth to meet some of the new requirements in the new RFP. The long and the short of it, is we are funding it ourselves after August and the future of the program is unknown currently. Just wanted to clear that up.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>6. Presentation – SF General Plan/Environmental Justice Framework – Healthy Food Access, Lisa Chen and Danielle Ng (SF Planning Department/Citywide Planning Division), 1:50 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the slide deck, linked here.</p> <p>The City’s General Plan, which is a long-term vision for the city over the course of 20 years, has many general plan components – housing, urban design, transportation, etc. There are state mandated components marked by an icon of the state building, and some are optional specific to San Francisco.</p> <p>On planning for environmental justice: CA SB 1000 passed in 2016 that has a two-part requirement on the state level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of data on EJ communities - Adopt policies into general plan to address “unique or compounded health risks” <p>On the local level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning & Historic Preservation Commissions call for General Plan policies to address racial & social equity <p>SF EJ Communities Map (created as part of SB 1000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Top 1/3 of census tracts experiencing burdens related to environmental pollution and social vulnerability 	<p>None.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Uses state and local data- Putting map in general plan to designate geographies that should have resources, attention, and policy focus- Provide a base for decision-making- Guide community engagement to ensure equity needs and priorities are being met <p>What it will NOT do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Will not result in lower housing production or diminishing resources in these areas- Will not replace statewide map (CalEnviroScreen) for purposes of state programs <p>SF EJ Data Portal – complementary data portal to explore more maps and health data</p> <p>Also have a user guide and technical documentation to provide context on map development & use</p> <p>Example applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- SFPUC Green Infrastructure Grant program- Housing Element policies & EJ analysis- RPD Equity Zones <p>EJ Framework</p> <p>Started with community-led solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Youth engagement- Focus groups- EJ Working Group <p>EJ Framework Components:</p> <p>Healthy Food Access (Review in slides)</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affirming healthy food as a human right - Empower workers and community members - Leverage the food system as a means of strengthening communities - Foster climate resilience and innovation in the food system - Increase nature-based food opportunities <p>Healthy and Resilient Environments Physical Activity and Healthy Public Facilities Safe, Healthy, and Affordable Homes Equitable Green Jobs Empowered Neighborhoods</p> <p>Focusing on Healthy Food Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review the “Why It Matters” Statement in the slides - Review the “Vision” Statement in the slides <p>Example Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urban Agriculture Program (SF Recreation and Parks) - Free and Reduced School Meals Program (SFUSD) - Food Recovery Program (The SF Market) <p>General Plan Updates and Phase 2 – incorporating EJ throughout other general plan elements</p> <p>Interagency Coordination – inform other agencies’ work on EJ and racial & social equity action plans, identify opportunities for collaboration (such as grants, projects, legislation)</p> <p>- End of Presentation -</p> <p>Task Force Member Comments:</p>	
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Chester Williams: Thank you Danielle, this was and is a fantastic program. I want to put a compliment out to all my fellow members on this task force. We could not have done the work we did without your help, so much of the data was already there, it was a matter of updating. I felt comfortable being part of the program because I came from a group of community folks who have been working over a period of time to make this the best it could be. We will continue to help our community be better.

Jade Quizon: It is great to see the Planning Dept. focus on healthy food access. Can you tell us more about who was involved in creating the plan/framework? What is the role of the Planning Department in things like securing public spaces for food distribution, (thinking about the Heart of the City farmers market and how they are having to move even though they play such a crucial role for a lot of our Tenderloin residents to get access to food).

Danielle Ngo: We really wanted the process of making this EJ framework just as important as the outcome. We spent a lot of time thinking through outreach and engagement with community. We did a lot of this during shelter in place, and were aware of participation fatigue, and repeatedly going to CBOs and asking for their priorities. A lot of our work was about relationship building with community members and leaders who are in those red EJ community areas. The map informed where we should target our outreach efforts. We gave them incentives for their participation to think through how EJ resonates for their CBO/neighborhood/community. How could this be written in a high-level general plan policy, and how can we work together across sectors from transportation, food, environmental pollution, etc. The EJ working group was the most robust outreach effort; it was 8 months long where we got together community leaders and city staff. They created a set of policy recommendations that informed our framework. These policy recommendations are posted online and want to have it echo through the rest of our work.

