

Goldmark Luncheon – Afternoon Discussion, February 23, 2018

1. **RACE EQUITY:** What are the impacts of increased state funding on our ability to achieve and expand on the race equity goals outlined in the State Plan? Is there a racial impact analysis in the budget development and allocation decisions for state funds? When new funds are available, what process for decision making and allocation of resources can we put in place to ensure that the delivery system is better equipped to address institutionalized racism and structural inequities?
2. **FULL CONTINUUM:** How can a significant increase in state funds help to leverage and optimize all parts of our legal aid delivery system? How do we develop and maintain expertise in substantive areas of law and the full range of legal tactics to meet the needs of all client communities? As we make gains around increased state funding in the short-term, how does it impact our overarching and longer term strategy to build capacity across the legal aid delivery system?
3. **INFRASTRUCTURE:** What infrastructure is needed to support coordination of work between state funded programs and other legal aid and pro bono programs? How can we make sure that programs and staff have the supports they need to deliver high quality services? By infrastructure, we mean individual program's operational capacity as well as the capacities of the delivery system to communicate and coordinate well across programs and geography.
4. **CRITICAL IMBALANCE:** There is a growing imbalance between restricted and unrestricted funds for legal aid. How do we address the imbalance? Is it through revamped private revenue development? Is there a way to look at the restricted/unrestricted dichotomy in ways that give us more flexibility and impact?