

ILLINOIS PARTNERS

for HUMAN SERVICE

Executive Committee

September 6, 2012

Maria Pesquera: Chair  
Mujeres Latinas en Accion

The Honorable Pat Quinn  
Office of the Governor  
207 State Capitol  
Springfield, IL 62706

Jim Runyon: Vice-Chair  
Easter Seals Peoria-Bloomington

Karina Ayala-Bermejo: Metropolitan  
Family Services

Dear Governor Quinn:

John Bouman: Shriver Center on Poverty  
Law

We at Illinois Partners for Human Service, a statewide coalition with more than 700 member agencies statewide, write in support of the Budgeting for Results Commission and the work it is engaged in.

Veronica Cunningham: Safer Foundation

Maricela Garcia: Gads Hill Center

Percy Dace: Lessie Bates Davis  
Neighborhood House

Last year, we were apprehensive about the passage of the Budgeting for Results Act. While we applauded the goals of initiating a results-based budgeting process and the State living within its means, we were skeptical about implementation in a time of scarce resources. Some of our members worried that it would be used to cut funding to the human service agencies embedded in low-income communities which do not have discretionary dollars to spend on documenting results. Other members noted that because it is very hard to develop meaningful performance measures for many human services, often it is the easiest performance benchmarks to measure that become the performance measure of choice. We were concerned that the Commission would try to move too quickly to operationalize ideas.

Carol Green: Lifescape Community  
Services

Pam Heavans: Will-Grundy Center for  
Independent Living

Ahlam Jbara: Council of Islamic  
Organizations of Greater Chicago

George Jones: Ada S. McKinley  
Community Services

Jack Kaplan: United Way of Metropolitan  
Chicago

The Budgeting for Results Commission has been respectful of its mission and has listened carefully to many hours of public testimony. It moved steadily and wisely to make substantive changes to the budgeting process and then to talk about how to most effectively implement Budgeting for Results.

Jim Lewis: Chicago Community Trust

Dora Maya: Arden Shore Child and  
Family Services

We believe the BFR work is essential for the year ahead. Please continue to support the important work of this Commission.

Laurel O'Sullivan: Donors Forum

Nancy Ronquillo: Children's Home + Aid

Dan Schwick: Lutheran Social Services  
of Illinois

Sincerely,

Suzanne Strassberger: Jewish  
Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Dale Strassheim: The Baby Fold

Judith Gethner  
Executive Director  
Illinois Partners for Human Service

Maria del Socorro Pesqueira  
Board Chair  
Illinois Partners for Human Service

Nancy Tegtmeier: Illinois Coalition for  
Community Services

Lisa Tolbert: The Delta Center

Samantha Tuttle: Heartland Alliance for  
Human Needs & Human Rights

Shelley Vaughan: Prairie Center Against  
Sexual Assault

Gary Weinstein: Transitions Mental  
Health Center

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