

Meeting Minutes

2Gen Commission on Family Economic Security

March 11, 2021

2PM to 3:30PM Virtual Meeting

Present: Secretary Padilla, Christina Church (staff), Dr. Shelly Choo, Bob Stephens, Neveen Kurtom, Sen. Adelaide Eckardt, Del. Geraldine Valentino-Smith, Del. Mike Griffith, Dr. Bryan Newton, Gloria Brown Burnett, Katharine Tate, Erin Roth, Secretary Beatty.

Guests: Jessica Wheeler, Karen Finn.

Absent: Sylvia Lawson, Jay Cleary, Stuart Campbell.

Secretary Padilla welcomed the group and made opening remarks.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved without changes.

Secretary Padilla introduced a working definition of the 2Gen approach for the group's consideration.

Karen Finn presented on Maryland Family Well-Being Results and Indicators.

The group divided into breakout rooms and reported on their discussions.

Group 1 discussed the working definition of 2Gen and a preliminary inventory of programs serving whole families. There were suggestions to include language such as "alignment" and "intentionally" into the definition. The group affirmed that 2Gen is not a program, but an approach; however there was discussion among the group about the value of using the 2Gen approach to evolve existing programs and services.

Group 2 continued the discussion about Results and Indicators by engaging in a "passionate selling" exercise, whereby each member argued in favor of Results and Indicators that this Commission could adopt to measure the impact of a 2Gen approach. The group selected "Babies are Born Healthy" and "Communities are Safe for Children, Youth, and Families."

A survey on results and indicators will be sent to the Commission members following the meeting and members are encouraged to share their thoughts within a week.

Secretary Padilla offered words of closing and the date of the next meeting was shared.