

Come Home Loan Working Group 4/8/2019 10:30am Meeting Minutes:

Dena Cushman, Mary Witten Wiseman, Kathryn Lamp, Jess Puglisi-Sanders, Mary Hunt, Michelle Foster, Marian Clowes (joined 10:43), Staff: Paul and Nicole

Update on US Senate Bill 676 and progress on approval

Paul and Michelle updated on recent meetings. There is continued interest, Bill is progressing through U.S. Senate. We are waiting on the U.S. House version.

Review of Outlined Criteria/Concepts (Local, Regional, & State)

Paul reviewed concept piece; questions were raised about the explicit nature of the outreach of the state concept. Specifically, the idea of using it as an active or passive tool. We want to ensure we are engaging in intentional partnerships and program alignment. Michelle agreed to assist in mapping out eligibility criteria.

We need to more clearly define the process under concepts. How to connect this with other resources and talent populations out there. Questions were raised regarding criteria and process and how this is even going to work. How do we align applicants with foundation criteria? Increase promotion and outreach section, possibly with a rebranding

Inquiries regarding the overall process were raised, specially about screening and application to foundations. Possible standardized portal and application that then direction the application to community foundation based on their interests. Questions also raised regarding a centralized capacity for vetting.

Thinking through the steps such as the committee review and the site application, also civic leaders addressing the application process Further, consider location, needs, money available, if we should shift to the basis of needs warranted. Marian shared PACFs process.

There were questions regarding funding amounts, if numbers represent relationship to student loan, and what the tipping point for attraction. No comments regarding the Regional and State categories. It was agreed that the draft can move forward.

Questions regarding resources for small community foundations, especially internal capacity issues. Noted statement of there being a difference between expressing interest and having the ability to act. The discussion involved using year 1 and 2 for pilot to determine replication across states.

Review of Outlined Candidate Profiles

Questions were raised about adding information about the amount of debt each candidate has, what incentives could be used in tandem with the scholarship, and how to best utilize the idea of comparable salaries.

Suggestion to utilize WVU graduate data for further estimates regarding salaries and job prospects. Suggestion to contact Members of the West Virginia Legislature

Scholarship Research Project

Staff is coordinating and a review is underway. Nicole is following up.

Group agreed to reconvene in June. A doodle survey will be sent out. Paul made note to talk to Randy Maiers about sector salaries.