

2020.07.13 - TF. SNAP & TANF and UI Subcomm. Mtg. Notes

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Next Meeting: Monday, July 20, 2020 at 9:00 am

Upcoming Subcommittee Meetings:

Temporary Food&Cash Assistance- 7/14/2020 at 2:30 pm

Unemployment Insurance- 7/15/2020 at 11:00 am

General Points

- When the committee presents problems/solutions, we should be sure that we are able to defend our recommendations.
 - Formatted as constructive criticism.
 - Subcommittees should find 2-3 big issues to focus on and evaluate how quickly we will be able to work.
 - Subcommittee members can be split up by initiative. They will be able to focus their time more efficiently. Members can be a part of more than one initiative.
- Timeline:
 - The final recommendation will happen in December. This is when the long term goals will be presented
 - Immediate issues (time sensitive) should be worked on as soon as possible
 - Funding: the Policy & Equity committee will be handling correspondances asking for funding. Our job will be to evaluate where funding is needed, why funding is needed, and what benefits will come if the funding is approved.
 - Breakdown by initiative:
 - First Initiative: within the next two weeks, the subcommittees should have some recommendations as to where funding should be allocated. This is a time sensitive issue.
 - Second Initiative: within the next few weeks, subcommittees should have some sort of draft of educational documents. Subcommittees should evaluate a realistic timeframe.
 - Third Initiative: within the next 2-3 weeks, subcommittees should narrow down their top issues and have a framework of how to approach them.
 - Subcommittees should start thinking about what specific data needs they require to make recommendations, especially related to funding.
 - There will be a master spreadsheet that the Data Committee will work off of. When we have data needs, we should put it in that spreadsheets so that they can be thinking about it while they research.
 - The AAG's on subcommittees are volunteers to assist subcommittee heads. They volunteered their time without being invited and are here to help.
 - There are other task forces working on unemployment that are not focused on civil legal aid like this committee is.
 - Reena will reach out to the Job Opportunities Committee to get points of contact. Paul will reach out and determine if there is any overlap.
 - How to approach conflicts of interest when asking for funding:
 - Identify what the need is without identifying a certain organization.

- If we do identify an organization, there should be a reason why. (Ex: conducting a survey and seeing that one specific organization is the only organization that works on that issue)
- A potential data point: x amount of money serves y amount of people. There may be data already collected that shows how many people a certain amount of money can serve. Cannot will look into tracking down this information.