Lisa Chen: For both focus groups and EJ working group, the way we selected community leaders was we had public solicitation (we had flyers, info sessions, interviewed CBOs/people who applied). I'm not working specifically on what's happening at Civic Center. The Planning Department has been involved in the long-term planning for Civic Center/public realm, and work with the Tenderloin community. We know there's a big need for food access there but not working on the specifics related to the farmer's market. How can the Planning Department partner around these opportunities? We have seen some precedent, an example being La Cocina Hall. We need to identify what the needs are, whether it's needs for food businesses or distribution sites or programs, having this group come armed with what the data says, what community members are saying, it really helps us identify what those opportunities are.

Cissie Bonini: When there's funding and there's a policy that turns into programming for healthy retail, this is something tangible and addresses a need. How can the framework be translated into more tangible goals that could impact food security?

Lisa Chen: That is the million-dollar question. This is a general plan, it's not an implementation plan, it's not allocating specific dollars to these ideas. This is a living document that we hope the city will embrace and have other agencies refer to it. We already mentioned Rec. & Park is using it for their Equity Zone. They're trying to allocate and prioritize money for these areas. We need to create those connections on the back end. Unfortunately, the plan doesn't come with these resources. Some parts of the general plan are more specific like the housing element, but for this part of the general plan it is higher level.

Paula Jones: Thank you for this background and detail. Does the Planning Department track anything around these goals and priorities? If so, how does that work?

Danielle Ngo: The General Plan is mandated by the state, there is an annual report that goes to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. They will ask what's been updated in the past year, how have things changed, etc. Each element has different regulations by the state, so some of them like the housing element is highly regulated. It needs to be updated every 8 years, needs an implementation plan, analysis, etc. Other elements like the EJ framework have less regulation but we should recognize that this is the first time that we've had an EJ component in our general plan since it was passed in 2016. This is a big first step to putting these issues into a city-wide document and hope to build on top of this legislation to add more specificity and accountability to these updates. I know there are other cities that aren't done complying with SB 1000. LA just launched their EJ initiative, Oakland is including it in their climate action plan, each jurisdiction going about this in their own way. We are building relationships with other city staff and building working relationships with CBO leaders and reporting these anecdotes on how they're applying it to their own work, and we hope this builds more momentum.

Cissie Bonini: In the future for the Food Security Task Force, and as Paula is leading the effort the Biennial Equity Report, as this progresses, if the FSTF can be helpful in helping get to actionable recommendations, we'd be happy to partner on that to make sure that this is a priority (specifically with Healthy Food Access). We would like to get some teeth on this.

Lisa Chen (online comment): Link to our project website:

<https://sfplanning.org/project/environmental-justice-framework-and-general-plan-policies>

Lisa Chen (online comment): And to the EJ Framework itself:

https://generalplan.sfplanning.org/Environmental_Justice_Framework.htm

Raegan Sales (online comment): I think I heard you mention this - is the EJ map the same as the RPD Equity Zones? We use those for program planning at

Children's Council for the Healthy Apple Program priority areas, workshops, and food delivery pilot programs. It's great to hear more about where it all came from!

Lisa Chen (online comment): Yes, Raegan, it's the same map! RPD was also on our EJ Working Group.

Chester Williams: Someone had asked earlier about the issue happening at the plaza. One of our members, Casey who is active on urban gardens, she is actively working on this issue. A lot of us were on the street, on the field, it was easy to attack certain issues that came up in the city, and I noticed that a lot of people in the program were active like myself, they had a lot more information and knew what was going on and could add a lot to the type of issues that Danielle and Lisa was trying to achieve through the city. That was one of the advantages of going community-wise as opposed to a city-wide program. I felt very comfortable working with them because they understood where my head was and it was easy to figure out where they were going.

Geoffrey Grier: From planning and assessment to delivery of data to decision-making to funding, what is the timeline? How long until a check gets cut?

Lisa Chen: This part of the General Plan is not attached to a specific program. It's more about creating the case and demonstrating the need for programs that aren't necessarily in our budget. An example is talking about traditional and ecological knowledge in our General Plan. We had the American Indian Cultural District who was a part of our working group and wanted to uplift this. Another example is the PUC who was part of our working group, and they wanted to make sure we talk about access to power, sanitation, and water as a human right. Sometimes it's not a direct link, but this document is more about empowering your work and we hope that's how you can use it. We hope this is a backbone that you can draw upon to justify the work that you're doing.

