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GRANTMAKERS INCOME SECURITY TASKFORCE

Briefing for Grantmakers

Ford Foundation
Level B Board Meeting Room
320 East 43rd Street
New York, NY

July 23-24, 2007

AGENDA

Monday, July 23, 2007

9:00 – 9:15am

Welcome and Introductions

- **Michael Laracy and Benita Melton**, Co-Chairs, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce

9:15 – 12:15pm

Profile of Opportunity NYC

In March 2007, Mayor Michael Bloomberg launched a new anti-poverty strategy, Opportunity NYC, which provides conditional cash transfers of up to \$5,000 a year to encourage low-income families to meet specific goals. Panelists will provide diverse perspectives on the progress, successes, and challenges of the program to date.

- **Helen Neuborne**, Steering Committee Member, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce (Moderator)
- **Linda Gibbs**, Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services for the City of New York
- **James Riccio**, MDRC
- **Diane Baillargeon**, Seedco
- **Sandra Killelt**, Community Voices Heard
- **Richard Buery**, Groundwork, Inc.

12:15 – 1:30pm

Lunch & Micro Simulation Tax Model Demonstration

Matt Gardner will provide an overview of The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy's micro simulation tax model, including:

- Information on the data that provides the foundation for the model: how it is collected, input, and kept up-to-date;
- The number of records that form the underlying basis for the model;
- The scope of the model's ability to give the incidence of federal, state, and local taxes;
- Examples how the model has informed federal and state tax debates; and a
- A demonstration of one or two analyses, time permitting.

- 1:30 – 3:30pm** **Overview of Other Key Anti-Poverty Efforts at the State and Local Level**
 Across the country, poverty is gaining political attention. An increasing number of states and cities are using a variety of innovative approaches to focus on and reduce poverty and to improve economic security. Panelists will provide an overview of these efforts, and their potential for replication/adaptation in other states and localities, as well as their possible significance at a national level.
- [Jodie Levin-Epstein](#), Center for Law and Social Policy (Moderator)
 - [James P. Horan](#), Connecticut Association for Human Services
 - [Doug Racine](#), Vermont State Senator
 - [Otis Johnson](#), Mayor, Savannah, Georgia
 - [Lynn Knox](#), Portland Bureau of Housing & Community Development
- 3:30 – 3:45pm** **Break**
- 3:45 – 5:00pm** **Grantmaker Strategy Session** (FOR FUNDERS AND PHILANTHROPIC ADVISORS ONLY)
 Reflection on the day's proceedings and discussion of what strategies funders can engage in both individually and collaboratively in the future.
- Evening** **Dinner on Own or Optional Group Dinner** (no program)

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

- 9:00 – 9:15am** **Welcome and Reflections**
- [Michael Laracy and Benita Melton](#), Co-Chairs, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce
- 9:15 – 10:45am** **Privatization of Human Services**
 This panel will explore the privatization of key human services, such as welfare benefits, child support enforcement, and child welfare services. Speakers will offer diverse perspectives on the lessons learned from privatization efforts to date.
- [Katherine McFate](#), Steering Committee Member, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce (Moderator)
 - [Phineas Baxandall](#), US PIRG
 - [Henry Freedman](#), National Center for Law and Economic Justice
 - [Scott McCown](#), Center for Public Policy Priorities
 - [Nathan Newman](#), Progressive States Network
- 10:45– 11:00am** **Break**
- 11:00 – 12:30pm** **Working Session** (FOR FUNDERS AND PHILANTHROPIC ADVISORS ONLY)
 Working session for funders to follow-up from the Council on Foundations conference, and/or plan other collaborative efforts.
- 12:30pm** **Adjourn**
- 12:30-2:30pm** **GIST Steering Committee Meeting**