

Budgeting for Results Commission

Friday, October 26, 2012

1:00pm

James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph, Suite 16-100, Governor's Video Conference Room
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Minutes

Chicago: Maria de Jesus Prado, John Kamis, Senator Dan Kotowski, Roger Myerson, Jason Saul, Cristal Thomas

Springfield: Steve Schnorf

Phone: Carole Brown, Rep. Kent Gaffney, Jose Sanchez, Lt. Governor Sheila Simon, Donna Sims Wilson

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman welcomed Commissioners and guests and thanked them for their time and commitment to BFR process and refining the recommendations to be included in the 2nd annual report.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous two meetings were reviewed and approved with minor edits.

III. Review of 2nd Annual Report for Endorsement

a. Review of 2011 Recommendation Updates

The process for evaluating progress to date was described. Staff in the Governor's Office as well as the Office of Management and Budget reviewed the recommendations made in the first annual report to assess progress made towards implementation. Status updates were provided to the Commission for review. A phone call was held to discuss the status of each recommendation. Feedback was used to inform updates that were included in the final draft.

Status updates to be included in the report were reviewed and discussed briefly.

b. Review of 2012 Recommendations

Deputy Governor Thomas provided an overview of the recommendations development process. She highlighted the fact that three public hearings were held in Chicago, Springfield, and Carbondale to enable stakeholders to provide feedback to the Commission on the first annual report including the strategic plan, performance measurements, and ways to enhance communication around BFR.

Testimony provided during the public hearings was taken into consideration during the drafting of new recommendations. Commissioners also reviewed the original recommendations to identify any new areas which they might like to address in the second annual report. Commission suggestions were compiled and discussed over the course of via phone conference. A final list of refined recommendations was included in the draft presented to the Commission for approval.

The Commission expressed a desire to see the appropriations process of the legislature align better with Budgeting for Results. Specifically, the Commission discussed a recommendation around the spending caps or revenue allocations assigned to House appropriations committees. Lt. Governor Simon suggested that if the Commission wishes to make a recommendation addressing the appropriations process, it should be crafted in such a way as to offer an alternative to the current process for consideration.

c. Review of Mandates Committee Recommendations

John Kamis described the purpose of the Committee as well as the composition of its membership. He indicated that the Committee was comprised of a sub-set of Commissioners as well as representatives from the Governor’s Office and the Office of Management and Budget.

The Committee surveyed large agencies to identify obsolete or duplicative programs which were statutorily mandated. It was explained that these types of programs often result in unnecessary administrative burdens or audit findings. The Committee conducted meetings to discuss possible next steps for addressing programs identified by agencies. Committee outlined its findings and recommendations for each program in the draft.

Commission asked for clarification that the Committee was identifying programs that agencies are mandated to administer or report on but that are no longer necessary or repetitive in their function as opposed to other types of programs which are referred to as mandates such as fund transfers, mandated categoricals, etc. The Committee provided a phonebook recycling program as an example. An agency is still held accountable for this program and required to report on it although phonebooks are rarely used anymore.

d. Other Discussion of Report

Chairman commended Commissioners and staff for their efforts to create the report.

e. Endorsement of Report

Report was endorsed for distributed to the Governor and General Assembly in accordance with the enacting legislation.

IV. 2013 Meeting Schedule

The tentative schedule for 2013 was distributed. The Commission decided to meet every other month. Meetings will be held the 4th Friday of those months from 10am – noon.

V. Other Business

The Commission indicated that it was interested in holding additional public hearings in the coming year to inform the development of new recommendations and in an effort to continue to engage a diverse cross section of stakeholders from the around the state. Hearings should be scheduled earlier in order to allow for time to provide potential participants with advance notice. Lastly, hearings should be scheduled with a convenience in mind including the time at which they are held and the locations.

VI. Adjourn

Commission was scheduled to convene again after the holidays on Friday, January 25, 2013 from 10am to noon, location forthcoming.