

2020.08.03 - TF. UI Mtg. Notes

Present: Meena Agarwal, Albert Turner, Conni Bright-Gordon, David Merkin, Louis Becker, Sally Dworak-Fisher, Senator Nancy King,

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Overview:

- Funding workgroup notes:
 - Ashley sent out a survey today to organizations providing legal services. There is still some confusion as to whether or not the funding from the CARES Act needs to be used by the end of 2020, or if it needs to be allocated by the end of 2020.
 - The question is: what is “spending”. It appears that the meaning of spent is its plain meaning.
 - Money “ask” is due by Friday. We are asking about 300-500 thousand dollars, depending on the survey results.
 - As a whole, the TF asked for 5 million dollars. Our portion will come from that 5 million dollars.
- Education workgroup notes:
 - There are four subject areas to cover in these materials
 - Eligibility
 - Application process
 - Recourse if claimants are denied
 - Resources available to assist in the application
 - Everyone will be working on subject individually this week and get something to Paul by the end of this week. There should be something definitive in writing by the end of the month.
- Advocacy workgroup was unable to meet this week
 - Folks from the group should self organize. Conni will send out an email to get the workgroup to meet.
 - Some thoughts:
 - Are there any organizations working on proving pro-bono attorneys?
 - Agencies are not being very flexible
 - An additional issue that is occurring with unemployment currently is overpayment notices.
- What happened to Medicaid?
 - COVID deaths are rising, access to healthcare is extremely important. Medicaid is the largest provider for health insurance for folks in nursing homes. Most of the deaths due to COVID occurred in nursing homes.
 - Meena is going to follow up with Paul and Carnot to see where we are with re-instating this subcommittee.