



On Solid Ground Full Coalition Meeting

September 13th, 2018

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Today's Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Legislative & Budget Updates & Outcomes
 - DTA Reforms
 - Economic Mobility Commission
 - Learn to Earn
3. Developing Shared Priorities with On Solid Ground
4. Next Steps for the Upcoming Session
5. Member updates



Legislative Update & Outcomes

CLIFF EFFECTS

- **Economic Mobility Commission**
Passed by the legislature but amended by the Governor; OSG working with DHCD

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- **Housing Bond Bill**
\$1.8 billion authorization for Housing Programs
- **Codifying MRVP bill** - stalled

SYSTEM COORDINATION & SUPPORT SERVICES

- **Memorandum of Understanding** – Need to work with Administration instead of Legislature
- **Immediate Childcare Assistance to Homeless Families** - stalled

DATA INFORMED POLICY

- **Common Application for SNAP & MassHealth** - stalled



Budget Update & Outcomes

CLIFF EFFECTS

- EA 90 day language - passed
- \$ 1 million Learn to Earn - funded

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- \$100 million funding for MRVP (\$7 million increase)
- \$32 million HomeBASE & program changes (increase assistance to \$10,000 from \$8,000 with program changes)

SYSTEM COORDINATION & SUPPORT SERVICES

- \$20 million Center based Childcare Rate (\$8 million increase)
- TAFDC changes – Lift the Cap; DTA Reforms
- \$9.6 million Headstart – funded
- EITC increase to 30% Federal value (7% increase)

DATA INFORMED POLICY



Impact of Policy Changes

1. DTA Reforms
 - a. Asset Limit increases
 - b. Simplifying Grant Level Structures, Eliminating Benefit Disparities, And Incentivizing Work
 - c. Extending Support To Working Clients And Simplifying Reporting

2. Economic Mobility Commission



Economic Mobility Commission

- Passed by the Legislature through Economic Development Bill
- Amended by the Governor:
 - DHCD carrying out a comprehensive study
 - Included Cliff Effects language of OSG
 - Potential Report by DHCD out after July 2019
 - DHCD's work focused on programs like Secure Jobs, MassLEAP, A Better Life & Learn to Earn
 - Need to provide a list of recommendations to DHCD
- [Pathways to Prosperity](#)
- Open discussion



Legislative Policy Timeline

October:
Develop
Priorities &
Language

November:
Refine
Policies &
Language /
Secure
Sponsors

December:
Gather Co-
Sponsors

January: File
Legislation
(1/18/19
deadline)

Make it
happen:
Hearings,
meetings,
Lobby Day,
etc.





ON SOLID GROUND
BUILDING OPPORTUNITY, PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

State Budget Priority Timeline

October:
Develop
Request
funding
Levels &
Language
Changes

November:
Refine
requests &
coordinate/
build
stakeholder
engagement

December:
Advocate &
Meet with
Admin., A&F,
DHCD

**January: File
Legislation
(1/18/19
deadline)**

Feb. – March:
Hold budget-
related
advocacy
events (Lobby
Days, letter
writing)





Next Steps

Defining Advocacy Agenda

- List of Issues/ Policy Solutions for next session
- List of Program changes to address Cliff Effects for next session
- Additional Stakeholder Organizations to be invited at OSG
- Potential Topics/ Speakers that you would like to see



Next Meeting on Thursday, November 8th
At EMPath
9.30 am – 11 am

Thank you!