



Budgeting for Results Commission

Friday, February 28, 2020: 1:30 – 3:30pm

Chicago – James R. Thompson Center, 100 W Randolph, 16th floor, Room 16-100

Springfield – Stratton Building, 500 ½

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MINUTES

Commissioners present: Chairman Jim Lewis, Representative Will Davis, Paula Worthington (Chicago); Curt Clemons-Mosby, Kathy Saltmarsh (Springfield); Senator Heather Steans, Jesse Elam (by phone).

1. Welcome and introductions Jim Lewis

Jim welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kate took roll call of commissioners. A quorum was confirmed.

2. Review and approval of minutes Jim Lewis

The minutes were approved without comment.

3. 2020 BFR Commission Planning Curt Clemons-Mosby
a. Updated Work Plan

Curt walked through the staff and commission work plan for calendar year 2020 (see Exhibit 1).

- b. Meeting Schedule

Curt reviewed the commission's 2020 meeting schedule. The commission is scheduled to meet next on April 24, which will be the last meeting before the June public hearings. Curt suggested the possibility of an additional phone call in May, if public hearing logistics are not settled at the April meeting.

- c. Public Hearings
i. Chicago: June 24, 2020
ii. Springfield: June 17, 2020

Commissioners discussed potential topics and speakers for the public hearings. Jim suggested mental health as a focus, since mental health will be the next policy domain that BFR staff will target for program assessments, after substance use disorder. It was suggested that the Chicago hearing include testimony from mental health service providers, while the Springfield hearing could feature agency leaders who work on state mental health programs.

Gia Orr, from the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission (GAC), pointed out that GAC provides legal services and advocacy to many Illinois residents with mental health issues or developmental disabilities. She suggested that she or another GAC representative would be a good candidate for the Springfield panel.

Drea Hall, from the Department of Human Services (DHS), recommended DHS' new director of the Division of Mental Health as another potential agency speaker.

Nate Steinfeld, from the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council, suggested reaching out to agency Chief Results Officers to find out what other agencies do programming around these issues that the commission may not be aware of. Jim agreed but also suggested being conscious of the size of the panel, and focusing on the largest state programs.

4. FY 2021 Budget Update

Curt Clemons-Mosby

a. Results/Accountability Chapter

Curt discussed the BFR staff's involvement in the fiscal year 2021 budget development process, which culminated in the publishing of the Governor's proposed budget book on February 19th. This year's budget book includes a chapter dedicated to the state's accountability and results-centered initiatives, including BFR. Representative Davis suggested that given BFR's increasing prominence in budget discussions, it would be a good idea for BFR to testify at a subject matter hearing in the House's State Government Administration committee. Rep. Davis will reach out to Representative Kifowit, who chairs the committee.

b. Update of Results Area Assignments

Curt reported that the newly formed Youth Budget Commission is relying upon BFR's categorization of agency programs into result and outcome areas to categorize spending for their fiscal scan of state spending on programs for children and youth. In light of this new scrutiny, as part of the budget development process, BFR staff completed a review of agency programs and their result area categorizations, to ensure programs are accurately categorized.

c. Improvement of Performance Measures

During the budget development process, BFR staff continued the iterative process of updating, cleaning data, and advising agencies on making improvements to their performance measures, in an ongoing effort to make these measures more informative and useful to the public.

d. Interactive Budget Update

The Illinois Interactive Budget (available at www.budget.illinois.gov) has been updated to include the Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2021.

5. Substance Use Disorder Domain Update

Adam Groner

Adam updated the commission on the staff's work on program assessments in the substance use disorder (SUD) policy domain. Staff are working with the DHS division on Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) to obtain the final pieces of data needed to populate the Results First cost-benefit model. Staff are also conducting literature reviews on two SUPR programs that they plan to assess first: Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), in particular methadone maintenance treatment; and Recovery Homes.

Commissioners and staff discussed the challenges of gathering cost data on SUPR programs compared to previous programs in the Departments of Corrections and Juvenile Justice. Commissioners expressed concern about the difficulty of obtaining data about services that are billed to Medicaid via managed care organizations (MCOs). Jim suggested that in addition to reports on individual SUD programs, it might be helpful for staff to produce a report about the general structure of SUD treatment funding in the state. Commissioners also discussed the pros and cons of inviting an MCO representative to testify at the public hearings. Senator Steans suggested that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), which administers the state's Medicaid program, could provide data on the quality improvement outcomes that MCOs provide to the state. Staff have been working with HFS to determine exactly what data HFS collects from MCOs about services provided to patients.

6. GIS Project Update

Kate Mayer

Kate updated the commission on work the staff have been doing using geo-spatial mapping software, which is an ongoing recommendation of the commission. Staff have published a link to the GIS demo project, which is a map of the homeless population and DHS-funded emergency homeless shelters in Illinois. Staff are circulating this map to community providers who provided the data, so that these community experts can offer feedback and suggestions to make the map more useful. After gathering this feedback, staff will work with DHS to identify next steps and where this project should be housed.

In addition to the demo project, staff were able to apply their new GIS skills to improve the visualization of Illinois' demographic information, in the demographics chapter of the fiscal year 2021 budget book.

7. New Business

Curt Clemons-Mosby

Curt gave an update on the hiring process for the additional BFR staff positions that are currently funded. Hiring is proceeding again after a pause during the budget development season, with interviews expected in the coming weeks. In addition to the two open positions, staff are also hiring a replacement for Kate's position, as she will be relocating in June.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

