



Social Services Working Group

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The UNC School of Government, Room 2601

Meeting Objectives:

- Finalize recommendations related to inter-county collaboration
- Clarify with the AOC two issues related to inter-county collaboration
- Review and discuss feedback related to regional administration

Preparation:

- Review revised recommendations related to inter-county collaboration
- Review synthesis of feedback related to regional administration

Agenda

10:00 Convene

- Welcome by the Co-Chairs (Sen. Barringer and Rep. Stevens)
- Review and clarify the plan for today's meeting (Facilitators/SSWG)
- Adopt/revise minutes from 10/4 meeting (SSWG)

10:10 Discussion with the Administrative Office of the Courts

This is an opportunity for SSWG members to discuss two issues that arose in the context of discussions related to inter-county collaboration: (1) ability of county social services staff and attorneys to access judicial system data (e.g., JWisE), and (2) opportunities to allow incarcerated parties to participate in court proceedings remotely.

- Q&A/discussion in full group (Ryan Boyce, NC AOC)
- Wrap-up by School of Government (Aimee Wall)
 - Clarify how these issues should be addressed

10:40 Finalize Inter-County Collaboration Recommendations (Facilitators/SSWG)

- Large group discussion
- Final edits or additions

11:30 Lunch

12:00 Regional Administration

(Aimee Wall)

- Review SSWG charge
- Presentation of stakeholder feedback

12:30 Large Group Discussion

(Facilitators/SSWG)

- Should the “vision for a system of regional administration” in the final report include anything other than a description of benefits and challenges?

Small Group Discussion

- Consider the feedback gathered-to-date.
- Assess which ideas should be included in the SSWG’s report.
- Propose additional ideas to be considered by the SSWG for inclusion.

2:00 Break

2:15 Large Group Discussion

- Debrief small group discussions
- What other information does SSWG need to create this section of the report?
- Identify next steps

3:45 Closing comments

(Facilitators/SSWG)

- The next in-person SSWG meeting will be November 8th
 - Develop and revise vision for regional administration

4:00 Adjourn

GUIDELINES FOR PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS

The following ground rules were discussed and adopted by the Work Group at its first meeting:

- **Participate fully.** It is acceptable to disagree. Everyone should have the opportunity to state his or her own views, regardless of rank or other differences.
- **Work on the problem.** Put other issues aside, including personalities, offices, or other differences. Show respect for each other.
- **Focus on interests, not positions.** Explain why you favor a particular course of action. Invite questions so you can explain your reasons fully. Balance advocacy and inquiry.
- **Share all relevant information.** Be specific. Agree on what important words mean. Discuss “undiscussable” issues.
- **Stay focused.** Discuss a topic long enough for everybody to be clear about it.
- **Decide how the group will make decisions.** Strive for consensus.

Adapted from *The Skilled Facilitator: Practical Wisdom for Developing Effective Groups* by Roger Schwarz