

Full Task Force Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2019
10:00 AM- 11:00 AM
1-866-215-3402 5563027#

Attendees: Nina Weiler-Harwell, Donna Benton, Zach Gassoumis, Jenya Cassidy, Alex Gonzalez

Minutes

CRC Ask:

- Result of doodle poll was sent out to schedule meeting with legislators
- Mary sent out a finalized copy of CRC Budget Ask letter
 - stating \$30 million over the next three years, \$10 million/year
- Identified key legislators to educate them
- Nina asked for updates on:
 - Legislative champions/sponsors
 - Getting on the agenda in Assembly Budget Sub 1, Senate Budget Sub 3 before May 6 if possible. (She is hearing that May 6 will be the date for Assembly Sub 1 stakeholder/legislator offered budget asks.)
 - Dates of possible meetings with staff or legislators.
- Working with Nazarian to do a group letter to Assembly Budget Sub 1 on this ask. Last year, Assembly Aging & LTC did a group letter to Sub 1 in support of the LTSS Data Ask. When we met with Barry Brewer, he suggested we take this approach for this ask.

Paid Family Leave:

Met with the Governor's office focused on three items:

1. Job protection for caregivers and parents who are left out
 2. Caregivers in PFL expansion
 3. Employer contributions option or ways to augment the fund so we don't overtax low wage workers and the fund stays solvent
- Governor's proposed 6 months of family leave
 - 6m/child two parents, a single parent can appoint a different family member
 - Governor office is aware of Job Protection, chief of legislation was comfortable in pushing for job protection, the discussion was whether it will be on the budget or tandem legislation
 - The job protection piece they are aware of gave encouragement that they would not close that
 - Caregiver Leave is not part of their budget list, but they know it is important
 - Employer contribution, they were not thinking about it because they want to pass this budget fast
 - Will they increase the payroll tax? They would probably have to.

- (Jenya) said next step for task force: talk to coalition partners about the three main points (caregivers, job protection for caregivers and parents) so that they are not left out of the budget expansion
- (Zach) question: Is it beneficial or detrimental by lumping in caregivers with parents in reform?
- (Jenya) stated: coalition circles are saying that it is important to support all members of Family, but it is difficult to message that out.
- (Donna) said reducing confusion on paid family leave definitions is important.
- (Jenya) (Donna) suggest pushing in the proposal because the issue of caregivers is getting blind spotted

New items:

Senate Human Services hearing on LTSS/Caregiving in February.

Update after meeting:

Nina talked to Taryn and Marisa.

- *They are going to focus this hearing on caregiving for older Californians. They asked about best practices. Nina told them that the CRCs use evidence-based processes to assess and provide services to caregivers. Definitely keep talking to them because they are a best practice. They are doing a site visit with Michelle at Del Oro on Monday, February 4.*
- *Nina provided them some information on our Home Alone project (caregiving videos and tip sheets) as well as our data.*
- *They also want to talk about PFL for caregivers.*
- *In addition to AARP, they are talking to Alzheimer's CRCs and the Work & Family Coalition.*
- *The hearing will be on February 25 from 3 to 5 PM.*

Walk on items

Adjourn.

Next meeting will be on February 28th at 3:30 PM

- Same conference line (1-866-215-3402; 5563027#) unless we hear otherwise