

FSRC Mtg.

January 7th, 2016 HSB 250

February 4th, 2016 meeting to have Dr. R here for more engaging and conversation about FSRC involvement and members.

Tawna Sanchez (How long has she been on the committee? Find out)

Rachel Post

Kevin Troutman

Marc Jolin

Housing update: Dr. Richardson

- LIFT program: New construction to include DHS. Dr. Richardson meets with housing regularly. The housing plan means to work with urban and rural areas including communities of color. Work sessions are coming up and Dr. Richardson plans to provide more updates next month.
- Vision for SSP: Operational priorities are moving to an "anti-poverty agenda" which means to provide families more than just a safety net and actually move them out of poverty and into prosperity. Employment and education are the number one areas of focus. Effective family-engagement is to change the ways we engage with families; removing the barriers to employment. A new assessment document will help workers focus on strength-based trauma-informed plans. Dr. Richardson brings the idea of "Family Stability Coaches" instead of case managers. Collective community impact means counting on partners to help DHS and to work together. To display stewardship and integrity is to be transparent.
- Training: We have the funding for training and there are workgroups in place, such as the training redesign which aims to mold training into a more comprehensive process.
- Collective Impact Engagement: There is currently an RFP out for community-based organizations to help DHS work with field offices and community partners more.

Legislative Updates: Jill Grey

- Legislative days: January 13th-15th legislators will meet in Salem. The speaker would like to see a larger housing bill, including renter's relief. There is currently no agenda posted.

- At this time, people are underutilizing the earned income tax credit. It the goal of this office to raise awareness of the tax credit.
- Tomorrow (January 8th, 2016) there will be two stakeholder calls for DHS regarding budget issues. Clyde will be facilitating the calls and covering each area of budgets and proposals. There will be SSP conference calls to partners throughout the session. Dr. Richardson references a \$72 million dollar shortfall in all of DHS. SSP is currently in a good position. If necessary, SSP could reduce the caseload from cap 8,100 to 7,600 for a \$4 million dollar TANF reduction if necessary. A major drivers are SPD and DD caseloads; DHS is currently bargaining labor costs.
- EITC Bill: Will possibly make it easier for clients to access the benefit.

Next agenda topic: Briefing on SSP Budget Call

Xochitl to forward Alberta Branch meeting to FSRC

Recommendations handout attached

Re-engagement:

- HB3535 provides more flexibility to reengage families with better outcomes and structural changes. This process improvement will help transition employees in the field offices.
- TANF is attempting to align the federal and state clocks: including 5 year time limit extensions; hardship extensions.
- Benefits Cliff: transitional benefits' reduced childcare co-pay; non-citizen household and treatment of earned income; case management practice model; community collaborative impact.
- RFP is open into February; leadership was given to January 15th to provide comment.

**Emails between FSRC for recommendations` deadline for next Wednesday to Xochitl. **