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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON GUARANTEED INCOME PILOT PROGRAM ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Others Present: 4 George Reistad, Nancy Saiz, Anna Walther, Hilary Shager;
Erin Coltrera

Walter Williams called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Currie moved to approve 10/28/21 meeting minutes. Evers seconded.
Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

1. [65574](#) Public Comment

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. [67473](#) Benefits Strategies and Counseling Updates

- Saiz confirmed continued communication with Access Community Health Center around benefits counseling
- The contract will be finalized after the contract is signed
- Reistad and Saiz updated the task force around efforts and challenges to prevent local and state benefits clawbacks
- Walther pasted the following summary of benefits that may or may not be affected below per staff request

Programs that explicitly consider MFF as "countable income:"

- SS(D)I
- Housing assistance (includes Federal and city-level housing support)
- Medicaid (ONLY if someone is blind, disabled or elderly)

- SNAP*
- Free and Reduced School Lunch**
- W-2
- Any other programs excluding those listed in Appendix A that count recurring cash gifts as countable income for eligibility determinations

Programs that do not count MFF as “countable income”

Program Non-countable income determination

BadgerCare Plus Option 41 Section 16.2 of the BadgerCare Employee Handbook specifies that gifts are NOT included in the financial eligibility test.

CHIP Uses Modified Adjusted Gross Income, which does not count gifts towards income. See

<https://www.healthcare.gov/income-and-household-information/income/#magi>

City of Madison Subsidized Child Care Section 3.12(10)(g)1 in the City of Madison Code of Ordinances which specifies that applicants must meet the income criteria established by the Common Council, unless the applicant is actively participating in, and receiving payments from, the Madison Forward Fund.

EITC This program uses tax forms to determine eligibility—and MFF benefits are considered non-taxable income by the IRS definition of countable income

HeadStart This program uses tax forms to determine eligibility—and MFF benefits are considered non-taxable income by the IRS definition of countable income

Medicaid (Granted someone is not blind, elderly or disabled) Medicaid determination for non-elderly and non-disabled persons uses Modified Adjusted Gross Income, which does not count gifts as income. See

<https://www.healthcare.gov/income-and-household-information/income/#magi>

Wi Home and Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) While this is considered countable income by their set definitions, MFF benefits will be exempted through an internal exemption process at the Department of Administration.

WiShares Section 1.4.3 of the WI Shares handbook specifies that gifts are not included in the financial eligibility test.

Programs where guaranteed income is partially/selectively counted as income:
SNAP and Free and Reduced School Lunches

*For SNAP, MFF benefits begin counting towards income after the benefit surpasses \$300 per quarter for SNAP. So MFF impacts SNAP eligibility by increasing annual income by $\$6,000 - (\$300 * 4) = \$4,800$

**It is unlikely, but possible, for a child to lose free and reduced lunch in the following 2 scenarios:

- Scenario 1: If the child is:
 - Not enrolled in a school eligible for the Community Eligible Provision AND
 - Not income-eligible for free and reduced lunches, but are directly certified to receive free and reduced lunch through SNAP/W-2, AND
 - The parent loses SNAP/W-2 benefits as a result of MFF.
- Scenario 2: if the child is:
 - Not enrolled in a school eligible for the Community Eligible Provision AND
 - Not directly certified to receive free and reduced lunches through SNAP/W-2 AND
 - No longer income-eligible for free and reduced lunches after the addition

of MFF benefits AND

- A school official needs to verify (check) the income that the parent self-reports on their free and reduced lunch application
 - (when might a parent's self-reported income on a F&R lunch application be verified? See this handbook)

3. [67474](#)

Collaborative Agreement and Contract Updates

- Reistad confirmed that the contract with CGIR has been signed
- Reistad updated the task force on the timeline extension submitted to MGI

4. [67476](#)

IRP Updates and Program Manager and Research Fellow Hiring Process

- Williams encouraged task force members to continue circulating the program manager position, which will be open until February 21st. It currently has 20 applicants.
- Shager confirmed that the research fellow has been hired
Shager noted that the position description for the Program Manager was approved and will be posted soon
- The student research position will be ready for circulation by the task force soon
- Evers asked if talking points were available for spokespersons during the time around program launch
 - Reistad noted that these talking points would be set by the IRP program manager and student research fellow

5. [69858](#)

General Programmatic Updates

- Saiz encouraged task force members to begin thinking about participant recruitment
- Walther shared a synthesis of American Community Survey data that identify "highest need" neighborhoods where targeted outreach efforts could occur
 - The top 10 neighborhoods include Marlborough, Badger, Warner Park, Lakeview, Truax Field, Burr Oaks, Waunona Way, Sherman Park, Greentree, Swanton and Eastmorland
- Evers noted that outreach efforts should be broad, but also specific to areas that have been hit hardest with systemic and historic disinvestment
- Dresser suggested that we combine geographically targeted outreach with existing infrastructure (community centers, libraries, NRTs, neighborhood centers, etc) because geographically-targeted outreach is logistically challenging
 - Collier suggested we partner with community organizations to develop outreach strategies
- Evers discussed the possibility of asking Alders to use their mailing account funds to advertise MFF to certain constituents
- Saiz notes that we are working on graphic design and official recruitment materials
- Evers requested specific estimates of how much this mailing effort would cost per Alder's account, and how much of the Mayor's budget could be used for outreach
- Shager reminded task force members that targeted outreach should be ethical and respect the privacy of potential participants

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Evers motioned to adjourn, Currie seconded. The motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.