



Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission

Wednesday, April 18, 2018
 1385 South State Street, Salt Lake City
 1st Floor – Conference Room 157A
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

- Commission:** Spencer Cox, Jon Pierpont, Sheila Walsh-McDonald (for Joe Miner), Ann Silverberg Williamson, Sydnee Dickson, Neira Siaperas (for Dawn Marie Rubio), H. David Burton
- Committee:** William Duncan
- Staff Support:** Tracy Gruber, Kara Blackstock
- Attendees:** William Cosgrove, Daneen Adams, Britnee Johnston, Mary Beth Vogel-Ferguson, Brian Olmstead, Kamille Sheikh, Linda Zenger, Julie Fisher, Nic Dunn, Elizabeth Garbe, Aimee Winder Newton.

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
<p>Welcome – Lt. Governor Spencer Cox</p>	<p>a. Approval of November 9, 2017 Commission meeting minutes</p>	<p>Commissioner Sydnee Dickson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Ann Silverberg Williamson seconded approval of the minutes. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Minutes approved as written.</p>
<p>Advisory Committee Discussion – Bishop H. David Burton</p>	<p>a. Review and approval of Advisory Committee Local Government Representative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Advisory Committee recommends appointing Councilwoman Aimee Winder Newton as the Local Government Representative for a term of four years. <p>b. Discussion on Advisory Committee Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Intergenerational Poverty Mitigation Act specifies that Advisory Committee members serve for a term of four years with the option of the Commission to stagger the terms so that half the membership turns over every two years. Except for the Advisory Committee Chair who is appointed by the Commission Chair each year. Many have been serving on the Committee since it was established. <p>It is propose that the Commission implement staggered four-year terms beginning this year.</p>	<p>Commissioner H. David Burton motions to appoint Councilwoman Aimee Winder Newton to the IGP Advisory Committee. Commission Sydnee Dickson seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries unanimously.</p> <p>Commissioner H. David Burton motions to accept the proposal for staggered four-year terms for the Intergenerational Poverty Advisory Committee Members. Commissioner Ann Silverberg Williamson seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Proposal passes as outlined.</p>

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<p>Agency Coordination in the Upcoming Year – Jon Pierpont</p> <p>Intergenerational Poverty County Grants – Tracy Gruber</p> <p>Follow-up Items – Tracy Gruber</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With approval of the Commission, Department of Workforce Services will accept nominations for appointments for the following positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith-based Organization that Addresses Child Poverty or Education • Local Government Representative (Aimee Winder Newton) • One of the additional members currently held by Juvenile Court Judge • Child Health Provider • Advocacy Group that Focuses on Education - Nominations will be accepted in April 2020 for the remaining positions. - Appointments will be recommend by the Commission and approved by the Chair. New members will begin serving in time for the August 2018 joint commission/advisory committee meeting <p>a. 2018 Annual Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Workforce Services is working to draft Utah’s Seventh Annual Report on Intergenerational Poverty, which is due to be released October 1, 2018. The report and data will require the effort of all agencies. - All agencies have the current cohort. Most of the data has been updated on the scorecards located on Utah’s Intergenerational Poverty Initiative Website. The draft report will be circulated in August. <p>b. Developing a Common Consent Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A representative of each agency on the Commission met to discuss incorporating common consent language that families could allow the agencies to share their information for those utilizing services. - The Department of Human Services submitted sample language that will be reviewed during the groups meeting tomorrow, April 19. - The timeline to have the consent language in place will also be discussed. <p>c. Coordination on Legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tracy reviewed several pieces of legislation were approved by the Legislature that supports the IGP 5- and 10-year plan. - The Advisory Committee submitted a letter to the Commission (See Appendix A) requesting the Commission to coordinate and align efforts with greater intentionality to effectively implement legislation. <p>During the 2018 General Session, legislation was passed that appropriated \$1.0M for counties to implement plans to reduce intergenerational poverty</p> <p>a. Intergenerational Poverty Preschool Data and Plan for School Year 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tracy shared the IGP Scholarship Data (See Appendix B) <p>b. Intergenerational Poverty Afterschool Evaluation and Media</p>	

