

**Iowa Change Leadership Vision Council  
North Star Work Group (NSWG)**

September 13, 2021

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Attendees: Andrea Dencklau, Greg Bellville, Marlo Nash, Ana Clymer, Kristie Oliver, Katie Henry

**Results:**

1. Solidified plan for presentation/recommendations on housing to Director Garcia et al (we'll update on the money the Governor has authorized - a big piece of the puzzle, but Vision Council priorities still need elevating);
2. Population-level target statement drafted for financial stability;
3. Progress indicator chosen for financial stability (I'll have something to propose);
4. A plan to prepare for the presentation/recommendations on financial stability to Director Garcia et al;
5. Action Commitments made.

**Materials:**

1. Agenda
2. Powerpoint deck

**Agenda:**

- **Meeting Overview and Check In**
  - How are you?
  - Action Commitments completed?
- **Solidify plan/recommendations for housing for Director Garcia et al**
  - Updates
    - Andrea spoke with Amal Barre – great resource for housing; she's keeping track of evictions. [Amal.barre@outlook.com](mailto:Amal.barre@outlook.com)
    - Kristie reached out to Parent Partners – haven't heard back so will follow up
      - Andrea has notes from some work she did for the Youth Policy Institute of Iowa
        - She'll look up her notes and pass them along to Kristie
        - [KinshipStudy\\_PolicyBrief\\_09102020-2.pdf \(ypii.org\)](#)
        - [Kinship-Report-August-13-2020-Final.pdf \(ypii.org\)](#)
    - Andrea looked further into Early Childhood Iowa regarding their housing plan, however there is not one at this time
    - Andrea was not yet able to find more information about the State Trust Fund, but will reach out
    - Kristie spoke with Four Oaks about a supportive housing program
    - Kristie has not yet talked with Jon Murphy, but he is planning to attend the meeting on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>
    - Housing
      - State committing extra 100 Million Dollars on top of what is already available for housing
        - Building rental properties

- Not an ideal way for families to build wealth
      - 45% of homes with children aren't caught up with rent or are VERY likely to be evicted within the next two months (data from March 2021)
    - Haven't studied homelessness but have studied housing stability
    - Is this out of Director Garcia's scope to be putting money towards housing?
      - We are asking Director Garcia to support our request for treasury funds
    - Service Provider Agencies have been given some money to help clients with housing but clients must provide receipts for their purchases
  - Review of recommendations
  - Additional recommendations
  - Next steps to prepare
- **Progress indicator and target discussion for financial security**
  - Draft Target – By 2026, 96% of Iowa's families with children have income and supports for a moderate, adequate level of income
    - This is ambitious
    - This group is about getting to the roots while other groups are more targeted
    - Group does not believe a target is needed for meeting with Director Garcia
- **A plan to prepare for making recommendations for Director Garcia et al**
  - Review of recommendations
    - Overview of Differential Response paired with Concrete Response and Home visiting paired with Concrete Response
  - Additional recommendations
    - Present housing information to parent partners since they were once in the system
  - Next steps to prepare
    - Get recommendations from other work groups
    - Need timelines and who is willing to present
- **Action commitments and Check Out**
  - What is one commitment you can make in support of this work between now and the Work Group's next meeting?
    - Andrea – create overview of recommendations to tie everything together
    - Kristie – reach out to service providers about their programs and information tracking regarding monetary help
    - Andrea – Ask Chaney if she will attend the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> with Director Garcia