

Notes (for review and confirmation at quarterly meeting, Feb. 2019)

I. Introductions and Welcome:

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Attendee sign-in sheet provided.

II. Overview of requirements of E3SHB 1482

- a. Intent / Required Work
- b. Membership – selection of co-chairs
- c. Governance – structure and decision making protocols
- d. Key Objectives / Requirements

No questions/comments from attendees at the end of the overview.

III. Background

- a. Legislative Executive Workfirst Oversight Task Force
- b. Governor Insee's Interagency Poverty Reduction Workgroup
 - i. Link to Governor's page: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/health-care-human-services/poverty-reduction-work-group>
 - ii. Work to date – root cause, EDI, framework, draft report, steering committee
 - iii. Draft comparison slide re: TF vs PRWG and PRWG vs Advisory committee
 - iv. Next Steps

Breakout to consider topic of co-chairs (state agency & legislative). Decisions will be made at next meeting.

IV. Achieving the purpose – work to the 5 year strategic plan – discussion

- May be important to incorporate observations from other states (successes and failures).

- a. Alignment of the two groups –
 - i. Comparison Matrix
 - ii. Specific Recommendations

-Appreciation of the comparison matrix, thought there may be some inaccuracy. One group is tied to legislation (has more continuity) and the other is dependent on an elected position. It was noted that intergenerational poverty (IGP) is a separate issue from general poverty reduction. Governor's work group is not as policy and program-specific as the Task Force tied to WorkFirst.

- Interest expressed in considering Utah's model. Social capital is important when thinking about IGP. The legislation is more focused, and does not want that message to be lost.
- There is a significant time and energy commitment that dual groups require.
- Both IGP and poverty (in general) are very big topics, and we want to be sure that none of the work that has already been done is lost. Possibility of seeking adjustment of the Governor's group to more closely align with the Legislative-Executive group.
- The best solution would be one with the most impact. Need to generate the power to facilitate change without wasting resources on duplication.
- There is interplay between episodic/situational poverty and generational poverty.
- Want to keep a customer/constituent focus to achieve decreased poverty. Interest is in achieving outcomes and results.
- The legislation language built collaboration into the Task Force. Not all members of the overall legislature view poverty reduction as a priority. The legislation is what can push this issue along, and a lot of work went into getting this legislation in place –the work that was required through and outside of the legislative process to get the legislation passed should be honored. Interest in rebuilding fiscal commitment to social service programs.
- Desire that this issue be advanced more than incrementally.
- The groups are more duplicative than not. If the groups can't be completely combined, would like identification of pieces that could be combined and follow through with doing so.
- Both groups are serving the same end customer.
- Next step may be to formalize the feedback received today and present an option at the next meeting.
- The baseline has to be the legislation.
- Questioning of how two groups can be successful. There is no time for re-work if progress is to be made on this issue.

b. Knowledge building

- i. Defining the Problem – what is intergenerational poverty
- ii. What's happening in this arena around the country

c. Work plan going forward

- i. Identify co-chairs at next meeting
- ii. Information needed:
 - Data/research on poverty vs. deep poverty
 - Statistics/data regarding IGP
 - Data charts/data walk and federal poverty level (FPL) or other income thresholds for assistance programs
 - Information on racial inequity in poverty
 - Poverty - current state vs. past (data look-back)
 - Current Federal landscape and potential impacts

- *More information on best practices of other states (interest in Utah)*
- *Identify/research best practices within the state that could be broadened (asset building coalitions, corporate community, etc.)*
 - *Noted that a lot of the information requested and answers to inquiries made in this meeting have already been gathered by the Governor's Poverty Reduction Workgroup.*
- iii. *Other considerations:*
 - *Maintain voice of those in poverty (interest in Chris Rufo's PBS poverty documentary)*
 - *Maintain equity lens*
 - *Inclusive of justice-involved families*
 - *Consider opportunities to move the conversation forward during upcoming Legislative session*

Next meeting – Aiming for 6 weeks or early December. "Doodle" poll will be distributed for scheduling.