

Approved Meeting Minutes  
2Gen Commission on Family Economic Security  
July 15, 2021  
2PM to 3:30PM Virtual Meeting

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

Guests: Jade Gingerich (for Secretary Beatty), Dr. Erica Hernandez, Dr. Theresa Anderson, Del. Pamela Queen, Walter Sallee (for Sylvia Lawson), Lisa Klingenmaier.

Absent: Secretary Beatty, Erin Roth, Sylvia Lawson, Betsy Tolentino, Neveen Kurtom.

Secretary Padilla welcomed the group. First-time attendees were introduced.

It was announced that the webpage for the Commission was created and could be found under “initiatives” on the DHS homepage.

The Two-Generation officer announced that there will be a presentation on 2Gen at this year’s MACO on August 19.

Dr. Theresa Anderson announced that she had recently completed reporting on place-based 2Gen approaches through her work with the Urban Institute. She will be following up with the Two-Generation officer for further discussion.

The minutes of the March and April meeting were approved without changes.

The Two-Generation officer walked through the skeleton of the upcoming report. The group offered feedback on any components that they felt needed to be added. Stuart Campbell offered that the phrase “whole family approach” should be included, as it is sometimes used interchangeably with 2Gen. Other suggestions included: a discussion of federal barriers to fully implementing a 2Gen approach, language about the national movement toward 2Gen, and zeroing in on core programs. Delegate Valentino-Smith suggested that income levels and a description of families currently experiencing poverty be included; some Commission members voiced disagreement, saying that limiting the 2Gen conversation to families currently experiencing poverty, rather than being inclusive of children who have experienced ACES, might limit those who could access needed interventions.

Senator Eckardt voiced support for including local management boards. A number of Commission members took issue with the section on statewide recommendations, given that jurisdictions are so different and need the flexibility to determine their own programming. There was discussion about using 2Gen as a “lens” through which states view their obligation, while local jurisdictions would operationalize the work in a way that most makes sense for local families.

The Two-Generation officer presented on process outcomes, citing a report from Ascend at the Aspen Institute that recommended that agencies and organizations operationalize the 2Gen principles with their own staff and processes in addition to updating their engagement with families. Commission members suggested several process measures that state agencies could collectively implement to show “2Gen readiness,” such as requiring training on the whole family approach for all state employees, mandating shared 2Gen readiness measures as part of the Managing For Results process, and creating a Quality Control Team of state agency leaders (perhaps at the Deputy or Executive Director level) who could operationalize the recommendations of the Commission.

The report will be finalized prior to the next meeting. Commission members will receive a copy of the draft via email and will have time to comment prior to submission.

Secretary Padilla offered words of closing.