



## Background and Purpose

Whereas, WSCAP, CAPAI, and CAPO are all associations of the Community Action Partnership agencies within their respective states and desire to improve their, and their members' ability to communicate their missions and purpose and better demonstrate their effectiveness by reporting collective results nationally, regionally and locally. They therefore desire to work in collaboration with each other to utilize and advance their collective work, better leverage individual and group development efforts, guide development work to achieve superior results, share findings and best practices, and form a consensus about the definitions and indicators of individual, family, community and agency success.

Whereas, Hopelink provided support and advisory services in the field of strategy, theory of change development, performance improvement and support. The Prosperity Agenda continues the work of Hopelink by providing project management support and advisory services in the field of pilot management, and program design and evaluation.

Whereas, from this initial development, WSCAP has supported the evolution of a common Theory of Change with its network, its "Futures" effort, with continued funding and support from WSCAP, CAPAI, and CAPO for the continued development of indicator of success, data processes and reporting methods.

The following activities will be undertaken:

- Collective work will continue to evolve the Futures Theory of Change through the development of Community-level Indicators.
- The steering committee will be restructured to emphasize representation from community action agencies engaged in the Futures Pilot Project. The committee will continue to include representation from WSCAP, CAPAI, and CAPO, plus one representative from a state agency administering CSBG funding, and one representative from no more than three CAP agencies engaged in the pilot project. Voting will be a simple majority, with WSCAP, CAPAI and CAPO representatives each having one vote (six total), one vote state agency, and one vote per community action agency. Voting occurs with acceptance and creation of new or changes to existing work, decisions about how work should proceed, the formation and dissolution of work groups/committees and other activities and decisions pursuant to this MOU.
- The Prosperity Agenda will facilitate the Steering committee meetings and organize and communicate minutes and instructions for work as decided by the Steering committee.
- The Futures Pilot Project will receive leadership support through the establishment of a Learning Community designed specifically for Executive Directors leading CAAs engaged in the Futures Pilot Project. The Steering



Committee will support the recruitment and engagement of Executive Directors in the ED Learning Community. The goal of the ED Learning Community is to deepen and sustain the support and expansion of the



Futures Pilot Project to at least 27 Community Action Agencies in the 3-state region.

- The results of all work will be shared with all members of the three associations, state agencies and community action agencies as outlined under the License section below.