

*Network for a Healthy California*

## **BANPAC Food Security Workgroup**

**July 11, 2008 Minutes**

**Alameda County Public Health 1000 Broadway, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland CA 94612**

Attendance: Kira Pascoe, Lucrecia Farfan-Ramirez, Sarah Nelson, Meredith Moore, Tamiko Johnson, Susan Ryan, Linda Graham, Lisa Cheryl.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>
10am	Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association (PCFMA) Presentation	Sarah Nelson, Special Projects Coordinator, PCFMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and Discussion re: "Cookin' the Market" funded by the <i>Network</i>. It will provide cooking demonstrations, nutrition education at farmers' markets, food stamp offices, and WIC offices</li> <li>• WIC and Farmer Markets held some discussion about WIC F&amp;V vegetables coupons. WIC does not want white potatoes, and herbs included.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite Laurie True to talk about the WIC V&amp;F coupons and the restrictions associated with the selling of the products</li> <li>• Farmer Markets to prepare a list of issues to present to Laurie</li> </ul>
10:45am	Questions and Discussion re: increasing food security across Bay Area	Facilitated Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lucrecia raised the questions about best models to secure access of fruits and vegetables in low-income communities.</li> <li>• Direct marketing, farmer markets, food stands, CSA, retail store food stands.</li> <li>• Sarah felt that the Good Neighbor Program, seems to be a sustainable approach that engage community members</li> <li>• Tamika Johnson suggested school produce stands because they are</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linda will invite Jessica from CA Food &amp; Justice Coalition to next Workgroup meeting</li> <li>• Invite representatives from organizations that work with food policy t</li> <li>• Lucrecia will invite representative from Roots of Change</li> <li>• Bay Area Food banks will present re: state of food banks</li> </ul>

			<p>able to sell culturally appropriate fruits and vegetables . EBAYC in Oakland conducted focus groups and reports show that families consume 50% of produce they buy in the stands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialty Crop Block Grants (funding opportunity) – from USDA to promote any crop other than soy or corn</li> <li>• Roots of Change – extracurricular leadership activity re: food security</li> <li>• CA Food &amp; Justice Coalition – to work with small farmers</li> <li>• CFPA survey results re: Child Nut. Reauthorization</li> <li>• Tamiko shared that she is part of a group called the CA Convergence, which represents 43 communities and is forming a united message around Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act (CNRA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a Workgroup subgroup to develop policy recommendations</li> <li>• Lucrecia will follow up re: CA Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) documents re: Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act (CNRA), send summary when available</li> <li>• Lucrecia will send out reports re: food security in SF and Alameda Counties</li> <li>• Tamiko will inform Workgroup of CA Convergence’s message for CNRA</li> </ul>
11:30am	Listening Session re: Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act in San Francisco, 8/6/08	Lucrecia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraged members to share comments and information with their clients/consumers</li> <li>• Encouraged members to attend, and/or send representatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lucrecia will send out more information re: Listening Session</li> <li>• Representatives from Alameda Co (Tamiko) and Contra Costa Co/Solano Co (Lisa) will invite respective Health Departments to Listening Session. Lucrecia will invite representative from Berkeley Health Dept.</li> </ul>
11:45am	Next Steps	Suzanne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kira offered to share model she has developed with Lucrecia to gather and access data re: child</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kira will send out information to get data on school districts, zip code,</li> </ul>

			<p>nutrition status in Bay Area school and legislative districts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suzanne reiterated items listed in Action Steps in this document</li> </ul>	<p>pertinent to child nutrition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa will send information to Workgroup co-chairs about new public policy intern at Second Harvest Food Bank in the South Bay</li> <li>• Suzanne will send out Hunger Study report and Summer Lunch report conducted by Alameda Co. Comm. Food Bank</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, Sept. 19, 2008 10am – 12noon 1000 Broadway, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland</b>			