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Public Comment	<p>Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A longitudinal study completed by the Utah Education Policy Center will be publically released on April 19, 2018. The report has evaluated afterschool programs funded by legislation passed in 2014 and shows improved academic outcomes for children participating these afterschool programs. <p>c. Overview of Intergenerational Poverty since 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An overview of Intergenerational Poverty key improvements was shared (See Appendix C). <p>d. Ascend Brief on Utah’s Intergenerational Poverty Work – Ann Silverberg Williamson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ascend at The Aspen Institute is releasing a brief and blog post highlighting Utah’s multidisciplinary efforts and multigenerational work regarding Intergenerational Poverty. <p>Brian Olmstead – USBE: The Afterschool Program Evaluation discussed will not be repeated. It takes a lot of effort to collect and distribute the data and there has been a reduction in funds to support the evaluation.</p> <p>Karen Crum – Salt Lake County Human Services: Are there plans to connect with the families who were eligible for the IGP Scholarships but chose not to participate, to find out why? Answer: Department of Workforce Services does call families that submits an application, but doesn’t use the scholarship.</p>	<p>Once the Ascend publication is released, it will be distributed to this body.</p>
Adjournment		<p>Unanimous consent to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.</p>



April 6, 2018

Dear Lt. Governor Cox,

The Intergenerational Poverty Advisory Committee is encouraged by the recent action of the Utah Legislature with respect to proposals that may mitigate intergenerational poverty. Many of these proposals align directly with the Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission's five- and ten-year plan.

The Advisory Committee believes that these new proposals present a clear opportunity to make significant progress in meeting the state's goal to reduce intergenerational poverty. That goal is as follows:

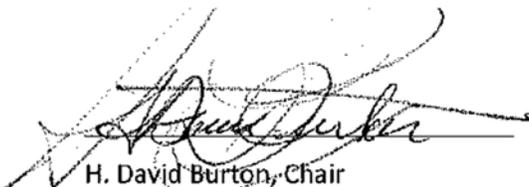
Measurably reduce the number of Utah families in the cycle of poverty, thereby improving their quality of life and helping them become economically stable.

During our meeting on March 20, 2018, the Advisory Committee agreed to communicate to the Commission of its strong desire to have the Commission-member agencies increase coordination efforts around these new proposals. In order to leverage these new opportunities to improve outcomes for children experiencing intergenerational poverty, state agencies must coordinate and align to better connect these families to these new and existing resources. Until that coordination and alignment occurs with a greater degree of intentionality, these proposals will fail to achieve intended results.

As the Chair of the Advisory Committee and on behalf of its members, I am requesting the Commission develop a coordination plan to ensure families experiencing intergenerational poverty are connected to available resources. The Committee encourages the Commission-member agencies to dedicate staff resources to collaborate on the development and implementation of this plan. Finally, suggests the plan include addressing any legal issues that exist between agencies preventing them from sharing information on families utilizing services across state agencies. This issue must be addressed in order for the Commission to meet its purpose of improving cooperation between state agencies down to the case worker level. (UT CODE §35A-9-303).

Thank you for your consideration in making this a priority for the Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission's work in 2018.

Sincerely,



H. David Burton, Chair

Intergenerational Poverty Advisory Committee

High- Quality Preschool Scholarships

County	Applications sent (2017)	Applications received	Applications awarded	Scholarship Utilization by County
Box Elder	99	5	5	
Cache	155	10	10	11
Davis	70	51	51	30
Duchesne	368	9	9	12
Garfield	1	0	0	
Iron	94	18	18	6
Salt Lake	1537	197	197	77
Sanpete	58	1	1	1
Sevier	58	6	6	
Tooele	113	11	11	
Uintah	22	0	0	
Utah	157	10	10	
Washington	230	28	28	5
Weber	495	51	51	22

High- Quality Preschool Certifications

Resident County	Public			Private	
	LEA	Head Start		Program	Site
		Program	Site		
Beaver					
Box Elder			1		1
Cache	12		1		1
Carbon					
Daggett					
Davis	26				
Duchesne	3				
Emery					
Garfield					
Grand					
Iron	3				
Juab					
Kane					
Millard					
Morgan					
Piute					
Rich					
Salt Lake	78		1	15	1
San Juan					
Sanpete	3				
Sevier	3	Not participating in the scholarship program.			
Summit					
Tooele					
Uintah					
Utah			2	7	
Wasatch					
Washington	12				
Wayne					
Weber	6			1	1
Total	146		5	24	2
Total Sites Certified	172				



Intergenerational Poverty (IGP) Overview of Key Improvements

Background (in 2016)...

