Joint Strategic Planning Discussion
Panel 2
Income / Public Assistance / Housing / Homelessness

Family and Children First Council
and
United Way of the Greater Dayton Area

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Sinclair Community College
Panelists:

Deborah Hall – Montgomery County Department of Job and Family Services

Jim McCarthy – Miami Valley Fair Housing Center

Keith Beal – Beal’s Janitorial Services

Kathleen Shanahan – Human Services Planning & Development Department

Tina Patterson – Homefull

Jennifer Heapy – Greater Dayton Premier Management
Question 1

What Income/Public Assistance/Housing/Homelessness strategies have the potential to provide the greatest impact across all three focus areas (Education and Life Skills / Health and Safety / Income and Stability)?
Question 2

Family instability impacts the four topic areas (income, public assistance, housing and homelessness). How do we improve family stability?

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Question 3

What can we learn from other communities about the most effective ways to assist individuals and families to achieve income / housing stability?

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Deborah Hall – Montgomery County Department of Job and Family Services
Jim McCarthy – Miami Valley Fair Housing Center
Kathleen Shanahan – Montgomery County Human Services Planning & Development
The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has calculated that a living wage in Montgomery County is $16,723 per year for a single adult and $46,155 per year for a one parent, two child family. Approximately, 35,643 households, or 26.4% of the households in Montgomery County, earn less than a living wage. How do we help people increase their income so they are earning at least a living wage?

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Question 5

What else can we do to ensure that low income families maximize the benefits available to them?

Panelists:
Deborah Hall – Montgomery County Department of Job and Family Services
Tina Patterson – Homefull
Question 6

What else can we do to reduce behavioral health gaps for those at risk for housing loss and homelessness?

Panelists:

Tina Patterson – Homefull

Jennifer Heapy – Greater Dayton Premier Management

Jim McCarthy – Miami Valley Fair Housing Center
Question 7

What is the rule or regulation you would eliminate today if you could and what simple change could you make? How would it impact any of our 3 focus areas (Education and Life Skills/Health and Safety/Income and Stability)?
In summary, based on everything you’ve heard today, in addition to the need for more funding, what would you stop, change, or add to what we’re doing in the community today?
Remaining Panel Discussion Schedule:

May 18  3:00 – 5:30 pm at Sinclair, Building 12 Auditorium
Poverty/Discrimination/Culture/Stigma/Fear

May 19  3:00 – 5:30 pm at Sinclair, Building 12 Auditorium
Health/Healthcare/Crime/Violence/Drugs/Nutrition

May 21  3:00 – 5:30 pm at Nat’l. Composite Ctr. Auditorium
Education/Employment/Jobs/Wages
Thank you for your participation!

The videotaped Discussion Panel sessions will be available at www.mcohio.org/services/hspd after June 1, 2015.