

## **2020.07.14 - TF. Economic&Food Security Co-Chair and Subcomm. Head Mtg. Notes**

Present: Meena Agarwal, Reena Shah, Paul Cucuzzella, Carnot Evans, Ashley Black

Next Meeting: Monday, 7/27/2020 at 9 am

### **Temporary Food and Cash Assistance Subcommittee Meeting Overview:**

- Next meeting date: 7/28/2020 at 3:00 pm.
- The subcommittee members are split up by initiatives and should be meeting with their work groups this week before the full subcommittee meeting next week.
- Concerns brought up at the last meeting:
  - There are several organizations in Maryland that are already working on educational materials to help claimants. There was a concern about duplicative work.
    - Proposed solution: we should join forces with these organizations to provide input and suggestions to what they already have. We can also provide materials for any “gaps” in the educational materials. We can assist in distributing the materials.
      - Distribution: the Public Awareness&Community Engagement Committee is looking into ways (both with and without technology) to spread information. Social media is one of the possible avenues.
    - Ashley has the work group members looking at the materials that already exist through a unique scope: looking for any issues for people with disabilities, language barriers, etc.
  - Removal of the Medicaid subcommittee:
    - A member of the Temporary Food and Cash Assistance Subcommittee (Lauren Young) presented a need for the subcommittee to Reena Shah. Her email was forwarded to co-chairs for reconsideration.
      - If we are able to locate people to populate the committee, we may be able to re-create this subcommittee.

### **Unemployment Insurance Subcommittee Overview:**

- Only about half of the subcommittee members were present. For the next meeting, Meena will send out a reminder to ensure full participation.
- Still working on splitting people into different initiatives. Meena originally asked for volunteers but may need to make the decision for people.
- Concerns:
  - The timeline for funding because it seems that for funding time is of the essence. It does not necessarily make sense to split the subcommittee into that initiative when the bulk of the work will be over in the next week.
    - Proposed solution:
      - Short and long term proposals. In the short term, we should have a broad idea of how much money we would like to request. This money should be spent by December. There should also be a long term proposal for needs beyond December. The broad number we come up with does not have to be exact, but should be reasonable in comparison to other states.
- Senator King will be joining this committee.

### **General Additional Notes:**

- Funding efforts:

- Ashley's work group will look into funding as a whole as opposed to just food and cash assistance related funding so that we do not duplicate our efforts.
- Data needs:
  - We should be keeping track of data needs so that it can be compiled into one list for the Data Committee.
    - Caterina will handle making additions to the spreadsheet with this list. Subcommittee heads and co-chairs should send the needs to her ([caterina.quezadalozano@ubalt.edu](mailto:caterina.quezadalozano@ubalt.edu)) in order to make additions to the list.
    - Caterina will share this list with subcommittee heads so they have access to it.
  - We should start thinking of liaisons between committees so that we can collaborate efforts when necessary.
    - Caterina will send a list of all committees to Ashley and Meena for reference.