



Legislative Committee

Date: 10/29/20

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Attendees: Anastasia Polda, Becky Accettura, Nicole Swanson, Anne Kilzer, Barbara Chaffee, Carrie Bendix, Jinny Rietmann, Kate Probert, Mark Jacobs, Nola Speiser, Deb Bahr-Helgen

Guest: Ronan Murray

Notes

Agenda Item: [Proposed Legislation for DHS/SNAP](#)

Discussion:

Anastasia Polda, SNAP E&T Supervisor, attended the meeting to review proposed changes to statute that impact the SNAP E&T program.

- The legislative proposal is not part of the DHS platform yet, but it has been submitted to the DHS legislative process.
- The legislative changes would do primarily two things: 1) Reduces the amount of program language in state statute so that future federal changes do not create conflict with state law, and 2) Allows tribes who administer SNAP E&T to qualify for federal allocations through the 100 percent fund.
- The proposal also reiterates the relationship with DEED and codifies that the SNAP E&T program is voluntary.

The committee asked clarifying questions to Anastasia. Discussion ensued, particularly around building the SNAP E&T program and finding matches for 50 percent funds.

Barb Chaffee made a motion to support the DHS/SNAP E&T legislative proposal in the MAWB 2020 Legislative Platform. Mark Jacobs seconded. The motion was approved.

Anne Kilzer will draft a statement in support of the legislative proposal to add to the MAWB Legislative Platform.

Agenda item: Legislative platform processing

Discussion:

Call put out for any updates/changes to the platform to various MAWB boards, hoping to get a draft done by November. To be ready for the December meeting with the Governor's Workforce Development Board (GWDB).

Updates were recommended for the first paragraph of the platform, which discusses Minnesota's strong economy, to include COVID-19 impacts. Committee members also recommended adding additional statements about local control to the first paragraph.

Agenda Item: Follow ups from last meeting

Discussion:

Mark Jacobs noted that the Legislature passed a bonding bill.

Committee members discussed DHS concerns about the potential of budget cuts during 2021 as the Legislature manages the state's deficit.

Committee members discussed beefing up the MAWB platform statement about support for DHS re: services provided and MFIP.

Working on mini sessions to get board members and committee members up to date on various topics, which was discussed more in-depth last meeting.

Next meeting: Nov. 5th at 2:00 pm