

# Human Services and Education Steering Committee Business Meeting

Monday, March 8, 2021, 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM EST

## Human Services and Education Steering Committee Leadership

<b>Chair:</b>	Hon. Deborah Lieberman, Commissioner, Montgomery County, Ohio.
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Hon. John Peters, Supervisor, Mono County, Calif.
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Hon. Nancy Sharpe, Commissioner, Arapahoe County, Colo.
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<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Hon. Craig Rice, Council Member, Montgomery County, Md.
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Hon. Toni Carter, Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Hon. George Hartwick, Commissioner, Dauphin County, Pa.

## Meeting Agenda

### 1:00 PM: Call to Order and Welcome

- **Hon. Deborah Lieberman**, Commissioner, Montgomery County, Ohio.

### 1:15 PM: Update on the *American Rescue Plan Act of 2021*

- **Rachel Mackey**, Associate Legislative Director, Human Services and Education, NACo

### 1:30 PM: Update on Vaccine Distribution Efforts

- **Blaire Bryant**, Associate Legislative Director, Health, NACo

### From Crisis to Opportunity: How COVID-19 is Paving the Way for a Stronger Social Safety Net

*The COVID-19 Pandemic has exacerbated the many challenges facing vulnerable county residents, from food insecurity and the “homework gap” to lack of affordable child care and unstable income. During this session, county leaders and our federal partners will discuss these obstacles and priorities for strengthening systems of support that help county residents thrive during COVID-19 and beyond.*

**Committee members will have the opportunity to ask questions and make comments after each speaker’s remarks.**

### 1:50 PM: Update from the Department of Education: COVID-19 Response and Recovery for K-12 Students

*Dr. Aaliyah Samuel, Deputy Assistant Secretary for State and Local Engagement at the U.S. Department of Education, will discuss ongoing efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in K-12 settings while facilitating safe reopening and helping students overcome learning loss and other social emotional impacts of the pandemic.*

- **Dr. Aaliyah Samuel**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for State and Local Engagement, Office of Community Outreach, U.S. Department of Education

### 2:20 PM: Update from the U.S. Department of Agriculture: Fighting Food Insecurity

*Stacy Dean, Deputy Undersecretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services will discuss priorities for strengthening federal nutrition programs during the pandemic and beyond, and how counties can continue to bolster these efforts.*

- **Stacy Dean**, Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture

2:50 PM: Update from the White House: The Biden Administration's Vision for Economic Mobility  
*Carmel Martin, Deputy Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council for Economic Mobility, will provide an update on the DPC's agenda for combatting intergenerational poverty and promoting economic mobility and how counties can partner with the administration in these critically important efforts.*

- **Carmel Martin**, Deputy Director for Economic Mobility, White House Domestic Policy Council

### **3:10 PM: BREAK**

### **3:20 PM: Human Services and Education Committee Business Meeting**

#### Interim Policy Resolutions

*During the Business Meeting, HSE committee members will discuss and vote on proposed interim policy resolutions. Interim policy resolutions are generally single-purpose documents addressing a specific issue or piece of legislation. Resolutions draw attention to a topic of current concern, clarify parts of the broadly worded platform, or set policy in areas not covered by the platform. These resolutions are valid until NACo's 2021 Annual Conference.*

- 1. Proposed Interim Resolution Encouraging Congress to Provide the Resources Necessary for Developing and Expanding Arts and Cultural Programming in Counties**
- 2. Proposed Interim Resolution to Update the Thrifty Food Plan Used to Calculate Benefits for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**
- 3. Proposed Interim Resolution to Guarantee Access to Federal Child Nutrition Programs**

#### Emergency Resolutions

*"Emergency" resolutions are federal legislative or regulatory matters that could not have been foreseen 30 days prior to the conference. Steering committees receiving emergency resolutions may consider them only if two-thirds of the steering committee members present vote to review them.*

#### Cross-Jurisdictional Resolutions

*When introduced, resolutions are initially referred to a primary steering committee. However, other steering committees can claim a resolution if the policy issue is relevant to other steering committee's issue area.*

- 1. Proposed Interim Resolution on Addressing Toxic Exposure for Veterans**

### **4:30 PM: Meeting Concludes**

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