PRWG Briefing Paper

PRWG Meeting | November 15, 2018

**Topic**

Update and discussion on Steering Committee and Equity Consultants

**Desired outcomes**

1. Update the full PRWG on current status of Steering Committee and Equity Consultants
2. Answer questions as needed
3. Identify main role for Steering Committee and Equity Consultants with the work of the full PRWG

**Background Information**

The PRWG made three previous decisions that have been implemented. We decided to establish a Steering Committee to authentically empower people in poverty in the decision-making of the PRWG; to hire Equity Consultants to ensure all our work is conducted with a strong focus on equity; and to organize our work on two tracks: learning and action.

With the Steering Committee coming online, the Equity Consultants hired, and the interim progress report completed, we can provide updates and ensure the full PRWG understands the roles and plans for next year in the same way.

**Considerations**

1. We made a strong commitment that the Steering Committee would empower and deeply engage people in poverty. How can we follow through on that commitment?
2. We made a strong commitment that all of our work would be viewed through an equity lens. How can we follow through on that commitment?
3. What are the core strengths and capacities the Steering Committee and Equity Consultants can bring to this work?
4. With the interim progress report finished, we will now continue working toward our December 2019 comprehensive 10-year poverty reduction strategy. What are the main roles for the Steering Committee and the Equity Consultants in the learning track and the action track of our work, as we continue to learn more and begin to consider specific policy recommendations for possible inclusion in the December 2019 report?
5. Other considerations?

**Next steps**

1. Review whether we met the desired outcomes listed above.
2. Identify next steps.
3. Identify timelines if necessary.