	<p>Public Comment:</p> <p>Anthony Khalil (online comment): Thanks for your overview Question: What efforts have been made to connect with our regional regulatory agencies such as BCDC, BAAQMD, DTSC, Cal-EPA etc.....Especially in light of emerging regional planning tools such as BayAdapt.</p> <p>Danielle Ngo (online comment): Yes! They're aware of our map - there's SO many mapping efforts out there, because vulnerability is so complex. We used CalEPA's data in our map; we've compared notes with BCDC's map, and we've submitted comments to the State about how our methodology differs from CalEnviroScreen.</p>	
<p>7. Update from HSA – The Citywide Food Access Team, Cindy Lin (HSA), 2:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Cindy Lin: I want to request an edit to the agenda: our team name is The Citywide Food Access Team.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Apologies, we will be making this change in the agenda and for future agendas.</p> <p>Cindy Lin: Today I was asked to share our grantee list from our last round of RFPs this summer. We only had one RFP 1091 – Community Centered Grocery Programs. There are still a couple of grants that are still under negotiation that can't be discussed until they make it through commission, so there might be a couple more grantees to this list.</p> <p>Bay Area Community Resources – 94112, 94132 (D11) Bayanihan Equity Center – 94103, 94109, continuing grantee Booker T. Washington Community Service Center – 94115 Curry Senior Center – 94102, continuing grantee Farming Hope – 94102 From the Heart – 94124 (new organization), serving very specific public housing sites in the Bayview</p>	<p>Cindy Lin to send the shared slide and updated information below to Eric Chan: - total funds (annually) awarded to each grantee - total number of people to be served through this fund</p>

	<p>HOMEY – 94110 TNDC – 94102, Tenderloin and a little bit of Mission Bay The Richmond Neighborhood Center – 94118, 94121</p> <p>If interested in referring clients to grantees, please get in touch with them first as there might be certain eligibility criteria that they want to share first. Most grantees already have a full client list, so they might need to refer your client to a waitlist for a little bit.</p> <p>These are not our only grantees; these are just the latest from the last cycle of funding (from June 2023).</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: What is the total funding for this?</p> <p>Cindy Lin: Total funding: So far for the grantees listed, 6 million in total, but there might be a couple more coming down the pipeline from the same RFP that have not yet passed commission.</p> <p>Tiffany Kearney: Can you give a summary of the contracts, what type of services they’re providing?</p> <p>Cindy Lin: They’re all going to be grocery providers, serving neighborhoods first as priority populations so that folks don’t have to travel outside of their zipcode to get groceries. All of the grantees from this RFP are specifically for grocery access. Some programs might have smaller programs that might have meals, but overall funding grocery access. We are also asking grantees to have an element of community input in designing the menu and being responsive to what their clients want.</p> <p>Tiffany Kearney: Are there parameters around healthy food access and what that looks like?</p>	
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	<p>Cindy Lin: We don't enforce restrictions on what people can buy outside of the no sugary beverages rule. We want to give our grantees leeway to respond to communities and their needs/culture. What's deemed healthy in one culture might not apply to another culture. We do encourage grantees to focus on fresh vegetables and fresh fruit, but we don't have strict guidelines.</p> <p>Guillermo Reece: Are these funds a part of the Food4Vouchers program?</p> <p>Cindy Lin: No. We already have a grant with UCSF, that is not a part of this list.</p> <p>Public Comment:</p> <p>Veronica Shepard: For 94124, you have From the Heart, how does this overlap with The Food Empowerment Market and some of the other work that's already going on with communities that are doing this work already in 94124?</p> <p>Cindy Lin: The Food Empowerment Market is still closed due to construction site issues, so we don't want to not put additional funds into a high-need neighborhood. Hopefully when the Food Empowerment Market opens soon we can re-assess and make sure we're not duplicating services. From the Heart proposal's is very specific to some housing sites, those are residents/participants that we know aren't getting services, so there is no duplication of services so far in the client pool. Does that answer your question</p> <p>Veronica Shepard: Yes, somewhat, but we can talk more offline.</p> <p>Cindy Lin: Sure.</p> <p>Anthony Khalil (online comment): Please explain why some districts were awarded more than other districts?</p>	
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Cindy Lin: So probably 94102 stands out the most, and that's because those grants and their applications didn't propose to serve that many people. For example, HOMEY's proposed service numbers was almost 1,000 vs. the grantees in 94102 the proposed numbers were much lower, so that's why there were multiple grantees in certain neighborhoods.

