

Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce

Real Solutions to Real Challenges

**August 31, 2018
Meeting Summary**

The Affordability, Food & Housing Access Task Force held its first meeting on Friday, August 31, 2018 at Mesa College in the San Diego CCD.

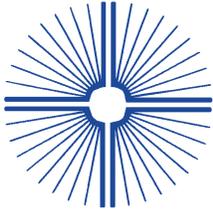
Affordability, Food and Housing Access Task Force members reviewed the purpose and scope, discussed findings in the report *College Ready, Hungry, and Homeless* by the Assembly Office of Research, and clarified that the intent of the Task Force to identify and share best practices, harness legislative and stakeholder resources to remove barriers to basic needs access. This is also an opportunity to create partnerships to address these very real challenges. Task Force members also discussed the need to identify sources of funding that won't solely rely on Prop 98 dollars and the goal of releasing recommendations to the CEOCCC Board by February 2019.

1) Preliminary Sharing of Practices to Address Housing and Food Insecurity:

- 1) Task force members explored the question: What are some of the basic needs issues on your campus?
- 2) How to garner other resources beyond the CCs to support housing and food insecurity?
- 3) How to connect what we're doing locally with the other conversations around these issues on CC campuses and beyond?
 - Legal challenges: you can't put subsidized housing on State lands.
 - The cost of managing housing
 - Transportation for students and the span of some campuses
 - Dealing with community opposition to student housing
 - Need state bonds or parcel taxes that are specific to housing: Issues that some colleges have of resources but no authority to use it as housing
 - Recognition that its harder for men, especially young me, to find housing.

Housing:

- There is a growing need for residential halls for students and/or campus faculty/staff housing. Some campuses have land and are approached by developers eager to partner with colleges to fulfill their commitment to cities for a designated percentage of affordability housing projects.
- Some counties have passed large affordable housing bonds and seek to partner with community colleges.



- Some districts are landlocked, without access to affordable apartment buildings; these districts are piloting other efforts, such as tiny homes (see Peralta example).
- A particular problem is housing options for male homeless students in counties that don't have shelter beds or other subsidies for men.

Barriers: federal, local agency and municipal hurdles, and staff resistance to increased job responsibilities.

Use of Campus Parking Lots:

- West Valley Mission is in discussions to allow student-only overnight RV parking. The student has to register in advance. Cypress shared they have this practice currently in place. Only eligible vehicles are registered, and campus police has 24-hour security on site. Compton is also considering this practice. In Santa Clara County, there's a nonprofit that partners with lot owners and manages the process.
- Task force members discussed the importance of getting to know and finding the underground networks of support for student basic needs on campuses. There are various formal or informal programs in place or under development.

Food Insecurity and Food Pantries:

- Many food pantries started informally by faculty and have become formalized through partnerships with food banks and community support agencies.
- San Diego Mesa has a farmer's market that provides affordable food options to students. Some also supply clothing and sundries.
- Cypress has done promotion of available services by purchasing 25k granola bars and wrapping them with the college logo and a list of local resources; faculty have handed them out in class, which sparked productive, stigma-free classroom discussions about food insecurity.

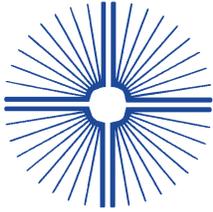
Barrier: Stigma and lack of discussion about prevalence of food insecurity.

EBT/CalFresh Benefits:

- More campuses are trying to enable the use of EBT/CalFresh on campus and in campus cafeterias. San Diego is working on it. Humboldt, CCSF and LACCD have it up and running.

Barrier: Long, bureaucratic process between each food service provider (not the college or district), county, and FDA; requires special software and card readers.

Coordinated Effort:



- Per Keith’s discussion with Eloy Oakley, the State Chancellor’s Office would like to comb through Title 5 regulations for options to amend or provide guidance in way to assist the task force’s efforts.

Summary of Preliminary Ideas:

- Update districts/colleges and regions on available resources
- Explore solutions to housing issues (high rents, barriers to building on public land, issues with community awareness, unaffordable housing, Nimbyism, etc.)
- Partnering with the cities on bond funding and homeless services funding
- Help districts through the process approving college food services as an EBT /Cal Fresh vendor
- Administer survey to all CEOs on current initiatives in place (will also submit separate surveys to CSSOs, CIOs, CBOs, and partners to solicit feedback and best practices)

2) Colleen Ganley, State Chancellor’s Office, Updated on Basic Needs Efforts:

See attached document for a summary of current efforts. The League will coordinate a webinar with the Task Force and the Colleen to highlight some of these efforts and build support.

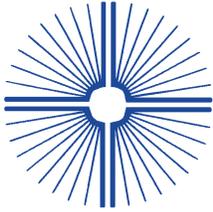
3) Survey on Food and Housing Insecurity Inventory

A draft survey was reviewed by the Task Force. The survey will be sent to all CEOs and campus leadership to get an overview of systemwide assistance already being provided.

The work and deliverables of the Task Force were organized into the following sub-teams:

Agenda for the Oct. 24 Equity Partners Meeting	Agenda for the Nov. 14 CCC Stakeholders Meeting	Planning for the Capitol Briefing
Matt Wetstein Michael White Diana Rodriguez	Michael White Jim Limbaugh Diana Rodriguez	Martha Garcia Marvin Martinez Stephen Schoonmaker Matt Wetstein
Framework	Survey Review	Literature Review
Joanna Schilling Byron Breland	Joanna Schilling Adrienne Matt Wetstein	Stephen Schoonmaker Jim Limbaugh

4) Reviewed draft meeting dates/content.



Task Force members review the proposed meeting dates, times, and audiences and made the following modifications:

- September 21: expected end time 4:30. Moved CCC stakeholders discussion to Nov 14.
- October 24: No change. Keith recommends attending both parts – Task Force meeting and Equity Partners.
- November 14: Invite stakeholders already attending the CEOCCC meeting.
- December 6: No change
- January 25: No change but proposed a January 28 legislative briefing ~3-5pm at Capitol.

Taskforce Meetings

- Meeting dates are attached. Updates and further details will be available at www.ccleague.org/affordability-taskforce

5) Recommended book for taskforce: Paying The Price by Sara Goldrick-Rab

- She is the keynote speaker of the Real #114 Conference at Compton College. <https://www.press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/P/bo24663096.html>

6) Communications with Colleagues and Partners

The Task Force will use the League's Affordability, Food & Housing Access website as a central repository for Task Force progress and to provide a space for suggestions and relevant tools. The League has already included reports, best practices, meeting information and other resources at the following link: <https://www.ccleague.org/resources/focus-areas/affordability-taskforce>. Meeting highlights and materials will also be posted on this page.

7) Next Steps:

- Complete the survey and send out to CEOs before September 21 meeting
- Create support and awareness in our regions
- Share college best practices to post on webpage
- Need a clearinghouse of resources, tools, and solutions
- The League will add a *Comments & Best Practices* button on the Task Force page
- Relevant report will also be posted on the webpage
- Staff will draft a summary of prior legislation regarding food and housing access

Feel free to send thoughts, questions, and/or recommendations League staff or any of the committee members listed on the League's page.