

Q2 What did we learn about the root causes of poverty?

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1	Many variables but the most concrete was the "teach a man to fish" analogy tied to literacy and fundamental building blocks to help individuals sustain themselves.	6/3/2018 11:16 AM
2	'Situational' is due to job loss, divorce, medical, etc. 'Generational' occurs from generation to generation, has many barriers and is the most difficult to deal with.	5/29/2018 2:43 PM
3	The general opinion of the presenter felt that literacy and early childhood intervention were the keys to breaking the poverty cycle.	5/29/2018 6:29 AM
4	Discussion of situational vs generational poverty was enlightening. Most services address situational but not generational and therefore may not be addressing root cause. Also literacy and financial navigation skills are critical to breaking the cycle.	5/26/2018 11:15 AM
5	Poverty can be split into two main categories, situational and generational poverty. Situational examples are poverty due to job loss, medical issue, life event (such as divorce). Generational examples are mental illness and drug & alcohol. Main difference between the two are that typically situational poverty has some sort of support system or "social capital" while generational poverty does not. Root causes vary between the two types of poverty.	5/25/2018 4:56 PM
6	I learned about the difference between income and wealth-- or situational poverty and systemic poverty. It is easier to attain income than to build the assets needed to increase wealth.	5/25/2018 12:12 AM

Q3 What did we learn about potential leverage points for affecting the system? Which leverage points would you choose to address in the next 1-5 years?

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1	More focus on literacy and basic tools to encourage self sufficiency and "control" over one's own future.	6/3/2018 11:16 AM
2	Increase literacy to decrease generational poverty.	5/29/2018 2:43 PM
3	Long term change will require the a long term view. In 1-5 years, we may best be served by promoting the focus of all the partners in managing data and pooling resources.	5/29/2018 6:29 AM
4	Financial literacy is a key leverage point. Focusing on education around this basic skill could yield long-term results. Also literacy is critical, confirming current focus on early learning and childhood development.	5/26/2018 11:15 AM
5	Most programs are generally geared toward situational poverty (short term funding and results). There is a lack of resources/services geared toward generational poverty and the system is hard to navigate and understand. Plus high turnover in the services/resources makes it hard to establish consistency in the deliverables. There is a lot of data but no universal indicators/collection that would make it easy to track and report annually. Possible point to explore is a service to help navigate the system, and also how to collect data that is inclusive of all races.	5/25/2018 4:56 PM
6	Increase knowledge and skills re: wealth-building: navigation & learning skills like financial literacy; earning skills like handshakes, soft skills; financial literacy again for saving & protecting.	5/25/2018 12:12 AM

Q4 What did we learn about what hasn't worked, and why it didn't work?

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1	hard to say. lots has been tried and impact has been difficult to quantify.	6/3/2018 11:16 AM
2	Many of the programs address situational poverty, not generational poverty. Income helps meet immediate needs like food and rent, but saving to acquire assets changes mindsets.	5/29/2018 2:43 PM
3	They did not address the failures.	5/29/2018 6:29 AM
4	Simply addressing the current situation and getting someone back on their feet may not provide a long-term solution. Also a key "not working" issue seems to be getting the message out to people about available resources.	5/26/2018 11:15 AM
5	Collection of data happens every 3 years and is not representative of what is really going on. The data needs to be inclusive and have common threads that can apply across all partner agencies (all that have varying mission statements). Projects with WABC are limited and don't reach everyone across the County.	5/25/2018 4:56 PM
6	Just increasing income isn't enough to increase wealth/decrease poverty. Both the WABC handout and from the WABC data walk highlighted the lack of awareness, understanding and/or action to address the confounding influence of race on poverty. I am pretty sure that if we don't acknowledge the significant role race plays in our local population living in poverty, we will miss the boat.	5/25/2018 12:12 AM

Q5 What did we learn about opportunities for UWWC to help facilitate and support collective impact?

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1	Perhaps there is a finer point to be placed on financial literacy that has not been tried.	6/3/2018 11:16 AM
2	It seems to me that the key is managing a lot of the data-maybe working with WWU to create a data lake for analysis to really study the cause-effect and the outcomes of agencies.	5/29/2018 6:29 AM
3	UWWC is already playing a role by providing services like tax preparation to help financial literacy, however more could be done to coordinate various agencies and especially to market available resources to the community and be a clearing house for resources.	5/26/2018 11:15 AM
4	There is a gap in financial coaching; case managers are not trained to provide that support. There is no formal collection of data with common indicators that can be universally applied to all agencies trying to impact poverty.	5/25/2018 4:56 PM
5	WABC is doing a nice job convening opportunities for the collective community to learn more about who we are. WABC also provides financial literacy education, which seems like an important & missing piece of education.	5/25/2018 12:12 AM

Q6 What did we learn about data that would help us measure impact – what sources or metrics could be particularly useful? What does success look like?

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1	We heard, again, there is no pristine database available. Commonly available and predictable metrics provided by federal or state agencies are probably our best source for time-based comparisons.	6/3/2018 11:16 AM
2	6% of people are functionally illiterate. Working to decrease illiteracy will help.	5/29/2018 2:43 PM
3	Creation of a data lake and use of resources in the community to slice, dice and analyze to provide data driven decisions on how best to address the issues.	5/29/2018 6:29 AM
4	I didn't come away with any new easily implementable metrics. Monitoring metrics like literacy rate ay be helpful.	5/26/2018 11:15 AM
5	It's collected every 3 years while change happens more rapidly. The common financial indicators are not always an apples vs. apples comparison. There is a disparity in data as not all races are represented.	5/25/2018 4:56 PM
6	Again, the lesson I learned more from the WABC data walk than from the talk today was how important it is to disaggregate data by race always-- even if the numbers are low. To me, success would be a reduction in income disparity by race.	5/25/2018 12:12 AM

Q7 The purpose of these Strategic Conversation is to help us better understand the issue of poverty, so that we can mobilize our community to make a difference. Given what you heard from this speaker, what ideas are emerging for you, in terms of how UWWC make a difference?

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1	Hard to say. Still not car in my mind.	6/3/2018 11:16 AM
2	Better education, or help with education, leads to higher literacy, which decreases generational poverty.	5/29/2018 2:43 PM
3	We may be in a position to best support the issue by analyzing data sources to make key large gift impacts that address root causes.	5/29/2018 6:29 AM
4	UW should be able to play a key role as a facilitator and coordinator of community services, and information clearing house. It's name may be more recognized than other, more specialized agencies and may therefore be in a better position to provide this service and have a broader reach.	5/26/2018 11:15 AM
5	We need to change the archaic system and make it easier to navigate. We need to provide support to case managers around financial coaching to better equip them to help those in need. We need to look at generational poverty and the means to break that cycle. It would be interesting to know how much of the poverty in Whatcom County is situational vs. generational.	5/25/2018 4:56 PM
6	I loved the explanation of income vs. wealth, and the explanation of factors that influence wealth. I think we need to bring in a speaker to talk about race. Robin Diangelo?	5/25/2018 12:12 AM