Anne Quaintance: Can we have the total amount funded (annually is fine) for the grantees, and the total number of people to be served through these awards?

Cindy Lin: Sure, I can share that. Who should I email that to?

Cissie Bonini: Please email numbers to me, Eric, Paula, La Rhonda, and DeJanelle.

Update sent via email 10.3.23 by Cindy Lin:

Here is the list of grantees for RFP 1091: Community Centered Grocery Access

Grantee	FY 23/24	Service Zip Codes
Bay Area Community Resources	\$1,000,000	94112 94132
Bayanihan Equity Center	\$430,000	94103 94109
Booker T. Washington Community Service Center	\$1,000,000	94115
Curry Senior Center	\$350,000	94102
Dolores Street Community Services	\$450,000	LGBTQ+ Citywide
Farming Hope	\$225,000	94102
From the Heart	\$600,000	94124
HOMEY	\$1,000,000	94110

	Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation	\$575,000	94102	
	The Richmond Neighborhood Center	\$400,000	94118 94121	
	TOTAL	\$6,030,000		
	<p>We anticipate for the grantees to serve a total of 4,800 households in FY 23/24. Please note, we have other grocery access programs in addition to those granted funding from this RFP.</p>			
<p>8. Presentation – Process and timeline for developing FSTF recommendations for new structure in San Francisco for food policy and organizing, 2:20 p.m.</p>	<p>Please refer to the slide deck, linked here.</p> <p>Background: We have been talking about this process for a while, back in 2018 the FSTF assessment called for advancing food systems that prioritize principles of food justice. We’ve talked about the fact that the FSTF has been in operation for a long time and hasn’t really changed its structure and that there are other models that could better address the city’s needs.</p> <p>In 2020/2021, we did a member and stakeholder survey, the FSTF recommended changes to our structure in the reauthorization process, with an emphasis on compensating resident members. The FSTF was reauthorized by the BOS until 2026 without changes to its structure.</p> <p>In 2022/2023, the FSTF called for a centralized food policy office in city government and invest in neighborhood-level community-led food policy and compensate members. The FSTF will then present to the BOS/Mayor’s office, department heads, and then move the recommendation forward in the fall of 2023.</p>			<p>None.</p>

Goal: Develop detailed recommendations for a new food policy body that will be presented to the BOS, Mayor, Department Heads

Proposed process (please review slides for more details):

- FSTF vote to form subcommittee (need 1 task force member to chair subcommittee, we do have a person we'd like to recommend, which is Jade Quizon)
- FSTF defines and prioritizes criteria that the new structure should address – this is important.

We're planning on bringing in some presentations to go over top ideas to the task force so that we can get a sense of how these models are working and what elements we would want to incorporate.

Please refer to slides for examples of criteria. The FSTF will vote on which criteria is the most important.

Draft process & timeline:

- If approved today, we hope to over the next couple of weeks identify task force and community members for committee, subcommittee meets by September/October
- November/December: we hope to bring in presenters from other food policy councils and food government entities, e.g., L.A. Food Equity Roundtable, Chicago Food Equity Council, New York Mayor's Office of Food Policy, etc.
- Continue to work on criteria list.
- Feb. 7 set as goal for subcommittee to present to larger taskforce for recommendations
- Feb – April – present recommendations to BOS, Mayor, Department Heads, community meetings, refine recommendations
- May – July – process to adopt recommendations is outlined and FSTF takes action to implement

