

LTCCC Finance & Policy Workgroup

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Meeting Minutes

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Introduction:

The committee has recently focused on the middle income study, which has led to the funding of the pilot home care project. There were efforts around this issue and we were able to contribute. Moving forward, what areas/concepts would members like to contribute to?

Four possible concepts – for discussion:

- 1. The Dignity Fund**
- 2. Budget Context**
- 3. Budget Concepts**
- 4. Home Care Program**

The following were a few points of consideration that came up from the discussion:

Budget Concepts: when the LTCCC had the budget ask, they (the requests) came out of the workgroups but with little to no context. Ways to increase information (such as how the council ask coincides with the DAAS budget) and if there's a little more leverage or coordination

Question: What was the original idea of the council?

- Originally the group was looking at the Leno wavier, a the larger level but also smaller level, such as implementation.

This group focuses on fiscal issues and how to relates to the LTCCC. Selecting the subject matter that you want to focus on is another matter. It's important to look at data analysis and the policy that would come out of those numbers.

Budget Concepts: and the ways that could focus on addressing the unmet need. Current data and needs assessment is missing the unmet need and this group could determine fiscally where that might come from.

Budget Context & Concepts: possibly taking a fiscal opportunity and turning it into funding. Also, the **Home Care Program** is going to require data support somewhere along the line.

Dignity Fund: anything related to DF should wait until after election. The first 2 years, a lot of stuff that has to be done, increasing staffing, getting the advisory group going but should be put aside for now.

LTCCC is an important stakeholder group; does it make sense to have an ongoing funnel of information about what's going on (within workgroups) and the process?

Discussion about the best way to report back to Mayor, how to include others priorities and also how to highlight needs that may be unaddressed. How collaboration can help us prioritize and make the best use of our limited resources and time and energy.

Often the workgroups are doing these specific, deep dives and the report back is not consistent.

Middle Income Study & Home Care Pilot: Looking at middle income being done, think there are some other things that can be expanded. There are some interesting opportunities for research, looking at other home care programs.

Budget Context & Concepts: Can this group be preparing other LTCCC members to develop context for future policy and/or budget asks? For example, the DF provided context within a very specific area with regards to budget, very brief talking points re: set asides, etc. When LTCCC members went out with budget asks, would have benefited with more information. Provide well research and well packaged policy documents.

Budget Context & Concepts: with the LTCCC, you have experts at the table to help create the community based priorities, the city agencies can provide budget and policy analysis, which can help create a consolidated ask.

Budget Context & Concepts: having a broader context of info is useful, LTCCC has advocacy and policy role and to do that well, it's helpful to have more information.

Middle Income Study: question about the middle income "reaching a natural ending point", what has been done up until now is a very specific analysis and survey. This group could easily decide to do a follow-up question or more of a deep dive.

Question: what is this group's role between needs analysis and research and specific policy? There are others that are more in the policy world and focused more in depth on similar topics.

Specifically re: the LTCCC:

- LTCCC/F&P has to decide what population we're going to focus on, such as 300-500% for example, and decide to not look beyond that category. The council should have more of a focus within the target populations.
- LTCCC does a lot of presentations and Q&A, but very little actual discussion, to examine what these issues mean and are there pieces we want to further pursue.

- Concern that the LTCCC has had some missed opportunities, recommendation to start year off with more of a focus, resulting in more of an organized and collaborative budget ask.
- What's different about the LTCCC (as opposed to a single focused issue advocacy group) is the diversity of its members, which is a strength.

Budget Context & Concepts: the policy should be driving the priorities and budget requests should be within the context of the larger issues. Stakeholders should know what's going on, nothing should be a surprise and (the group) shouldn't be going off in a bunch of directions. How do we provide info/structure the process, recognizing that none of us (LTCCC) have the time to do a vast amount of research.

- hammer out the process and present to the council, proposal of how to develop
- first one would be a timeline
- all the workgroups need to come up with priorities.
- A list of general LTCCC priorities are good, but that's a time consuming process itself

Question: Do all city depts submit budgets at same time? They have to go through commissions, then all edits are entered into database, budget office is beginning now. Opportunity for substantive input, in between the committee meetings.

Specifically re: the LTCCC:

What's the timeline for the LTCC to say, here's what we're working with, here's our constraints, here's important issues?

There are two funding areas, where the city is focusing on city programs/projects and budget asks that are new and not necessarily existing programs (ie addressing gaps). IE, education and context piece, and then places to build off of that, make sure that what's going forward is linked.

Summary: it sounds like there is interest from the group in both working on a budget recommendation process for LTCCC and as well as providing a greater context (budget) to help folks on committee understand what budgets look like in City, what are issues around funding and finance at local and state around areas that we're interested. We'll spend our next meeting figuring out how we structure that in time, what those pieces are. This group may be ready to talk through that process/those pieces at the October LTCCC meeting.

Also, it will be really helpful to have the priorities from other workgroups to help guide the F&P group.