

Kane County Intergenerational Poverty (IGP)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

445 North Main Street

Kanab, UT 84741

In Attendance:

Commissioner Dirk Clayson	Kane County Commissioner, Chair
Ms. Elizabeth Davis	USU Extension Office, Co-Chair
Ms. Liz Labatto	Department of Workforce Services
Ms. Bevin Owens	New Frontiers for Families/ Allies with Families
Mr. Brian Trout	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Mr. Craig Hansen	Kane County Care & Share and Senior Center
Ms. Brittney Pershall (via gotomeeting)	Dove Center
Mr. Clint Cottam	Five County Association of Gov'ts, Community Action
Superintendent Ben Dalton	Kane County School District
Ms. Melinda Dalton	Upstart through the Waterford Institute

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Paul Mero	Facilitator
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Excused:

Mr. David Busk	Department of Workforce Services
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- I. Welcome & Introductions** **Commissioner Clayson**
Introductions - Attendees introduced themselves

- II. Approval of Minutes (1/25/17)** **Commissioner Clayson**
Motion to approve minutes made by Ms. Elizabeth Davis and seconded by Ms. Bevin Owens. The minutes stand approved.

- III. Quick Agency Updates** **Commissioner Clayson**
 - a. DWS** – Ms. Liz Lobatto indicated several Trauma Care classes are being offered throughout the five county area. These classes are great for anyone that works with families (poverty up to affluent households), as it's "trauma" based and anyone can experience (or has experienced) trauma.
 - i. The Kanab Trauma Training class is 2/22/17 from 8:00 a.m. – noon at the Kanab Library. There's also an afternoon class being offered at the Panguitch City Administration Office from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Ms. Lobatto will forward the registration link to the committee, which is preferred but not required. It's open to everyone.
 - ii. Ms. Davis requested posting that on Facebook Kanab Classifieds for marketing that class.
 - b. Kane Co Care & Share/ Senior Center** – working with city on the roads. Senior Center doing well with some modifications with procedure changes (accounting). Commissioner

requested a report to review. Care and Share serves 125% poverty level, numbers of client's served has gone down from last year. Mr. Craig Hansen reports this could be due to households gaining more than one secondary job. Mr. Craig Hansen reports a high need for primary jobs in Kane County.

- c. **Five County AOG** – VITA season doing well so far. “Myfreetaxes.com” emails from Cory, that’s a legitimate email. The free tax filing program (VITA and Earn It, Keep It, Save It) encourages filers to save their money instead of spending it. Care About Childcare still in desperate need of child care providers. If any agencies are in need of an AmeriCorps opportunity in the Kane County area, contact Mr. Clint Cottam.
- d. **USU Extension Office** – Ms. Davis reported a new nutrition education assistant has been hired for the Food Sense program, which works specifically with SNAP (food stamps) and Kane Co Care and Share clients.
- e. **Southwest Behavioral Health Center** – Ms. Davis also reported for Ms. Ashley Heaton, who received a grant to fund some of the Youth Coalition youth to attend the Prevention Conference (mostly on substance use) in Washington D.C. The youth were able to meet with Senator Hatch and Senator Lee to listen in on e-cigarette legislation currently going on. This was a very successful visit in D.C.
- f. **Allies with Families** - Ms. Bevin Owens is working with DWS in providing services for employment support. The services included help people find and maintain a better income. They are always looking for more people, too.
- g. **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints – welfare program** – Mr. Brian Trout reported in January 2018, won’t have an employment office in St. George, Utah.
- h. **Kane County School District** – Superintendent Ben Dalton indicated Kane County School District has decided to fund an extended summer program for kindergarten and 1st grade for free for eligible students.
- i. **Dove Center** – Ms. Brittney Pershall reminded committee of financial classes and support groups that Dove Center has been doing. Kanab residents are able to attend these as well as individual therapy. Dove Center services can be accessed through Kane County Victim Services.
- j. **Kane County Commission** - Commissioner Dirk Clayson showed the committee a picture of unemployment rate in Kane County. Each swing shown in the picture is 1,000 jobs lost/ 3,000 jobs. Those jobs are being lost in the winter. Commissioner Dirk Clayson also reported wages have not raised in Kane County since 1997 (when looking at median household income data). Commissioner Dirk Clayson indicated in 1997, the median household income annual salary was \$19,000 with 2015 showing the salary at \$20,055. Commissioner Dirk Clayson indicated the increase was retiree’s income. Commissioner Dirk Clayson indicated there are new hotels in town, which can make it seem like things are getting better. Commissioner Dirk Clayson indicated county-wide, there has been a loss in population. Commissioner Dirk Clayson indicated economics being a contributor to IGP. Commissioner Dirk Clayson will provide copies to the committee.