	<p>Please refer to slides for example of draft agenda for subcommittee.</p> <p>If you want to be a subcommittee member, the additional time commitment is about 1 – 1.5 hours each month, in addition to the monthly FSTF meeting. If anyone wants to chair/co-chair, that might include a bit more time as well.</p> <p>Task Force Member Comment: Anne Quaintance: Are there resources needed or campaigns/marketing that will be happening?</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Yes, we think so. There may be some budget for a consultant who can help us, and for packaging. Is that correct Paula?</p> <p>Paula Jones: Yes, I think we can send in some resources for this.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: In order to create a subcommittee, we need to have a motion. Do we have a motion?</p> <p>Meg Davidson: I can make the move to create a subcommittee.</p> <p>Paula Jones: Do we want to take any public comment before making any motions?</p> <p>Public Comment: Tiffany Kearney: How long is this subcommittee going to last for? If the board has already approved our current structure for a specific amount of time, how and when can the new plan be implemented?</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Getting recommendations about what we want is the first step, how long to make this active depends on what it is. It might need legislative action, legal things that need to be reviewed, etc. On the timeframe, from May</p>	
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	<p>– July, the process to adopt recommendations is outlined, and then the FSTF takes action to implement, and we don't know how long that will take.</p> <p>Tiffany Kearney: So it sounds like the subcommittee will be only for this fiscal year?</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Yes, roughly.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Do we have any more comments or debate?</p> <p>Geoffrey Grier: I might have missed something, recommendations for what exactly?</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: The motion right now on the table is to create a subcommittee that will meet separate from the FSTF and their goal is to create recommendations, and they will be bringing back to the FSTF, for an organizing structure/body to address food security in San Francisco.</p> <p>Geoffrey Grier: Okay, then theoretically then we will organize an action committee?</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Then TBD on what it takes after the recommendations to make them actionable, depending on what the recommendations are. The purpose of the subcommittee is to develop the recommendations, is that right Paula?</p> <p>Paula Jones: Yes, it is to create recommendations. We've been saying this in our annual recommendations already, now it's to get more specificity. The goal is to create specific recommendations on a new structure for organizing around food access, food security, food justice, etc. in San Francisco.</p>	
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Geoffrey Grier: Okay, I didn't want us to get caught in a conversation to make a plan to make a plan to make a plan. This is going to be recommendations to implementation?

Cissie Bonini: Yes, we are making an action plan for an action.

Paula Jones: We've been hearing this when we present the taskforce recommendations to the board and department heads, there's been a lot of questions around getting more detail around this item.

Tiffany Kearney: Are there any specific requirements/guidelines for the subcommittee in terms of how it's going to come together and who's going to be on it?

Rebeca Flores (online comment): Will the subcommittee consist of this group?

Cissie Bonini: This ties into the chat question and I can answer both questions at once. The subcommittee consists of FSTF members and community members, all are encouraged to join and to hold leadership positions. We will vote in the subcommittee for the chair, and we do have someone we are recommending but that doesn't mean other people can't volunteer or be voted in as well. It is not official, the subcommittee would vote to do that. We haven't decided the first meeting yet, hoping to get one in September. It will go out through the FSTF listserv, we encourage people to participate in this. You can reach out to Jade or me or the DPH team. Tiffany, did I answer your question?

Tiffany Kearney: I don't see how this is that much different from the task force. It's going to be committee members and community members. I would like to see more expertise on the panel in terms of all areas of nutrition and food security, taking in all kinds of different lenses and expertise to put forth something comprehensive. To put forth a subcommittee of all of us again, I don't see the difference.

Paula Jones: The difference is that in our bylaws, we are able to make subcommittees to really focus on a particular item and dive into it. I believe this is a topic that is worthy of a subcommittee. People may or may not want to join this, but I don't know how else to get to the level of recommendation we're being asked to make without having very intentional meetings and looking at the data and models around this item.

Tiffany Kearney: That's what the FSTF should be doing.

Cissie Bonini: The subcommittee breaks off and does a lot of the work and brings it back to the whole committee. It is actually different from the FSTF because it's very centered on this one topic. Happy to chat more offline.

Anne Quaintance (online comment): Will the subcommittee be making budget recommendations?

Paula Jones: I would think that you would have to, depending on the model chosen. When Jade did her research, we asked about staffing models in budgets, I would think that the subcommittee would be coming back with that information to the taskforce to make recommendations on this. The subcommittee is an extension of this body but cannot necessarily do anything without the full body.

Chester Williams: I'm all for this, but didn't we do this in the beginning? Didn't we create subcommittees in the past, we're not doing something new, but we're putting it more together as a component as to what we're trying to create. The ones we did in the past were very successful.

Paula Jones: That's right, but we created subcommittees for strategic planning, and we met, and we had a consultant, and did a lot of work outside of the full task force meeting.

