Budgeting for Results Commission

Friday, June 23rd 2017 1:30PM—3:30PM

Meeting Location

Chicago—James R. Thompson Center, 100 W Randolph, Governor's Office 16th Floor Springfield—Stratton Building 500 ½
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Attendance

Chicago: Jim Lewis, Pam Worthington, Jesse Elam, Sophia Ronis

Springfield: Senator Pamela Althoff, Mischa Fisher, Curt Clemons-Mosby, Jennifer Butler, Adam Groner, Nana Mkheidze Various state agency representatives including Chief Results Officers (CROs) were also in attendance in Springfield, Chicago or over the phone.

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Review and approval of minutes – Jim Lewis

The April 28th, 2017, the Budgeting for Results (BFR) meeting minutes were approved with no comments or edits.

3. Senate Bill update re: Mandate Relief

Curt Clemons-Mosby provided an update on the Commission's mandate recommendations in Senate Bill 1936. The bill is in the House of Representatives for its 3rd reading, before it can be sent to Governor Rauner. The bill may pass during fall veto session, as in previous years. Senator Althoff asked if Representative Davis will push the bill in the House of Representative. Curt said he has spoken to Representative Davis and that he is working to move the bill at the earliest opportunity.

4. Mandates working group

Curt stated the need to establish a mandates working group under the current BFR Commission to review current statutory mandates that are out of date or unduly burdensome. Recommendations submitted by state agencies are due into GOMB on August 1st. GOMB will do an initial review in the week of August 7th. The working group will likely meet the week of August 14th to review submissions. The objective is for the working group to make final recommendation to the full Commission at the September 29th business meeting.

The Mandates Working Group will consist of Senator Althoff, Jim Lewis, Curt Clemons Mosby, Senator Steans, and Representative Davis. Additional volunteers for the Mandates Working Group can email Nana Mkheidze, Nana.Mkheidze@illinois.gov. The group will have an internal discussion to set a meeting date. Jennifer Butler recommended state agencies participate in the Mandates Working Group

meeting as necessary to answer follow up questions because this approach was effective last year. The Commission agreed.

5. Results First Update

Adam Groner was introduced as the new BFR analyst focused on state agency program analysis and evidenced based program evaluations. Adam highlighted his professional background including applied research in cost-benefit analysis.

Plans were discussed for GOMBs staff training by the Pew-MacArthur Results First team. GOMB will be meeting with Pew-MacArthur July 6th and 7th for the training webinar and July 26 and 27th for an on-site training in Springfield. Pew-MacArthur are looking forward to meeting the BFR Commissioners. During the Springfield training, Pew-MacArthur offers to provide a presentation to the Commission about the Results First model followed by a Question's and Answer's period. BFR staff will schedule a video conference facility for those in Chicago to join. BFR staff will email Commissioners to confirm and coordinate this schedule.

The Commission welcomed Adam and showed appreciation for how far BFR initiatives have come. Many Commissioners expressed enthusiasm for BFR's evolution into data based program analysis – an overarching objective of BFR legislation.

6. Recap of May 16th CRO meeting

During a conference call, BFR staff reviewed the role of CRO, and updated the CROs on the status of Results First and SPART implementation. The meeting also overviewed the role and function of the BFR Commission, IPRS and reporting deadlines. Overall the meeting was well attended and provided an opportunity to exchange views. BFR staff intend to schedule these meetings on a regular basis to keep the CROs engaged and informed. Jim Lewis asked about pertinent comments from these stakeholders. Curt responded that CROs are anxious to see how Results First will be incorporated into SPART as it is phased in over the next few years. CROs seek clarification about how their role may evolve under the new program analysis frameworks.

Jennifer Butler mentioned that BFR staff is emphasizing how IPRS data will be incorporated into SPART and Results First. Results First and SPART will begin with pilot programs for the Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice. Results First and SPART are an evolving, iterative process. Jennifer added that BFR will continue to communicate with CROs and agency leadership on the information gathering and assessment behind SPART and Results First.

7. BFR Commission Membership Needs

The timeline of Commission appointments was discussed. Commission member terms expire every year on July 31st. Curt Clemons-Mosby stated that anyone who wishes to continue will be reappointed. Curt stated that the Commission will have two vacancies; another Commissioner will be replaced by a colleague. Curt stated that statute does not establish the number of Commission members. The statute does mandate that there be a member from each caucus of the Legislature and that Members can be added at any point during the year. Recommendations for new members can be sent to Chairman Lewis or Curt Clemons-Mosby. For departing Commission members, resignation letter should be sent to Jim or Curt.

Jim Lewis emphasized that candidates for the BFR Commission with knowledge of state government or technical expertise in cost-benefit analysis would be a very good fit for the needs and mission of this Commission.

BFR Commission Hearing Planning

Traditionally, the BFR Public Hearings have been an open forum for the public to engage with the Commission on topics of interest to those in attendance. In response to the Commissions concerted efforts to add a more structured approach to the hearings, Chairman Jim Lewis stated that there will be three components of the BFR Public Hearing: a report on the progress of BFR, a formal testimony from a panel experienced with program analysis, and public comments.

Jim and Commissioner Paula Worthington shared names for potential panelists. Jim also suggested that a representative from Pew-MacArthur would be an excellent addition to the panel. Curt agreed to work with Pew-MacArthur to identify potential panelists for the two hearings. Jim thought it would be good to bring someone who could discuss methods for measuring marginal values.

Panelists from the healthcare spending sector were also discussed. The Commission also expressed a desire to hear from experts on crime prevention and cost of crime.

The Commission agreed that panelists should be given approximately 20 minutes to make a presentation, after which Commissioners will be given the opportunity to ask questions. There will also be introductions and a BFR update. The open forum will last an hour.

Jim emphasized that crime and healthcare are important issues right now. Commissioner Jesse Elam added that healthcare is an important issue, but crime is the first focus of Results First so it may be best to concentrate on crime. The Commission agreed to try to schedule Kathy Saltmarsh, Executive Director of the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council and a representative from Pew-MacArthur as panelists.

It was proposed that Kathy and the Pew-MacArthur representative talk about Results First and crime at the Springfield Hearing. The Committee suggests identifying a panelist on Healthcare for the Chicago Hearing. Panelist invitations will go out by end of the week of June 27, 2017.

Paula recommended that the Hearing continue to offer an open microphone segment as in years past to encourage public engagement. The Commissioners agreed that this component of the meeting should be continued.

Public outreach through publicity and the press will be coordinated through BFR staff who will engage the Governor's Office press team, send notification emails to CROs and their stakeholders, utilize online website postings, and other contacts. UIS will again be asked to promote the Springfield Hearing among their student population. The Commission inquired about the Governor's availability. BFR staff agreed to inquire about his schedule.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.