Commissioner Dirk Clayson reported Representative Snow is running the House Bill 239, dealing with Ron Gordon (Commission on Criminal Juvenile Justice, which is the Utah Association Board of Juvenile Justice, comprising of 22 key criminal justice leaders throughout the state). Commissioner Dirk Clayson summarized that communities are not having a “benefit from kids that spend time in detention, coming out, being better than they were when they went in.” Instead, the prevention steps of keeping kids out of detention

could be much more beneficial. The House Bill would like the Kane County Attorney to play a role in working with Probation Officers to recommend orders, instead of the judge making those decisions. This could place a burden on the counties and the County Attorney. Along with that, each juvenile will be assigned a legal representative, whether they want the representation or not, which is another cost issue. Commissioner Dirk Clayson indicated Kane County CCJJ has a low rate of kids going into detention, which could be because the county already goes through a rigorous process before detention. Commissioner Dirk Clayson indicated the county will look at processes for prevention services for youth looking at detention. Ms. Bevin Owens indicated she was able to meet with Kristy, probation office for CCJJ, and Kristy reported a lot of repeat offenders in the numbers of Kane County. There was discussion about there being repeat offenders because once they serve in detention, the youth thinks “it’s not that bad”. Mr. Craig Hansen indicated he gets youth volunteers (court ordered hours) and noticed the successful youth are the ones whom have support and prevention services. Mr. Clint Cottam indicated Youth Court may be a good prevention for these 1st time offenders.

Commissioner Dirk Clayson asked the committee to review Section 6. Commissioner Dirk Clayson asked the committee members to review the strategies, look for current services, look for gaps, and create ways of measuring outcomes.

k. Kane County School District

Superintendent Ben Dalton reported there is a free dental program coming into the school already with local dentists providing pro-bono work for those who do not qualify for the Smiles Program (Wasatch front area program working with Kane County School District). Superintendent Ben Dalton indicated the CHIP program does provide health care services to children who are on CHIP. Superintendent Ben Dalton also indicated that as far as mental health, a contract has been built for needed services to be provided to them. Superintendent Ben Dalton indicated there is a need for more mental health services.

IV. Review/Approve Kane Co IGP Mission Mr. Paul Mero

Proposed Mission: “Kane County IGP Committee exists to create opportunity and break the cycle of intergenerational poverty among at-risk and IGP children by seeking to coordinate services, which are: basic needs, emotional well-being, safe and secure environments, and opportunities to build relationships with peers and mentors through evidence-based practices.” Ms. Elizabeth Davis motioned to make this proposed mission to actual mission statement, second by Ms. Bevin Owens, all approved.

V. Target Population for IGP Goals Mr. Paul Mero

Mr. Paul Mero indicated the target population was stated in the mission statement (At-risk and IGP kids). As the committee works towards the outcome, does the target population need to be reviewed? Maybe through age groups or areas of well-being.

VI. IGP Goals Mr. Paul Mero

Mr. Paul Mero indicated the state has given us 5 and 10 year goals, which are also the outcomes. The 5 year goals are about alignment/access, making sure that everyone is sitting around the table and on the same page, and a coordinated effort. The 10 year goals are typically

more outcome oriented. The short-term and mid-term (lower level targets) goals are up to the committee. Mr. Paul Mero reviewed the 5 and 10 year goals to the committee:

a. 5 Year Goals

i. Early Childhood Development

“Align all systems involved in early childhood development to ensure Utah has the capacity to prepare children at risk of remaining in poverty for kindergarten.”

Mr. Paul Mero asked about what goals to focus on. Superintendent Ben Dalton recommended the committee to use the 5 year goals in order for the committee to focus on gaps, solutions, and measurements. Superintendent Ben Dalton indicated if a child is not able to meet a 3rd grade reading level, they may never catch up. Superintendent Ben Dalton indicated education is currently focusing on helping children meet that 3rd grade reading level and school attendance. Superintendent Ben Dalton indicated there are state laws for school attendance 1- 12 grades (180 days/190 hours minimally). Superintendent Ben Dalton indicated when looking at gaps in education, an assessment called DIBLS Assessment is currently being used to assess, track, and measure.

**HEADSTART AND DWS CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
AFFORDABLE & QUALITY CHILD DEVELOPMENT/CHILDCARE**

Superintendent Ben Dalton indicated there is no Headstart program, which is a gap. Mr. Clint Cottam indicated Judy Kempter is interested in having Headstart program back in Kane County again. Mr. Clint Cottam encouraged Superintendent Ben Dalton to count Title 1 preschool counts and attendance and give those numbers to Headstart.