	<p>Cissie Bonini: Thank you for those questions and clarifications. We have a motion made by Meg to create a subcommittee for the purposes of creating recommendations for this new structure. Any other debate before moving forward?</p> <p>Paula Jones: We need a second for the motion.</p> <p>Raegan Sales: I can second the motion.</p> <p>Yes – Anne, Paula, Austin, Chester, Tiffany, Geoffrey, Jeimil, Raegan, Mei Ling, Cissie, Jade (11) No - none (0) Abstain – Priti (1)</p> <p>Priti Rane: I’m abstaining, I wasn’t able to see the presentation.</p> <p>Motion has passed, more information to come.</p>	
<p>9. Update on the Biennial Food Security and Equity Report, DPH Project Team 2:50 p.m.</p>	<p>Please review the slide deck linked here.</p> <p>We asked for an extension for the deadline; our new deadline is December 1st</p> <p>Special Meeting dates – please review the slides for more information.</p> <p>Special Meeting for October 25 – need to update time, it is supposed to be from 9am – 12pm.</p> <p>Reporting Agencies’ Food Security Data Set Collection Update: Green check marks represent us having received data sets. Red X’s represent us not having received them yet, and we will be following up with them.</p>	<p>Post presentation to site.</p>

	<p>Some of them are in process.</p> <p>Additional data being collected: We have asked our community partners with data that we know we aren't going to get from city agencies. Thank you, Reagan and the Children's Council, with the CACFP data, the Ecology Center in Berkeley with Market Match data. They have sent us their data from the last fiscal year, but we do need it for this year. SFMB, thank you so much Meg for the data that's being shared, and Jade is collecting data from the Free Meals Program.</p> <p>We have received some data from results of surveys or focus groups with residents around food issues, some of it is internal so we won't talk about it until we can share it more publicly.</p> <p>Additional data required by ordinance Mei Ling and the team has done a great job with the data for urban agriculture city wide. We also have a section in the report required around infrastructure for food security. We know transportation is part of this, Eric has drafted a brief and we are still awaiting MTA's response.</p> <p>Data systems – different ways of tracking information, CBOs we've met with described this as a major issue, different systems aren't talking to each other.</p> <p>Information and referral systems: This was something we highlighted prior to COVID being a big issue that we don't have a comprehensive information and referral system for food requests. We know that there are different websites out there (refer to slide), but are there other information and referral systems in San Francisco that we don't know about? Are these adequate for San Francisco's needs?</p> <p>Jade Quizon: 211 Bay Area is not in operation anymore.</p>	
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Priti Rane: DPH – tied to CalAIM expansion, trying to connect more families to a variety of social services outside of medical care. Unite Us is going to get embedded into EPIC, where a provider can then refer to a food bank. We met with them to see if referrals can be bi-directional. The goal right now is to have everyone in DPH be able to refer through EPIC. Food is a big connecting point. It is happening in some other counties, but it could be a landing point where everyone is using the same platform to connect with each other, and referrals can go bi-directional. It's a very high pie in the sky because there are things like confidentiality, consent that come into play, but as much as possible we're able to connect through that because DPH is embarking on this and it's already getting embedded into the system.

Rebeca Flores (online comment): MEDA holds quite a bit of information from services.

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Tiffany Kearney: DAS's benefits and resources hub – is this considered part of HSA's food website? HSA has its own food website, but DAS has its own site as well.

Paula Jones: Thank you, I think it was on the slide, but I re-made it and forgot to put it back on there. We'll add that back in there. It's like a call-in center?

Tiffany Kearney: Yes. There's also aging and disability resource centers in the community. They most likely refer them to the benefits and resources hub.

Anne Quaintance: HSA coordinated entry intake, what information is being provided on the website and when people are applying because people are generally asking for food referrals at the same time when they're looking for housing. Thinking about these systems and the data that comes out of it, do we

