

Budgeting for Result Commission

Friday, May 3, 2019

1:30PM-3:30PM

Meeting Location

Chicago – James R. Thompson Center, 100 W Randolph, Governor's Office 16th Floor

Springfield – Stratton Building 500 1/2

Dial-In: 888-806-4788 Access Code: 895-685-1121#

Attendance

Chicago: Representative William Davis, Jim Lewis, Adam Groner

Springfield: Jennifer Butler, Kathy Saltmarsh

Phone: Paula Worthington, Jesse Elam

Various state agency representatives including Chief Results Officers (CROs) were also in attendance in Springfield, Chicago and by phone.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions by the Commission and state agencies were made.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes – Jim Lewis

The April 6, 2019 Budgeting For Results (BFR) meeting minutes were approved with no comments or edits.

3. Public Hearing Speakers

Jennifer discussed the potential speakers at the two public hearings. In Chicago, the BFR Unit has asked GOMB Director Alexis Sturm, Deputy Governor Hynes or similar administration official to represent the executive branch. For the Springfield Hearing, Department of Human Services Director of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery, Danielle Kirby, has agreed to speak and has provided a list of recommended local providers as potential panelists. Jennifer said that BFR will follow up with the recommended speakers to fill out the Springfield panel. In addition, BFR is considering national experts on Substance Use Disorder that were recommended by Commissioner Worthington.

Jennifer presented a suggested agenda of the Public Hearings following last year's format. Curt will begin with a presentation on BFR, followed by the speakers on each panel and concluding with an open mic forum for members of the public.

4. BFR Op-Ed

Jennifer updated the Commission that the draft of the Op-Ed for local publications has been completed. The Communications Director at GOMB suggested that the Op-Ed may have more impact in local Springfield outlets than in Chicago. Jim and Kathy both volunteered to sign on to the Op-Eds released in Springfield.

5. Save the Date Flyers

Jennifer stated that the Commission asked for two versions of the Save the Date flyer. One generic version and the other more specific to include the speakers. The generic version was completed and sent to the commissioners before this BFR Commission meeting. Jim agreed with creating two flyers and that the more specific flyer should list the speakers.

6. Blueroom Stream

Jennifer said that Blueroom Stream is confirmed to broadcast the Springfield Public Hearing over the internet. However, due to technology limitations at the James R. Thompson Center they would be unable to stream the Public Hearing in Chicago. Kathy suggested that the Bilandic Building might be more conducive to internet streaming and may be a good option to consider for next year.

7. Mandate Legislation Update

Jennifer updated the Commission on the movement of mandate legislation. Bills HB2936, HB2937, HB2940 and HB2941 have moved through their committees. The groundwork Curt and members of the Mandates Workgroup did early on have made the process more straightforward. Jim asked if any bills haven't moved forward. Jennifer responded that HB2943, the IDOT vehicle inspection bill, received some opposition by local government. Also two bills (HB2938 and HB2939) containing mandates for the Illinois State Police did not move out of the House. Jennifer acknowledged the additional bill tracking and testifying work to be done and recognized the excellent job Curt has done shepherding the process.

Jesse asked about the use of BFR evaluation notes on legislation, similar to fiscal notes. Kathy said that the Electronic monitoring report has been getting traction, and emphasized that the full reports may be more useful than a note. Jim and Representative Davis pointed Jesse to the minutes from the previous meeting discussing the use of legislative notes.

8. SPAC Budget 101 Update

Kathy began by thanking Curt and Andy Krupin, the GOMB budget analyst for IDOC. Kathy said almost fifty people attended and the feedback was positive. She said that it was very helpful for the attendees to know that they could contact GOMB to get insight on their proposals. Kathy also mentioned that Adler University Philanthropies were in attendance, and that they may be a connection for additional BFR resources.

9. Request for Evaluation Resources Letter to the Governor

Jennifer said that comprehensive program evaluations are resource and time intensive. The current BFR Unit does not have capacity to complete comprehensive program evaluations and simultaneously make progress on the Results First/SPART program assessments. Jennifer also added that third party assistance adds personnel and an outside, neutral perspective. By virtue of the BFR Unit's placement within GOMB, there is a Governor's office association.

Jennifer stated that GOMB Senior staff believe it would be more effective to target the external program evaluation request letter to the legislative appropriations directors, given the time of year. Dana Stoerger representing the Senate Democratic Caucus said he would pass around the letter.

Representative Davis explained that even though it is not in the Governor's proposed budget, there are mechanisms to get additional appropriations this year through the BIMP or appropriations general services committee. Representative Davis continued that all the committees are done with appropriation hearings and are now proceeding into the budgetary working group meeting process. He said GOMB usually has someone attend these meetings. GOMB Director Sturm could send a letter to the appropriate committee stating the Governor's support for additional program evaluation funding. Timing of this request is challenging due to revenue shortages. Agencies are being asked to recommend significant cuts. Although a letter to the legislature is needed, Representative Davis said it is still important to demonstrate the Governor's support for this funding. He reminded the Commission that he knows the mechanisms to get this done; he was able to get additional funding even though it was not in the initial proposed budget last year. Jennifer confirmed that Representative Davis is asking for affirmation from the Governor's office that he supports this funding as back up for the request to the legislature. Representative Davis agreed and said that he and Senator Steans would work towards obtaining the funding.

10. New Business

Jennifer said that the 'Low-hanging fruit' within state agencies has been addressed through multiple years of mandate relief made possible through the BFR Commission. The Commission should decide whether mandate relief should evolve into more policy related issues. There needs to be engagement on this topic with all four caucuses. Representative Davis said the State Police bills were determined to be policy by caucus staff. He continued that, in order to avoid this situation in the future, the Commission needs to be more mindful of vetting the proposed mandate relief to determine if a policy change is being proposed under the umbrella of "mandate relief". Agencies have their own process to pass their legislative agenda. Representative Davis emphasized that BFR should not be used to circumvent that process. Representative Davis said that the BFR process should include determining if the member who sponsored the mandate is still in the legislature and talking to the member. We should seek to understand why a mandate subject to appropriation has never been funded, when applicable.

Jesse Elam wondered if we should broaden our timeframe or context for mandate relief. Jesse suggested looking beyond state government to local municipalities and entities. Jennifer noted the level of support the BFR Unit would have to provide to local governments in an endeavor. Jesse acknowledged some outdated local government requirements still on the books that he believed no one would be upset about removing.

Jim suggested a review of the letter sent to state agencies to ensure clarity about the goals and limitations of the mandate review process. Jennifer agreed and said that the BFR Unit will draft the letter to state agencies and send it to the commissioners for input on the scope of the ask, and the parameters articulated during this Commission meeting.

11. Adjournment

BFR Public meeting adjourned