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

Thursday, August 26, 2021

3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mtg called to order by chair Walter Williams at 3:06pm on 8/26/21.

Present: 10 - Tag Evers; Jael Currie; Martha Cranley; Sabrina V. Madison; Walter Williams; Karen M. Coller; Erica L. Nelson; Laura J. Dresser; Stephen J. Young and Shiva Bidar

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tag approved and Jael seconded approval
Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [65574](#) Public Comment

Kim Richman public comment: no problem with GI pilot but bad time to do such pilot given employment issues and help wanted signs everywhere. Also looking at how it is funded. Don't need anymore incentives on not working and curious to see how it works out and thanks for the time good luck and be safe. Someone joined by phone but couldn't hear them
Tag Evers acknowledge comment of Richman and said that many cannot afford the basic needs and misnomer to think that this is a replacement for employment. Intent of the program is not to be substitute for employment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [67088](#) IRP Operational Updates

The City of Madison and Mayor Satya Rhodes Conway have reviewed and approved the scope of work and contract. The two documents are now with IRP for review and approval. The UW IRP approval process is important for the two positions:

- Project Manager – engagement and management of overall project.
- Project Assistant on the research side

Once approved by UW IRP, UW HR will post.

Task Force will assist in outreach for recruitment for the two positions.

Task Force will also assist in benefits counseling job description and recruitment.

Note: Mayors for a Guaranteed Income MGI, is a national pilot and research project. UPENN is working on a national survey, and can add two domains to get further data on how extra income affects families in specific municipalities. Ideas for being considered: youth justice involvement, program utilization by youth, and transportation.

3. [67089](#)

Collaboration Agreement Updates

Kevin with update on collaboration agreement: a lot of progress on the agreement – scopes for work for TASC, UW and City, and IRP are very close with a solid base of a contract and a few solid things to work through but should be moving along.

4. [67090](#)

Charter Review and Feedback

Attachments: [MGIPP Project Charter_Aug2021_DRAFT_v3.pdf](#)

2 pieces on page 2 adding other city and county programs assisting the community and the other pieces on #3 and where we wanted to cut the age group to.

Discussion: Vision, Objectives, Scope, Approach
Erica Nelson—suggested 0-17 everyone agreed

Tag Evers – looking at other programs and target red lined neighborhoods as part of a those who qualify
Social benefits – is 200% of the poverty level is a done deal? And as far as a redlining shouldn't go down the road of the location and geography and wait to discuss further as part of when we get to who will qualify so to speak. Also try to address generational poverty in this program.

Jael Currie—knowing that this is not an alternative, and will happen in conjunction with other benefits. Would participants have to report it as income?

Walter- yes, benefits counseling idea so as not to experience a benefits cliff

Stephen Young – Stockton reported as a gift rather than income so that might be a possibility and then would have to get waivers

Laura Dresser – how the child allowances are going to interact and reshape the experience with benefits cliff and will be one of the first to drop our pilot after the CTC and how are we thinking about it for future conversation in the future.

Shiva Bidar– related to Laura's point about the percentage of the poverty level and impact purposes. 200-400% of poverty is medical bills. Maybe suggest higher level of PL in order to reduce harm.

Walter – 200% might have come from the mayor and will ask why that was

chosen.

Hillary Schager– logistical point if there is a change in eligibility already put forward for IRB.

Martha Cranley – how does this influence the input of our pilot to other programs.

Programs to add –

Meadowood Health Partnerships with Sheray Wallace, United Way through 211 programs providing covid relief resources.

Sabrina- a few hundred dollars makes a huge difference based on experience from what they are learning. This will meet the bulk of their needs. Awarded 8 families a 1000 each and these families went from moderate income and gainfully employed, 3 used to build emergency funds, and a young person bought a car and most used it to keep on top of things and meet an immediate need. At least 3 used to pay back rent. Will share evaluation results with group, when they are ready. 600 folks have submitted for the \$100 grants. However, this shakes out have to pair with other resources at the conclusion.

Jael – similarities in programs and whether connected to grant and stipulations on how it is spent but this differs on how it is administered.

Sabrina – has to be a community component about benefits and mental wellness and community involvement and should continue relationship after the program ends.

Outcomes:

Survey questions and qualitative mental health outcomes and interviews with participants. Maybe a story telling component. And Stockton did narratives and did story telling. Such as “I have more time to spent with my children” for example.

Erica – can we think about asking about child welfare related cases and or outcomes that might change or be influenced by the GI since most Child welfare cases are driven by poverty and neglect.

Hilary- that might be possible with city as part of the questions since capturing youth justice numbers might be small and

Tag- proxy if JJ data and info might be difficult – would school attendance be one?

Hilary – educational indicators as a domain will be set. We are beholden to national evaluation and short term outcomes and can pursue other research with other outcomes down the road. And might be possible in the future

5. [67091](#)

Benefits Counseling Ideas

Outsource a benefits counselor – knowledge of public benefits and financial counseling – please recommend if you know someone. This person would be a resource and a service provided.

Martha - Employment Resources Inc should be explored.

Shiva – ABC for Health, Covering Wisconsin, JFF social workers are great counselors

Stephen Young – health, mental well being -confident that these will be shown as improved. The other area is work and in Stockton found that those that received it worked more and wouldn't expect it would be true. Could think of

scenario of working 2 jobs and with the money replaces the second job with volunteering or parenting. Is it important to success that we look at folks working more as a result.

Does the funding propel them into the next thing?

Laura – question of the way work gets counted – do people continue to work -yes and does the work change in hours or content and this becomes a central question – “work yes, no, but also hours etc.”

6. [66062](#)

Discussion of Future Agenda Items/Topics

Attachments: [Topics for Discussion at Future Madison GI Task Force Meetings V2 docx.p](#)

- Questions for outcomes/interviews
 - Poverty level percentage determination
 - Name for our program
 - Presentation to Task Force on child tax credit impact potential
- Adam Clausen introducing himself: representing MMSD as Director of Youth and Community Outreach and Engagement, and lifting student voice and engagement
- Thanks to Stephen for preparing the summary of other programs.

ADJOURNMENT

Tag Evers moved to adjourn, Jael Seconded, meeting adjourned at 4:17