	<p>have data on success of referrals, how user friendly is the system, did they get what they were looking for at the end of the day?</p> <p>Mei Ling: I was wondering about 311, a lot of people don't have access to the Internet. I think it's a great resource for people to lean into. I did check their website for food systems, and they do have a direction for food stamps, that leads to a log in page for HSA.</p> <p>Paula Jones: Everybody is making their own list and having to update their own list for referrals, which to me shows that we have different tools, but not sure if we have what is needed.</p> <p>Guillermo Reece: We are getting a training on Unite Us. It looks like a virtual centralized information and referral process. I could connect you Paula or Cissie to the person that's giving us the training.</p> <p>Paula Jones: Thank you, right now it would probably be me.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: LinkSF was created when I was at St. Anthony's Tech Lab. It's an interesting one and should have them present for a future presentation.</p> <p>Cindy Lin (online comment): The Food Empowerment Market is also using Unite Us for client referrals.</p> <p>Rebeca Flores (online comment): Unite Us is extremely comprehensive and they are vetted or meet privacy strong requirements. They provide excellent training.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: When we did that assessment, it was recommended for a city that had particularly good INR (?). I forget which city.</p>	
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	<p>Paula Jones: I don't remember either, but this is one of the things that we had a subcommittee for and were meeting often before COVID just trying to get different models. I can go back and look through the material we have.</p> <p>Paula Jones: We have a new report website, it's on the FSTF webpage. There is a page now for the report where we can consolidate everything. We will keep this updated with different meeting dates and agendas and resources.</p> <p>Meg Davidson: Is there a plan for the public rollout of this report?</p> <p>Paula Jones: No but would love to hear your input. It is a great question. If anyone has thoughts, you can send them to me in an email.</p> <p>Meg Davidson: I'm happy to chat with our PR/comms people to see if they have any good ideas. I think there are other task force members that have released reports in the past that might also have good ideas.</p> <p>Public Comment: N/A</p>	
<p>10. Food Security Task Force member updates 3:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Jeimil Belamide: For CalFresh participant volume as of August 2023: 103,966 individuals on the caseload, 76,396 households.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Is that average/about normal?</p> <p>Jeimil Belamide: It's about normal for the past couple of months. For July, we were at about 104,000, it's relatively the same.</p> <p>Paula Jones: How much was it pre-COVID?</p> <p>Jeimil Belamide: It was a lot lower; the caseload was around 48,000 households.</p> <p>Paula Jones: So it's like a new normal, but it's historically high.</p>	<p>Elect a new Chair in October meeting.</p>

	<p>Jeimil Belamide: Right, I would say so.</p> <p>Policy updates: interview waivers still in effect through March 2024, it waives the interview requirement for people applying to CalFresh/re-certification.</p> <p>The Fiscal Responsibility Act that was signed off by the feds a couple months ago. It has an impact to the ABAWD time limit rule - person who is age 18-49 can only receive CalFresh for 3 months in a three-year period. Right now we are under a statewide waiver currently, but the Fiscal Responsibility Act will bring about changes and start September 2023, but counties don't have to implement yet as we are still in the waiver period.</p> <p>ABAWD time limit rule – it will gradually increase age to 55 by October 1, 2024. You won't be subject to the rule if you're working a certain number of hours or meet certain exemptions: individuals experiencing homelessness, veterans, individuals aged 24 or younger in foster care on their 18th birthday.</p> <p>Skims and scams update: CDSS working on replacement policy. Counties currently allowed to replace up to one month even if more was taken/stolen and must be reported within 10 days. CDSS working on replacing up to 2 months of stolen benefits, increasing days to notification from 10 days to 90 days.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini: Related to the Heart of the City, one of the actions FSTF is to write a letter of support, ensuring the plans for the move will support HOTC, and that we do not want to see any negative impacts in operations and levels of service on both people accessing the market and the farmers. Is there a motion to write this letter, and if so, I would be happy to write a letter on behalf of FSTF.</p> <p>Anne Quaintance made motion to write letter, Chester Williams to second.</p> <p>Debate: N/A</p>	
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	<p>Public Comment: N/A</p> <p>All in favor: Yes: Austin, Paula, Priti, Chester, Cissie (5) No: none (0) Abstain: Jeimil, Meg, Geoffrey, Mei Ling, Raegan, Tiffany (6)</p> <p>Next FSTF: back in July we talked about the impact of the budget shake up, we're still trying to figure out which participant bases are being served and which are not. We are still waiting to hear from DKI funding to see if there's another RFP coming out. We want to provide space for public comment next meeting on where we think populations are and are not being served based on the budget.</p> <p>Paula Jones: next meeting according to our bylaws, it's an odd-year and it's October, so we will have elections for chair and vice-chair at next month's meeting. If you're interested in being chair or vice-chair (can be anybody that's on the task force), please let us know.</p>	
11. Adjournment 3:30 p.m.	Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.	None.