

Budgeting for Results Commission

Friday, August 27th, 2021 1:30 – 3:30pm

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions

Jim Lewis

Chairman Lewis introduced the meeting and took the roll. Present commissioners included Jesse Elam, Jim Lewis, Anthony Pascente, Kathy Saltmarsh and Rep. Will Davis. The Commissioners verified that their audio and display worked as appropriate as required by the Open Meetings Act. A quorum was confirmed.

2. Review and approval of minutes

Jim Lewis

Anthony Pascente motioned to approve the minutes. Jim Lewis seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without comment.

3. Public Hearing Recap

Megan Cusey

Megan gave a summary of the public hearing which took place on June 30, 2021. The public hearing focused on the topic of inequalities and disparities in public policy and public health outcomes in Illinois. The panelists included Heather McGee, Dr. Kaestner, and Dr. Sterling.

Chairman Lewis suggested that the staff consider investigating the proportion of state funding that is allocated to preventative care programs in contrast to the proportion of state funding that goes toward curative care programs.

The commissioners were in agreement that the public hearig was a success and Representative Will Davis reiterated the importance of bringing these types of conversations and the unit's work-product to the audience of the state legislators.

4. Update on the Methadone Maintenance Treatment Report

Megan Cusey

The unit has completed a draft of the report and it has been sent to IDHS/SUPR for feedback. Once the report is returned from IDHS/SUPR, it will be presented to the Commission.

5. SUD Provider Survey Results

Aaron Albrecht

The BFR staff administered a survey to substance use disorder treatment providers across the state to catalog the various types and levels of treatment available in Illinois. We received 29 in-depth, qualitative responses. The staff is organizing and cleaning the response data to allow for analysis of the results. The results of the survey will guide the team moving forward in the substance use disorder domain.

6. Cycle Rider Safety Training Program Assessment

Megan Cusey

The Unit has started doing an assessment of the IDoT's Cycle Rider Safety Training Program. The program does not have a counterpart in the WSIPP database. The team has conducted a literature review and found that there is not consensus within the literature about the efficacy of rider safety training programs on safety outcomes. Because of the lack of an effect size in the literature, the team is taking a different approach to assessing this program. IDoT has shared their data sets with the BFR team to conduct an analysis of the cycle rider safety training program.

7. Mandate Relief Exercise

Aaron Albrecht

The Unit has received 81 mandates and 75 funds from 18 state agencies. After conducting an internal GOMB review of submitted mandates, 22 mandates were classified as meeting the requirements of the initiative, 31 mandates required additional follow up, and 28 mandates were returned to the agency. A total of 71 funds are also being examined for this effort: 18 technical changes, 21 that had run their course, 5 not utilized, and 24 with obsolete language. We will have a meeting of the mandate working group on September 13th, including chairman Lewis, Rep. Davis, and Kathy Saltmarsh.

Annual Report Preparation
Commissioner recommendations due September 24th

Jennifer Butler

As a part of our Annual Report, the Unit solicits recommendations from the Commission for it's work in the coming year. Jennifer summarized the work that occurred this year as a result of the previous year's recommendations. This includes expanding the benefit-cost model for programs that might not be defined within WSIPP's library of program profiles and looking at a wider variety of domains. An example of this work is the Cycle Rider Safety Training program analysis the Unit is currently undertaking. Another focus has been to ensure that the Unit is staying up to date on the latest best practices and methodologies for program evaluation set forth by federal guidelines and other government entities performing similar work. These areas of improvements will be ongoing efforts for years to come.

In addition, the Unit is documenting the way in which BFR products are being utilized in state government operations. The influx of evidence-based programming with the Federal Government's American Rescue Plan Act for Coronvirus relief will help strengthen the use of BFR tools and methodologies going forward.

Chairmen Lewis mentioned that we are down to only one legislative member on the Commission. The use of Budgeting for Results products may be improved by getting the legislative membership spots filled on the Commission.

Recommendations to include in this year's annual report are requested to be submitted by the Commission by September 24th.

9. New Business Jim Lewis

Commissioner Curt Clemons-Mosby had surgery in July and is recovering well at home.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:51pm.