



SDC Commentary to the WI Dept. of Children and Families Most Recent Communication

Dear Members of the News Media:

Appointing authorities to the SDC Commission are in communication with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) **leadership**. SDC continues to pursue clarity from HHS senior officials.

SDC will also continue to fight to restore services for the more than 200,000 people in poverty in Metro Milwaukee. While we continue to love the United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) non-government organization (NGO), the UMOS closing hours of 4 PM, its long distance from most of the predominantly African American people with the most significant number of people in crisis being women and children living in poverty throughout Milwaukee County, and the differences in UMOS' cultural competencies as a migrant serving organization, especially when those seeking assistance live in crisis due to poverty and so cautiously determine who they'll trust, make SDC's long-established and successful high-antipoverty-impact programs and services multimillion dollar infrastructure the most effective pathway to restoring antipoverty services to those most vulnerable and in need in Metro Milwaukee. Leaving tens of thousands of people without effective access to upward mobility-based antipoverty programs and services is simply unacceptable to our Milwaukee County community.

With a pathway to millions of dollars in private funding, that could well exceed any previous SDC annual budget, SDC vigorously fights on to restore services to our community for those living in poverty and most in need.

As always, with warm regards,

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