

2020.08.03 - TF. Co-Chair Subcomm. Head Mtg. Notes

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Next Meeting: August 10, 2020, at 9:00 am

Funding Requests

- Ashley's subcommittee worked on creating a survey to be sent to legal aid organizations in Maryland. The survey includes questions relating to what kind of funding these organizations need to function properly.
 - How much money is needed, what current services need funding, what extra services could be provided with additional funding, etc.
 - Surveys are to be filled out by the organizations by Friday, August 7, 2020.
 - For the Policy&Equity meeting this Thursday, we will provide a ballpark number that we will continue to shape as we get the results of the survey.
 - The ballpark number is somewhere between 250-300K.
 - The survey results will be analyzed to come up with a more refined number.
 - The number will include the necessary services as well as the necessary communications/distribution of different materials.

Educational Materials

- For UI:
 - Four members met last week to discuss the materials. There are four substantive areas to cover. Each member will take one of the areas and work on the substantive content this week. There should be a finished product by the end of August.
 - There will be something similar implemented for SNAP/TANF.
- For SNAP/TANF:
 - The education group in this subcommittee can focus more on how to distribute the materials that are already available, and this will incorporate the materials produced by the UI group.
 - They can work with the Public Awareness and Community Engagement Committee.
 - Some ideas are: funding for printing the materials, tutorials on Youtube or Facebook Live, and other presentations.

Policy Recommendations:

- The goal should be to come up with 3-4 recommendations to the State agencies. The SNAP/TANF subcommittee has a skeleton already laid out of possible recommendations.
- Once potential recommendations are identified, the next steps to fully analyze the problem sought to be remedied by the recommendation. The Committee must ensure that it's recommendation address a real problem for which there is a viable solution.
- The goal is to have each recommendation reduced to writing by the end of August.