



Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce
Real Solutions to Real Challenges

Friday, September 25, 2020
Meeting Summary

In Attendance: Dorothy Battenfeld, Byron Clift Breland, Tom Burke, Rebekah Cearley, Keith Curry, Martha Garcia, Tammeil Gilkerson, Jim Limbaugh, Pam Luster, Julia Morrison, Diana Rodriguez, JoAnna Schilling, Paula Umana, Kevin Walthers, Matt Wetstein. League Staff: Andrew Martinez, Ryan McElhinney, Sadie Brown.

Selection of Taskforce Co-Chairs:

The committee selected Tammeil Gilkerson and Kevin Walthers as the Taskforce Co-Chairs.

2020-2021 Taskforce Goals:

- The committee identified the following topics as priorities for the upcoming year:
 - Financial aid reform
 - Cal grant reform
 - Student housing / financing options
 - Subsidy housing (based on Tacoma Model)
 - Funding for 1) land and 2) housing complex
 - Research types of housing units
 - Federal legislation on housing limitations
 - DSA rules
 - Homekey funds
 - 500M left
 - Partner with other jurisdictions to qualify for funding
 - Emergency grants
 - System equity
 - Restaurant / meal program
 - Access to food
 - Food / clothes pantry
 - Partnerships with 1) Everytable, 2) Uber Eats, and 3) GrubHub
 - Pathways of Hope
 - Categorical programs
 - Include flexibility for these programs
 - Data on student borrowing rates
 - School / Work Balance
 - Access to broadband
 - Wealth accumulation
 - Mental health

Update on #RealCollegeCalifornia Coalition:

Paula Umana, Director of Institutional Transformation, reported that the Hope Center will continue to work with the League on RCCA Coalition memberships. Paula provided the below updates regarding the Coalition members:

- Annual memberships run from September – August

- September 30 membership deadline
- 51 colleges in coalition (if each institution renews)

The Hope Center is working to compile a list of basic needs conversations, equity practices in financial aid, and other resources for members. Byron Clift Breland and Diana Rodriguez selected to meet with Paula on a regular basis to get updates on the memberships. The committee discussed marketing of the coalition – as well as highlighting the work of CEOs and colleges via a regular newsletter – as being a goal for the upcoming year.

#RealCollegeCalifornia Virtual Conference – December 4, 2020

The committee selected Martha Garcia and JoAnna Schilling as the #RealCollegeCalifornia conference co-chairs. The committee selected the following individuals to serve on the conference planning committee:

- Martha Garcia
- JoAnna Schilling
- Matt Wetstein
- Jim Limbaugh
- Dorothy Battenfeld
- Tammeil Gilkerson

Due to the virtual conference format, there will be no “host college” for the conference. The League will host the event via Zoom. Keith Curry volunteered to work with sponsors for the conference. The planning committee will meet to discuss conference logistics (program schedule, registration fee, member discount, marketing, etc.) and will report back. The committee determined that the length of the conference as well as “coaches” to support breakout room discussions will be priority topics to discuss at the next planning meeting.

2020-2021 Meeting Dates

The committee agreed to meet every other month. Future meeting dates will need to be determined via email.

Slack

The committee identified Slack as another means of communication (to limit the amount of Zoom meetings). The following Slack channels were created for the taskforce:

- [#affordability-solutions](#)
- [#basicneeds-taskforce](#)
- [#conference-plan](#)
- [#food-insecurity](#)

Zoom Meeting Recording:

https://cccconfer.zoom.us/rec/share/DkfrRMh13XMCn7hs7aC6Akvc0YSujlKdRsd_6KlhVy89dwRY0uMThmaorKcsyfnI.0lgk4aQEBUMhrGFS?startTime=1601070332000

Task Force Resources:

<https://www.ccleague.org/resources/focus-areas/affordability-taskforce>