Summary/Action Minutes

I. Overview of Food Security Issues in Alameda County & ALL IN Coordinated Countywide Response

Supervisor Chan gave a brief introduction on the food security issues that are being worked on in Alameda County. Supervisor Chan also would like to hear from the Committee how food issues are affecting the communities they serve and talk about ideas for expansion of food recovery programs.

Melanie Moore gave an overview on food security issues in Alameda County. Seniors and children in Alameda County have the highest rate of food insecurity. In 2014, ALL IN engaged in a process to talk about discuss food insecurity and focused on two main projects: 1) Food Recovery and Food as Medicine.

Food As Medicine

Medical providers and nutritionists know that good food promotes good health. As part of Food as Medicine, doctors will provide "food prescriptions" to hundreds of families that can be "filled" at local farmers' markets, community gardens, food pantries, or through bags of fresh produce delivered straight to their doorstep.

Alameda County has received a grant to design a system for the delivery of food as medicine in Alameda County, working with UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland to develop a study on providing pre-diabetic Medi-Cal pediatric patients with “food prescriptions,” which will be filled by Dig Deep Farms and the Alameda County Community Food Bank.

The ultimate goal is to build an on-site “farmacy” where patients can fill their “food prescriptions.” The Alameda County Department of Public Health will provide culturally relevant cookbooks, and classes/demos for patients and their families.

Food Recovery Pilot

The ALL In Food Recovery Action Team was formed in February 2016 with a goal to design and implement a county-wide food recovery sector as a way to reduce food insecurity in Alameda County. The Public Health Department has hired a Food Recovery Project Manager to coordinate the work of the Food Recovery Action Team, and are now preparing to launch a three month pilot project in 2018.

Farmers will be recruited to supply surplus produce from farmers’ markets in Oakland and Berkeley. The Deputy Sheriff’s Activities League Food Hub will store food and then it will be delivered to food recipient sites: Satellite Affordable Housing Associates and two Unity Council sites located in Oakland.

Other ideas discussed about food security and food recovery included:
Mobile food pantries/Neighborhood food pantries & training for cultural competency
Leveraging non-profit and private sector funds
Creating jobs as food recovery drivers
Reach out to employment agencies such as Civicorps and Peralta Services
Environmental Health Department Training of food recovery staff
Change what food choices are in local markets for healthier choices
Ask community what they need
Link reentry programs for food recovery jobs
Incentives for store owners to transform to healthy foods
Tax deductions for food donation
County-run food recovery business
Cooking contests to highlight cooking different kinds of food
Weekend backpack with healthy food choices for children to take for the weekend

Supervisor Chan stated that the ALL IN Committee will have continued discussions on Food Recovery and the various programs.

II. Presentation of County Vision 2026 & Alignment of ALL IN Activities

Supervisor Chan gave a brief overview of the County Vision 2026. The County is in the process of Vision 2026 a 10 year plan. All the County Department heads have been involved to determine what the overall goals are; guiding principles and shared vision. Ending hunger, fulfilling the vision.

Vision 2026 is Alameda County’s comprehensive effort to set a course for the next decade that anticipates community challenges and maximizes our ability to meet residents’ needs in a rapidly changing world. The vision of the future and the goals and guiding principles grew from extensive collaboration involving Alameda County leaders and other local officials who are promoting communities that are vibrant, prosperous, safe, healthy and inclusive.

Goals
Eliminate Homelessness
Health Care for All
Employment for all
Eliminate Poverty and Hunger
Crime Free County
Accessible Infrastructure

Supervisor Chan opened up the discussion to the Committee to talk about how ALL IN could advance some of the goals of 2020.

Feedback from the discussion included:

- Reinvesting resources for prevention instead of punishment
- ALL In listening sessions; what would the community like to talk about?
- Gift cards for incentives to participate in listening sessions
- Add questions to individual listening sessions
- Empower people to talk:

Supervisor Chan stated that the ALL IN Committee will have continued discussions on County Vision 2026 and how ALL IN will fit.
**Public Comment**
None.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned to January 17, 2018.