

2020.08.10 - TF. Co-Chair Subcomm. Head Mtg. Notes

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

Next Meeting: August 17, 2020, at 8:45 am

SNAP/TAQNF Survey Results:

- Ashley and Caterina will work on synthesizing the results into a one or two-page summary.
 - The summary should include a synopsis of staffing needs versus other capacity needs (new laptops, tools, etc.)
- Preliminary results show that the ballpark number previously identified is accurate (\$300K).
- Although we are not expecting more results, Ashley will reach out to a few of the remaining organizations to see if they have any commentary without filling out the survey.
- We should keep in mind the potential impact that the Executive Orders may have on our funding requests.

Public Outreach:

- Education materials, methods of distribution, social media campaigns, etc.
- Reaching out to the Public Awareness Committee:
 - Paul will reach out to Franklin Baker and Karen Anderson-Scott with a short summary of the products we expect to come out of our committee.
 - The Public Awareness Committee has mainly focused on methods of distribution, so we should make them aware of the products we expect to produce so the cost of making the products can be included in funding requests.
- Subcommittee Products:
 - UI
 - Meena and David have come up with some user-friendly information in PowerPoint form.
 - We should have a working draft by the end of the week.
 - SNAP/TANF
 - This subcommittee should look at what the UI subcommittee produces and see if it makes sense to create one of their own in a conforming format.
 - There are already many educational tools that exist for SNAP/TANF, so this may end up being a compilation of useful products.
 - SNAP/TANF has mainly focused on methods of distribution. Ashley has notes from the workgroup meeting that she will send along to Paul, Carnot, and Reena.

Policy Recommendations:

- 3-4 issues to focus on in writing by the end of the month.
- UI:
 - UI has a google doc with notes that Meena will pass along. They do not identify issues but have created some suggestions.
 - Some of the suggestions fall under the same category, so the suggestions can potentially be separated by category in the final product.
 - The next step will be to organize the suggestions by category and write the suggestions up.

- Another area to focus on is what should come of agency hearings. Starting on September 1st, failure to pay rent proceedings will continue. We should determine if we can make any suggestions on how to make the process run smoothly.
- SNAP/TANF:
 - SNAP/TANF has identified various issues including language barriers, denying third party participation in phone calls without a specific policy, and delay in receiving benefits due to the fact that benefits are given on old EBT cards that users do not have access to.
 - The next step is investigating what issues DHS has already addressed before writing up policy recommendations.
- Both subcommittees should have drafts of their recommendations to Paul and Carnot by August 26, 2020 so that they can be discussed at the full TF meeting on September 17, 2020.

Medicaid:

- Lauren Young has reached out to individuals with Medicaid expertise. She has received tentative acceptances.
- Lauren will coordinate with Caterina to send out invitation letters and set up the first Medicaid subcommittee meeting. Caterina will update the Committee spreadsheet to include contact information for the new members.