- In Utah, 39,376 adults and 59,579 children experienced intergenerational poverty.
- 26 percent of adults receiving public assistance experienced intergenerational poverty.
- 29 percent of Utah children were at risk of remaining in poverty as adults.

Key Improvements

Utah has identified four focus areas of child well-being to address intergenerational poverty: early childhood development, education, family economic stability and health. Below are key improvements in each area that have helped families experiencing intergenerational poverty.

Overall Multi-Agency Coordination

State agencies have begun collaboration to improve the coordination of case management services to ensure family needs are met. The agencies worked on executing a data sharing agreement to share individual case information across multiple programs. The next steps are to receive approval from families to share individual data across systems to better connect to resources. (*Department of Workforce Services / Department of Health / Department of Human Services*)

Early Childhood Development

- Legislature funded preschool for 4-year olds experiencing IGP. 190 IGP children received scholarships to attend high-quality preschool in SY 2017-2018.
- 172 preschool programs were certified as high-quality in 2017, an increase from 90 in 2016.
- Workforce Services and Utah State Board of Education have supported outreach to 8,900 families with 4 year olds experiencing intergenerational poverty or living below 200 percent of federal poverty level to enroll in the UPSTART, online preschool program. Among those who completed training to begin using UPSTART, 22 percent were IGP and 66 percent had a Workforce Services case number.

Education

- Graduation rates improved to 63 percent in 2016 for children at risk of remaining in poverty, compared to 50 percent in 2013.
- Legislature funded access for students experiencing intergenerational poverty to high-quality afterschool programs. Since the program started in the SY 2014-15, gains have been made in literacy scores for participating children.
- 1,200 students who are low-income or IGP have access to extended day kindergarten that wouldn't have otherwise in 2017 through a grant from Utah State Board of Education.

- 1,233 assessments were completed on IGP teenagers (16-18 years old) in 2017 through Workforce Services' YES program. In addition, 519 IGP individuals were referred to Workforce Services' Workforce Development Division and 248 to the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation.

Health

- Utilizing the IGP data identifying the schools with the highest rates of students experiencing IGP, Workforce Services and Human Services partnered to prioritize those schools for the School Based Behavioral Health Program. As a result, 37 school districts, 313 schools and five charter schools have school-based behavioral health specialists from Human Services, which is an increase from 29 school districts and 256 schools.
- In response to the role trauma and adverse childhood experiences play in intergenerational poverty, the Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission established "Resilient Utah," a committee researching on trauma-informed care and practice. This group will be connected to a new commission that was formed during the 2018 Legislative Session.
- 2,401 caseworkers, community providers and state employees from multiple state agencies received trauma-informed care to better help IGP families in those situations.

Family Economic Stability

- Workforce Services has restructured its case management model to be family focused to ensure outcomes for parents and their children are achieved when receiving assistance through the department.
- Workforce Services is working with two counties, Washington and Utah, to develop a job skills training program for youth experiencing intergenerational poverty. Through this effort, Utah County has engaged with 58 at-risk youth at Landmark alternative high school and had 30 students eligible and enrolled in the WIOA Youth Program. Also at Independence alternative high school, 19 students are engaged and submitted 9 applications for the WIOA youth program.
- 22 single mothers completed Workforce Services' Invest In You Too program, which teaches medical manufacturing skills. The program has a 73 percent employment rate upon completion. 14 of the single mothers were IGP, while the other participants had children who were at risk of entering IGP.
- The average annual wage for adults in intergenerational poverty increased between 2013 and 2016 from \$10,701 to \$12,621.

Overall County Coordination

- Workforce Services is partnering with several counties to reduce intergenerational poverty. This includes Workforce Services assisting counties in recruiting and identifying families experiencing intergenerational poverty to connect them to programs and resources available in counties designed to reduce intergenerational poverty.