

Introductions

- Danielle Hill
- A'Jamal Byndon
- Kathy Bigsby Moore
- Nino Krilova
- Tiffany Seibert
- Lorye McLoed
- Mary Beth Rathe
- Tom Tonniges
- Margo Hartman
- Jon Bailey
- Ed Leahy
- Kate Bolz
- Catherine Huddleston-Casas
- Anne Hindery Camp
- Tahnee Markussen
- Kristin Williams
- Teresa Hunter
- Yolanda Brown
- Jennifer Skala

News and Announcements

- Get on Board Conference – August 5th in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Marriott
- Health Care Forum, Grand Island – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, August 29th at the Grand Generation Center
- Metro Community College - May 14th, A Conversation on Universal Healthcare from 6:30 to 8 pm.
 - Looking for co-sponsors
 - Trying to engage grassroots in the health care conversation
- Voices for Children has been working with students from the College of St. Mary to create a survey about health care benefits. Perhaps we can connect with this forum to continue to connect with others interested in health care.
- August 3rd – Nebraska Housing Developers Association Policy Summit to address the way the state administers housing funding (Danielle Hill)
- May 15th – Dropout Prevention Summit (NCFE), partnering with America's Promise to focus on the districts with the highest dropout rates. Will discuss promising practices and state policy suggestions.
- NAM Annual Meeting (April 30th) – founding Director of Craigslist will be speaking

Updates from Subcommittees

- Advocacy

- Tiffany will send out NE Children’s Healthcare Alliance Talking Points and “Health Care and the Family Budget” for LB 136
- Public Education
 - Toolkit of Resources and Q&A designed for employers who are responding to financially struggling employees.
 - Basic information material packet about O@W
 - Commitment to hold forums within the next year. Already held one on health care and the next idea on the table is Economic Recovery.
 - We could definitely use some more members interested in doing the Public Education Committee.
 - A’Jamal volunteered to join the Public Education Committee.
 - Mary Beth – hosting Community Poverty Solution tours and poverty simulation. Mary Beth will send out upcoming dates, as they are open to the public.
- IDA Taskforce
 - Statewide IDA Taskforce has a smaller planning group meeting every Friday. Trying to create a full Nebraska proposal.
 - Scottsbluff Update (Margo) – Had a seven-week financial education session. We have had 15 participants, ages 19-22. We are going to be set to do a second session in the fall. We have a part-time coordinator that we have put on staff to work on asset-development efforts. Over next 7 to 8 months, looking at doing a local IDA program. Starting with 2-3 people at a time. We have set up our partnerships to do the asset education. We have a private individual who has committed to providing \$1,200 a year for the next five years for the program.
 - Youth IDAs in Omaha (Jennifer) – For youth in care or transitioning out-of-care. By May 2nd, we will have 12 youth who will have Opportunity Passports and will be involved.

Information about the upcoming of the ***Family Bottom Line***

- Breakfast May 21st from 8 to 9 am at the Capitol.
- Webinar day before the Breakfast for the press.

Partner Highlights: The Working Poor Families Project and Report – Kate Bolz, Nebraska Appleseed

- Report focuses on the plight of low-income working families
- Focuses on the systems that affect working families: education, economic development, and work support systems
- Low-income working families are a determining factor in our economic success and community success. This population needs to be highlighted as a key to making our state successful on a couple of levels.
- Recommendations:
 - Education – expand financial aid, develop “career ladder” programs, increase investment in Adult Basic Education (ABE)
 - Economic Development – target incentives, expand investment in the Customized Job Training Advocate Program, integrate job quality

standards, such as requirements for wages, training, and/or benefits, into state business subsidy programs

- Work Supports – expand eligibility for child care assistance and health care, modernize Nebraska’s unemployment benefits program
- Next Steps:
 - Town Hall Meetings
 - Policy Paper on Adult Basic Education
 - Interim study on economic development spending
 - Working group on career pipelines
 - “Building the Good Life” forum this Fall
- In what ways, is there “synergy” with O@W?
 - Policy Committee – think about ways in which recommendations connect to Policy Goals
 - Town Hall Meetings- Kearney, Lincoln, Scottsbluff, Omaha

The Family Bottom Line – Overview (Dr. Catherine Huddleston-Casas)

Feedback/Framing:

- Danielle Hill – Quality of housing
- Anne Camp – When we frame it in a way of “bottom line,” creates a sense that anyone over this is “ok” – when they may not be.
- Tonniges – Concerned about the rural issue. Also important to have families at the release.
- Anne Camp – Place health insurance in a context.
- Flip the recommendations and the data.
- Provide a context – maybe provide a real life example.
- Better explanation of what makes up the data in the FESS - in a handout.
- Prioritize the recommendations
- Yolanda - Overview, recommendations, personalize “here is why this affects this person”, who it affects, Q&A
- AM – I wonder if we should have some O@W members speak who can directly highlight some of these key issues.
- Kathy - We need to come up with our bottom line (value statement). When people work hard, it ought to make enough.
- Handouts of FESS calculations and where counties fall in the geographical divisions
- Follow Up meeting to compile and finalize the presentation of this report.