



Budgeting for Results Commission

February 25th, 2022

Minutes

Welcome and introductions

Jim Lewis called the meeting to order. Aaron Albrecht called the roll. Commissioners answering the roll as present include Rep. Will Davis (via proxy), Jesse Elam, Jim Lewis, Jose Sanchez (via proxy), Kathy Saltmarsh (via proxy), Paula Worthington, Anthony Pascente, and Curt Clemons-Mosby. A quorum was established.

Review and approval of minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Legislative Bill Update

HB5185, HB5186, HB5187, HB5188, HB5189, HB5190, HB5191, HB5192

Curt Clemons-Mosby gave an update on the BFR mandate and funds bills in the legislative process and their amendments. House bills 5185 and 5186 are being amended by the sponsor Commissioner Will Davis to remove one mandate from each bill. These changes are at the request of the original sponsors of statutory mandates. All remaining BFR bills are on the consent calendar as agreed bills.

2021 Annual Report Progress Update

In addition to the Director, the BFR Unit included two analysts at the time of the BFR Annual Report. Megan Cusey left the team at the end of calendar year 2021 leaving 2 open positions. Progress towards 2022 deliverables will be impacted by staffing levels within the BFR Unit.

- (1) Customization of the Benefit Cost Model: The GOMB BFR Unit has been focused on the Budget Development Process for the past few months. Because of this, the Unit has not had an opportunity to engage in the customization of the benefit cost model. The Unit plans to work on this recommendation over the Summer and report progress to the Commission at a future meeting.
- (2) Budgeting for Results Program Evaluation Methodology: The Unit intends to report back to the Commission later in Summer 2022. The Unit plans to approach the Commission about establishing a working group to delve into this recommendation in more detail.
- (3) Integrating Diversity Equity and Inclusion into the Budgeting for Results Framework: GOMB has been tasked to coordinate the implementation of the Equity and Racial Justice Act (ERJA) (P.A. 102-543), which brings together the eleven largest state agencies to collect demographic information on the recipients of the agencies' major programs and services. The ERJA Implantation Team is creating a robust and standardized process for collecting this demographic data including race, ethnicity, age, sexual identity, and other indices, to get a better understanding of the people the State serves through its programs. This is a long-term project that involves the creation of databases and computer systems and the processing of client information at the point of service. This demographic information would then also flow into our IPRS system to inform our

program assessments. Data garnered from this project will eventually inform the creation of the Commission's Needs Atlas.

(4) Illinois Chief Results Officers Webinar: The Unit plans to have a webinar for the CROs in late September or early October. GOMB traditionally sends out budget instructions to the agencies in late September. The BFR Unit would like to engage with the CROs quarterly to have an ongoing dialogue about preemptively addressing common issues that occur during the budget process.

(5) Healthcare Prevention and Treatment: The Unit is planning to work on this recommendation during Summer 2022.

(6) Expedite the Completion of SPART and Benefit Cost Analysis completion: The ability to meet this goal is predicated on increasing the BFR Unit level of staffing. With two open positions, the Unit is short staffed to complete regularly scheduled SPART and Benefit Cost Analysis.

(7) Establish Network of Cost Benefit Expertise: BFR Unit leadership is in conversation with the Governor's Office to establish a cadre of data scientists and analysts to be shared for state government to work on specific state projects. The Executive Office of the Governor, GOMB, DoIT, and other large state agencies would benefit from sharing this technical expertise. Discussions are in preliminary stages with further dialog needed. Staff will report on the status of this project to the Commission as the discussions progress forward.

FY 2023 Budget Update with Interactive Budget Review

Jennifer Butler provided highlights of the FY2023 proposed state budget. The FY23 proposed operating budget is a balanced budget of 112.5 billion dollars. The general funds portion of that budget is \$45.4 billion. The greater percentage of those general funds (21%) is assigned to pre-K through grade 12 education and about 20.7% is assigned to state pension funds. The state's investment priorities include healthcare systems, early childhood programs, K-12 education, higher education, social service programs, public safety and violence prevention, economic development and infrastructure, and environmental and cultural resources. The budget also includes the Capital component of about \$46.5 billion. These budget items include reauthorizing existing capital investments from Rebuild Illinois to covid-related reappropriations, and new and increased appropriations related to the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The state is required to tie budget lines to programs through the IPRS system so that the prepared budget supports the results of state program initiatives. BFR was showcased in chapter 8 of the Budget Book. Many of the highlights from the BFR Commission's Annual Report were also highlighted in the Budget Book.

Curt Clemons-Mosby showed the virtual Budget Book and highlighted portions related to Budgeting for Results among other informative sections. From the GOMB website, Curt demonstrated the Interactive Budget and visualization tools that illustrate how budget dollars are appropriated at the state agencies and program level. He demonstrated the proposed and enacted budget views within the Interactive Budget and showcased the interactive performance dashboard which gives program detail from the IPRS system and a summary of program information.

Equity and Racial Justice Act Update

This topic was discussed during the Integrating Diversity Equity and Inclusion into the Budgeting for Results Framework portion of the 2021 Annual Report Progress Update, earlier in the meeting.

New Business

-BFR Staffing

The BFR Unit is down to two people: Aaron Albrecht and Curt Clemons-Mosby. As Director, Curt is involved in many GOMB projects in addition to his BFR work. GOMB expectations for the Unit have broadened over the

years as statutory requirements are realigned and legislation expands requiring the types of subject matter expertise available within the BFR Unit. A significant amount of time is required for tasks in addition to the BFR Commission program assessment work.

GOMB continues to accept applications and interview candidates for three open positions including a Data Scientist. Because public sector salary levels aren't generally competitive to equivalent private sector positions, less qualified candidates are applying for these roles. To reach prior capacity, the Unit needs to fill two of the three open positions. Curt shared job descriptions with the Commissioners requesting they consider their networks and encourage qualified candidates to apply.

-Commissioner Worthington

Jim Lewis acknowledged Commissioner Paula Worthington's many years of service to the Commission. This was Commissioner Worthington's last with the Budgeting for Results Commission. Commissioners and staff thanked Paula for her dedicated service and expertise. On behalf of the staff Curt lauded Commissioner Worthington for her work on the Commission and with various Commission committees. He noted her guidance on benefit-cost modeling and her articulate input which has made the Unit's Comprehensive Program Assessments better work products. Paula Worthington expressed appreciation to have been part of the Commission and a desire to seeing the Commission's continued efforts benefitting the work to the state in the years to come.

-BFR Enabling Statute

Curt plans to provide an overview of the BFR enabling statute at the next Commission meeting. He noted that there are potential modifications to the statute that the Commission may be interested in pursuing during the next legislative session.

Adjournment

Chairman Lewis adjourned the meeting.