

Approved Meeting Minutes

2Gen Commission on Family Economic Security

November 18, 2021

2PM to 3:30PM Virtual Meeting

Present: Secretary Padilla, Christina Church (staff), Sen. Adelaide Eckardt, Gloria Brown Burnett, Erin Roth, Sylvia Lawson, Jade Gingrich, Del. Geraldine Valentino-Smith, Dr. Bryan Newton, Dr. Shelly Choo, Neveen Kurtom, Bob Stephens.

Guests: Dr. Erica Hernandez, Joe Jones, Taylor Blades, Ross Goldstein, Lisa Klingenmaier, Jacob Goudy, P. Angela Fraser (for Stuart Campbell), Jessica Wheeler.

Absent: Stuart Campbell, Del. Mike Griffith, Katharine Tate, Betsy Tolentino.

Secretary Padilla gave words of welcome and introductions were made.

The October minutes were approved without change.

Announcements were offered. The 2Gen report has been posted to the DLS website and the link is available publicly. Christina Church has been invited to present before the House Economic Stability Workgroup on 12/14 to give an update on the work of this Commission.

Updates since the October meeting were given:

- More information is being gathered about the Benefits Cliff workgroup in Connecticut. That group has produced no deliverables for us to consider yet.
- The Flat Tire Fund administrator in Connecticut provided the Commission with several printed materials, which will be shared on request. The Fund was a three-year pilot that is unlikely to be renewed. There was no outcome tracking associated with the pilot, which Connecticut advised was regrettable, though there was plentiful anecdotal evidence that the fund assisted families in keeping their employment or completing their training.
- The discussion of whether parents with lived experience could be added to the Commission in the future and compensated for their time continued with information from the DHS assistant attorney general. Gloria Brown Burnett shared that Prince George's County is looking into small procurements to hire families to share their expertise and this suggestion will be taken back to the AAG.

Secretary Padilla shared a vision for a pilot program that would follow a cohort of families that received supportive services with the desired outcome of increasing employment retention. The group enthusiastically agreed. Shelly Choo said that could be alignment with home visiting programs and health outcomes associated. Jessica Wheeler recommended Local Management Boards could be a pipeline for this work. Jade Gingrich and Joe Jones discussed the importance of coaching and relationship-building with participants. Erin Roth suggested that adult education be included. It was decided that a model be developed prior to the next meeting.

Erin Roth and Ross Goldstein offered a presentation on Registered Apprenticeship programs.

The group decided to cancel the December meeting and use the time to develop the pilot model. The group will reconvene in January. Dates for 2022 meetings will be posted.

Secretary Padilla offered words of closing and the meeting was adjourned.