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

Thursday, September 23, 2021

3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Erica Nelson moved to approve 8/26/21 meeting minutes, Sabrina Madison second. Minutes approved with correction to Task Force members present. Karen Mendez Collier was not present at the August meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Present: 8 - Tag Evers; Jael Currie; Sabrina V. Madison; Walter Williams; Erica L. Nelson; Laura J. Dresser; Stephen J. Young and Shiva Bidar

Absent: 2 - Martha Cranley and Karen M. Collier

1. [65574](#) Public Comment

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Benefits updates from Nancy

- o Meeting with FSC will meet with ERI
- Laura asked if everyone (treated and control groups) will receive benefits counseling. Nancy and George answered that they anticipated that everyone will participate as part of the screening process before randomization
- o Hilary added that we'll need to clarify this with UPenn because it might affect IRB and randomization process
- Erica asked how many staffers would provide the benefits counseling □ noted that having more than one person might be necessary given 1) the anticipated caseload and 2) ensuring that applicants aren't constantly reiterating their stories
- o Nancy clarified that this will be facilitated by the program manager
- o Hilary distinguished that we will be contracted with a team of consulting

services, not one staff person

- Cameron noted that he worked with one staff person from Catholic Charities to usher through a similar number of benefits counseling clients. He also added that we probably shouldn't involve the case managers until after the randomization process because people who are in the control group will not have benefits jeopardized
- Tag asked if we have legal support and representation for people whose benefits to fall off the benefits cliff.
 - o George noted that we have a contingency fund that might be able to accommodate that, but we don't have it written explicitly into the proposal.
 - o Consensus that we have a responsibility to support people whose MGIP funds kick them off benefits cliffs
 - o Hold Harmless funds are recommended by Cameron, though he notes that they can be expensive

3. [67474](#)

Collaborative Agreement and Contract Updates

Kevin requested Task Force feedback on the "scope of service" of the following exhibits: Task force, the City of Madison and IRP

4. [67475](#)

Naming Finalization - MGIP Program

- Names with "Experiment" should be avoided
- MAD prosper and MADthrive should be avoided because they assume results
- Tag motioned for Forward 608, motion fails
- Laura moved that core team uses Task Force feedback and choose among the most popular names moved forward: Isthmus Fund, Forward 608, and Progress Madison. Erica Nelson second. Motion passes

5. [67476](#)

IRP Updates and Program Manager and Research Fellow Hiring Process

- Hilary noted that position descriptions can't be finalized until collaborative agreement is done. Also, UW needs us to use standardized position descriptions. So, the program manager position will need to be adjusted
 - o Research Fellow position will not need to be adjusted because student position descriptions are not affected by this new UW policy
 - o This will make recruitment slightly harder, but shouldn't affect the functionality of the job
- George shared the interview questions, domains of interest, and nomination of interview proposed by survey respondents to open up discussion/
 - Discussion around interview questions:
 - o Nancy suggested we treat survey questions document as a living document because it seems that we have some ways to go before finalizing
 - Discussion around domains
 - o George noted that this information will be shared with Drs. Castro and West at UPenn. Hilary was asked about the purpose of the additional survey domains—specifically youth justice
 - o Hilary clarified that youth justice domain came from the Mayor's office, and transportation was added by IRP. These domains represent questions that are not asked by the main survey
 - o Erica was worried this would be further afield from the immediate impact

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- of the income program, and Tag added that it would be hard to accurately capture in the survey (because impacts would not be discernible within a 12 month period)
- o Erica and Laura agree that behavioral and mental health measures would better capture immediate impacts of the program
 - o Adam advocated for a more strengths-based approach to measuring impacts—for example, looking at youth engagement opportunities opened up by the program rather than criminal justice system involvement
 - o Erica suggested surveying parental engagement at baseline for both groups to capture the positive experiences of program
 - o Stephen suggested a family systems approach—measuring quality time, family chaos and stress, distribution of paid and unpaid labor
 - Nominations for primary and alternate to serve on interview panel
 - o Primary and alternate members were both not present
 - o Consensus that we should approach the two nominated members and table the motion to confirm the nomination

ADJOURNMENT

George to send out a poll to pick a new time because at least one person has an unbreakable schedule conflict

Shiva Bidar moved to adjourn meeting, Sabrina Madison second.

Next meeting October 28th 2021 3pm – 5pm. Meeting will be virtual.