



Missourians to End Poverty

Bringing the Community Together to End Poverty.

Food Health Education Energy & Housing Family & Economic Security

March 23, 2011

Governor's Office Building – 200 Madison Street, Room 315
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

Noon Welcome, Introductions – Facilitator: Dave Leyland

12:15 Review of Previous Meeting & Action Items

Review minutes of January 2011 meeting
Review action items
Review 2011 Poverty Summit Planning notes

12:30 Information sharing and ongoing MEP committee reports

Policy: Michael Halterman

1:00 Summit Sub-committee Meetings – Each group will divide out and do individual group work and then report to the entire group

- Resources – Gay Fred
- Logistics – Jenni Miller
- Communications – Dave Leland

2:00 Report Out on Committee Work

2:30 Unfinished Business & Agency Sharing

3:00 Appreciations and Good Bye

Next Meeting

April 27, 2011
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
MACA Office – 2014 William Street – Jefferson City

Our Vision

As Missourians, we envision a just society of shared responsibility by individuals, communities, business, and government in which all individuals are respected, have opportunities to reach their full potential and to participate in thriving, diverse, sustainable communities

Our Purpose

Missourians to End Poverty is committed to seeing our vision become reality. To that end, we will be accountable to Missourians who have partnered with us and maintain the momentum of concern and action expressed at the Poverty Summit. We will support local and regional endeavors and work collaboratively with individuals and groups, which advocate for change in systems and policy. We will continue to communicate the message that poverty is not acceptable and work toward building thriving, diverse communities

Decisions are Made by Consensus

CONSENSUS DECISION MAKING

Better solutions are created from using consensus decision-making.

5 = I love this idea and will not only support it, but lead the effort to make it reality

4 = I really like this idea and will support it with everyone and play an active role in seeing it to fruition

3 = I am neutral about this idea and will support it wholeheartedly

2 = I do not like this idea and will not support it (*this status requires some additional conversation, clear identification of the reservation, and refinement of the idea or solution*)

1 = I hate this idea and will actively sabotage it at every turn (*this status requires clear identification of the reservation, formal problem solving, and refinement of the solution to be acceptable to everyone*)

Process for consensus decision-making

Identify the problem or reservation in 1 statement

Do formal brainstorming to problem solve or clarify

Integrate new ideas into the original solution

Ask for reservations again

Repeat until the solution is acceptable to everyone at a level 3 or higher

Group Guidelines

- No Acronyms
- Respect each others' comments and input
- Everyone participates
- Allow for the ability to respond back-time
- No texting or other distractions
- Enough breaks-be responsible for own needs
- Define process for dealing with passionate responses
- Dialogue very important
- Group supports group decisions
- Enough space-time to confer with own organization
- Model as a group that this is a big tent
- No partisan evangelizing
- Leave turf issues at the door
- Ouch and Oops
- Honor different personality styles

Agreed to by consensus on August 26, 2009

Group Values

What are the values of this group going forward?

- Open participation
- Honesty
- Timeliness
- Follow through
- Open communication
- Being accountable for the shared vision

- Integrity
- Commitment
- Being transparent about one's agenda
- Resolve to address the interconnectedness of poverty issues
- Open to learning
- Shared responsibility for resources
- Having our low-income partners at the table
- Diversity of representation and acknowledgement of participation
- Bringing and sharing the voices of our low-income partners

MY MEETING NOTES-



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Food

Health

Education

Energy & Housing

Family & Economic Security

Task Force Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2011
2014 William St.
Jefferson City, MO

In Attendance:

Ron Leonard, MOCA; Elaine West, MACA; Donna Vent, DAEOC; Steven Brewer, EMAA; Mike Halterman, Catholic Charities KC; Charles Smith, MNEA; Rhonda Beul, MFHC; Chris Ross, HOPE; Gay Fred, PSC; Mary Schierman-Duncan, PSC; Jessica Long, MACA; Gloria Thirkill, Laclede Gas Company; Heather Jones, FSD; Brenda Stegeman, MACA; Tom Kruckemeyer, MO Budget Project; Dave Leyland, CAPSTJO; Rae Lewis, Missouri Gas Energy; Bob Sobule, MASW; Jenni Miller, MHDC; Cathy Hart, Ameren Missouri

- Facilitator: Ron Leonard, WCMCAA

Introductions/New and Good:

- Ron called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The group introduced themselves.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Review of Summit Timeline Planning Notes:

- The Poverty Summit Timeline & Task Draft Dated 10/27/10 was reviewed and corrected as items were completed.
 - Develop Poverty Summit Budget: Resource Committee has obtained \$7000 as of 2/23/11. Working hard to obtain the needed amount.
 - Determine facilitators & Panel Speakers: Logistics Committee reported securing speakers for the five pillars. All speakers except for one have been confirmed. Each session will have two speakers, an MEP facilitator and a Logistics Committee volunteer.
 - Develop the Call to Action: The Policy Committee presented the final document. The group had minor editing changes. The document was accepted pending the changes.
 - Speakers Committed to Present: Collins Tuohy is confirmed.
 - Exhibitors: Brenda Stegeman has a list of exhibitors and will be sending the letters out within the next week.
 - Save the Date: Communications currently has the link posted on the MACA website. MEP Members will send out the link and/or pdf file to all of their contacts.
 - Slideshow: Communications Committee will create the show with the CEC report, slides from the last Summit as well as new items. Please send items to Rhonda Buel.

- Post Summit Action Plan: Ongoing.
- Registration packet: Communications will post the packet online when it is available.

Information Sharing & Ongoing MEP Committee Reports:

- Policy Committee Report:
 1. Mike Halterman reported that the letters to the Governor have been delivered. It does not appear that there will be a task force appointed, but there may be a chance to be part of an economic development task force.
 2. Mike announced that the committee discussed whether MEP should use the word “poverty” in the summit title or not. The committee thinks that MEP needs to be inclusive of the business community and others who may not identify with the word “poverty” the way that most direct service providers do. The group discussed the pros and cons to changing the word “poverty”. Mike, Brenda and Dave Leyland will reach out to their chamber contacts about the word “poverty” and report back to the group. Please send Brenda any ideas or further thoughts on this issue between now and the next meeting.
 3. Mike told the group that Brian Colby visited with the committee about healthcare legislation and explained that there is a bill in the Senate that basically says the state will implement the healthcare bill as long as it is not repealed at the federal level.
- Solutions Committee: The Solutions Committee is not active and will be on hold until members have time to guide the committee’s purpose and tasks.

Committee Work and Reports:

- Committee Work:
Each committee met separately to work on ongoing tasks.
- Policy Committee Report: Previously Reported
- Resource Committee Report: Gay Fred reported on the mission of the Resource Committee. They are in the process of following up with potential sponsors and donors. They will be sending a reminder notice about why to consider donating that would have an agenda outline on the back. They anticipate having an idea of the total budget by April.
- Communications Committee Report: Dave reported that the committee is collecting input from the Logistics and Policy Committees to develop materials with a polished message for the summit. Jessica Long reported that they are in need of sponsorship logos. They would also like the Logistics Committee to work on text for the summit brochure. Rhonda Beul is working on the Facebook page.
- Logistics Committee Report: Jenni Miller reported on the mission of the Logistics Committee. She stated that the committee has conference calls between full MEP meetings and anyone is welcome to join. The committee is working on the logistics of the breakout sessions, registration, exhibitors, volunteer placement and the final agenda.

Agency Reports: None.

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Facilitator: Dave Leyland, CAP St. Joe

Minutes submitted by Jenni Miller