Early Childhood Development is going to be a focus for this committee, with access/alignment being the goals (5 year), instead of the 10 year, for now. Headstart is needed in this community as well as childcare provider eligible providers for DWS assistance. Care About Childcare does incentivize possible childcare providers in Kane County. Discussions about why childcare providers still don't become licensed (unaware of resources, like under-the-table income, fear of cliff-effect, providers don't want government oversight, etc.). The Kane County School District is filling some of the need for high-quality childcare through their afterschool program. The committee distinguished between childcare and preschool, but both are important developmental tool. DWS Childcare Assistance program is crucial because a parent can work some part-time and flexible employment if they only had childcare. In having the childcare expense provided by DWS, this allows the household income to increase, as well. There is more of a supply issue than a demand side. Ms. Liz Lobatto indicated relatives can become licensed to receive childcare assistance so they are paid for their time. Unfortunately, in order to be licensed, the provider would have to pass a background check.

The committee agreed that Headstart needs to come back into Kanab as well as strengthening quality child-care providers, along with continuing to support Kane County's Title 1 pre-school program.

Commissioner Dirk Clayson indicated a metric would be % of eligible kids accessing programs (including those who are home schooled). Ms. Liz Lobatto indicated Headstart does have programs that are birth – 5 years old.

HELP ME GROW through United Way of UT County

Recognizing delays in children

Could they play a part in early developmental screenings and access to resources? Mr. Clint Cottam indicated a gap would be that families are not able to identify developmental problems in their children. Parents can go online to complete an Ages and Stages questionnaire, completed by the parent. After the questionnaire is completed, conversations, referrals, and other resources are provided to the parent(s). Commissioner Dirk Clayson indicated the parents have to be able to reach out when they recognize the delays in their child (ren), Could de-stigmatizing delays help in Kane County? Mr. Paul Mero indicated Snow College has a “Baby College” that he’ll find more about.

Solution: More community agency-wide referrals to Help Me Grow.

Metric: Number of referrals & questionnaires (Ages and Stages questionnaire).

Number of follow ups to a physicians/specialists. Help Me Grow already keeps track of that data.

UPSTART PROGRAM

Pre-K Readiness

Kindergarten ready program through Waterford Institute (non-profit), free for all residents in Kane County. The curriculum goes up to 3rd grade and the family can add an additional 4 children. They provide an online reading, math, and science curriculum the year before they enter Kindergarten as well as providing a computer and internet for those who need it. The Upstart Program will also be added to the Early Childhood Development plan.

ii. Health

“Children experiencing intergenerational poverty have access to quality physical health, mental health and dental care, regardless of where their family resides in Utah.”

There is a big need for mental and physical health. Discussions about reasons Kane County residents don’t have these services (lack of resources, lack of health insurance, lack of Medicaid providers, only 2 Physicians in Kanab, Medicaid gap, lack of awareness, etc.). Mr. Craig Hansen reported another physician may be coming to Kanab by October 2017.

Medicaid Gap

Health Care Insurance

Discussion of building a sub-committee about the Medicaid Gap with crucial agencies involved in this sub-committee. Could Family Health Care help with this in providing discounted services? Or maybe a community health center? There has been attempts at community health center. It required a lot of tax incentives from local governments. Mr. Craig Hansen indicated there was a problem with getting a building and the local hospital was also an issue. Could the hospital open a community health center or use vouchers from another community health center? Is there an affluent community member that wants to help build a community health center?

Metric: Number of partners on the sub-committee.

SMILES Program

Dental Care Access for school-age children

How can kids that aren't in school access these programs?

iii. Education

“Align systems assisting with educational outcomes to ensure efforts are focused in schools disproportionately impacted by intergenerational poverty. These systems include all levels of government, local schools, communities, business and nonprofits.”

Discussion about attendance issues: primary/secondary schools, substance use/abuse (both parent & students), parental involvement, devaluing education, etc.

Kane Co School District Summer Reading Program

Bring Students Up To 3rd Grade Reading Level

Current program that needs continuing support.

Metric: drop-out rates

iv. Family & Economic Stability

Children at risk of remaining in poverty are living in stable families able to meet their basic needs (e.g. food, housing, health, safety and transportation).

For interest of time, some goals were quickly addressed, with additional goals needing to be made, especially in regard to transportation. These goals will be emailed through the document compiled by Mr. Mero.

b. 10 year Goals

This agenda item was combined with the goals set of the 5-year plan for now. Additional goals will be created in the future.

More information can be found at: https://jobs.utah.gov/edo/intergenerational/igp5_10yearplan.pdf

VII. Possible Subcommittee Assignments

Ms. Elizabeth Davis

This agenda item was not discussed in the interest of time.

VIII. Other / Adjourn

Ms. Davis adjured the meeting. The group will receive an assignment to complete for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the Kane County Public Health Department Conference Room located at 445 North Main, Kanab, Utah. Please enter the building through the south doors.

There will be a GoToMeeting available for those who are unable to attend the next meeting with links. If you do not receive the GoToMeeting information, please contact Clint Cottam at ccottam@fivecounty.utah.gov.