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# SGV CONSORTIUM WORKING GROUP NOTES

## --EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEV'T--

### OCTOBER 10, 2018

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**Initial Mission Statement:** *Facilitate partnerships to align, develop, and implement programs, policies, and services throughout SPA to better prepare employable homeless individuals to enter and stay in the workforce.*

#### AGENDA

- 1) **Introductions**
- 2) **Review Mission Statement for Work Group**
- 3) **Overview of Feedback and Innovations Process**
  - a) All feedback/suggestions for innovation from the Work Groups (as well as Consortium meetings) are compiled in the *SGVC Innovations Memo*.
  - b) This memo is then shared with the SGVC Homeless Leadership Committee during our monthly meetings for vetting and direction.
  - c) Feedback and next steps are presented back to Working Group members for further feedback and engagement.
- 4) **Update on Previous Recommendations**
  - a) The following notes are from the last HLC Meeting regarding suggestions from the Innovations Memo. If your Working Group's recommendations are **not** addressed below, please
    - i) Remind members of the recommendations per last convening's feedback by subcommittee and provide any updates if applicable. See your previous Work Group Notes.
    - ii) Solicit feedback and/or direction for next steps
    - iii) Inform them that the information provided will be presented to the HLC for vetting and that you will email them with any immediate next steps.

### HLC NOTES: SPA 3 Homeless Innovations

- Co-develop, plan and distribute a **public awareness campaign: *Dispelling Myths and Disincentives of Working*** (i.e. in-person presentation, webinar, informational materials, etc.) Will be an internal document to help CES providers better inform clients of their options along with linkages to workforce development trainers at LAHSA (Centralized Training Academy). LAHSA exploring project with relevant departments.
    - Connect education, labor force and homeless services to training programs.
    - **QUESTIONS**
      - Do people still get SSI and taxes taken out?
        - Long-term incentive: Would actually be building more SSI for themselves if they go back.
    - **POTENTIAL PARTNERS for ANSWERS:**
      - Social security offices
      - County benefits
      - Legal
      - DPSS has its own workforce program GAIN
      - Veterans and special needs populations
      - Workforce readiness partners
        - WIDAC: Martha Avilas.
    - **WHAT TYPES OF BENEFITS ARE ON THE TABLE?**
      - General Relief
      - Disability
        - DPSS has its own workforce program GAIN - Reports hours that are allowed. DPSS also has a pilot program to increase their income to get eligible for SSI. Still obligated to look for work and housing. DPSS will pay for part of rent up to \$575 to move them into shared housing until SSI is approved. Also depends on mental health. Ticket to work criteria?
    - **Ally/Employer Partners**
      - LA Kitchen has work program.
      - HOPE Cafe.
      - Rosebud Coffee in Pasadena.
      - Trade Unions looking for entry level positions. Lots of retirees.
- 5) Solicit new ideas or policy recommendations
- 6) Enlist at least 5 new members per subcommittee
- i) Recommend other content experts or members?
- 7) What topic would you like the Consortium to cover as part of its monthly presentation sessions?