

**2-Generation Family Economic Security Commission**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**January 14, 2021**  
**2pm-3:30pm**

**Commission members present:** Secretary Carol Beatty, Sen. Addie Eckardt, Dr. Shelly Choo, Erin Roth, Stuart Campbell, Gloria Brown Burnett, Del. Mike Griffith, Dr. Bryan Newton, Katharine Tate, Neveen Kurtom, Jay Cleary, Bob Stephens.

**Commission members absent:** Sylvia Lawson, Del. Geraldine Valentino-Smith. Secretary Padilla (chair) was temporarily absent due to activities around the legislative session.

**Guest:** Anne Mosle, Tiffany Day (Ascend at the Aspen Institute); Lisa Edwards (DHS notetaker)

**Staff:** Christina Church

**Welcome and introductions:** Commission members shared their role, past experience with the 2Gen approach, their hope for the Commission, and what motivates them in their work with children and families.

**Presentation:** Anne Mosle presented on Maryland's opportunity to promote efficient, effective, and equitable policy and systems change that puts children and families' holistic needs at the center. Recognized Maryland as a leader nationally dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and thoughtfully leveraging all opportunities to help families reach their full potential. Presented on the history of 2Gen approach nationally, the principles of the 2Gen approach, and the current state of 2Gen nationally, including the federal poverty reduction goal, recent federal recommendations, and efforts by the Department of Labor to link education, employment, and core support dollars for whole families. Urged Maryland to continue to foster innovation and impact.

**Legislative charge:** The Commission reviewed the requirements of the bill that created this Commission. An annual report will be due at the end of September. Of the nine requirements, the Commission members shared the ones of most interest to them, should subgroups become necessary.

**Discussion of timeline:** Members reacted to a proposed timeline of activities, including a gap analysis, recommendations, and written report. Sen. Eckardt stated that there has been a lot of talk about 2Gen, but the time has come to create a road map for state agencies to implement it. Stuart Campbell and Erin Roth raised concerns that the pandemic may impact timing. Members discussed having panel presentations from families and organizations using a 2Gen approach, but ultimately agreed that the Lt. Governor's commission already used panels effectively to educate about the need for 2Gen and that doing so again would be duplicative. Ultimately the group agreed that their time should be spent on "picking up where we left off."

Dr. Choo asked if there was baseline data that could be shared about child and family well-being - how will we track if families are better off? The group agreed that the next meeting should focus on baseline and shared measures.

Anne Mosle suggested that the report might focus on how change will be measured within state agencies.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.