

BFR Commission Meeting 12/13/19

Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions

Staff director Curt Clemons-Mosby welcomed everyone to the meeting. Curt chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman Lewis and Senator Steans. Curt took roll call of commissioners. A quorum (with proxies) was confirmed. CROs and other agency staff present introduced themselves.

2. Review and approval of minutes

The minutes from the October 25th Commission meeting were approved without comment.

3. 2020 BFR Work Plan Discussion

Curt discussed the proposed 2020 Commission work plan. It is attached as Exhibit 1.

The Commission's 2020 annual report: Curt noted that the final Commission meeting in October of 2020 will be on October 30th, which will also be the date the 2020 annual report will need to be filed. Jennifer Butler asked whether that meeting could be moved to October 23rd, but there is a conflicting meeting of the Youth Budget Commission, for which Curt is also staff director. Jennifer commented that if the report drafting process continues to be as smooth as in recent years, approving the final report at the October 30th meeting will not be a problem. Kate clarified that the October 16th meeting will be a phone call.

External Evaluation Contracting Pilot: Curt gave an update on the intergovernmental agreement GOMB is pursuing with ICJIA to produce an evaluation of electronic monitoring, which should be completed by the end of FY20. ICJIA has produced a work plan that includes periodic updates for GOMB.

Mandates reduction process for spring 2019: Curt has draft legislation that will hopefully be circulated first to the House Democrats and then to the rest of the caucus staffs next week. The House Democrats are hoping to move those bills early in the spring next year, which will allow BFR staff to complete committee testimony earlier in the year and leave more time to focus on other efforts.

Regulatory Sunset Act reporting: This is not a BFR-specific project, but it is an additional GOMB project housed in the BFR Unit. Staff survey state agencies, produce reports for the Governor's Office, and help shepherd the Governor's recommendations to the General Assembly. This work as well as work on the FY2021 budget development process have been put into the Commission's work plan so that Commissioners have a complete picture of staff workload throughout the year.

Mandates reduction process for Spring 2021: The Commission and staff hope to begin this process earlier in 2020. The Commission hopes to send mandate submission instructions to agencies around June 1st, collect agency responses by the end of June, and conduct internal and working group review in July and August.

Evaluation library: this was a task assigned to staff by the Commission in their 2018 annual report. Staff are tasked with creating an inventory of existing program evaluations that have been conducted on state agency programs. Evaluation lists have been collected for four divisions of DHS, and staff are currently deciding which state agency to work with next. The next agency will preferably be an agency

with programming on Substance Use Disorder (SUD). One of the potential uses of the evaluation library is to help agencies in the SUD policy domain identify programs that BFR can assess with Results First and SPART.

Curt noted that an item missing from this work plan is a timeline for reporting on the capital program, as recommended in the Commission's 2019 report. Curt suggested discussion of this timeline be held at the February Commission meeting. The work plan can then be updated accordingly.

Program assessments in SUD policy domain: Staff have been learning a lot from experts within and outside of government and are grateful to colleagues in sister states who have also lent expertise and experience with this domain. Staff are looking forward to producing the first report in this domain in the first half of 2020.

Tech: Kate has been spearheading work on IPRS dashboard, which will be posted on the GOMB website for the public to explore performance measures. This will hopefully also relieve staff time currently used to produce and upload PDFs of IPRS data which is currently done quarterly.

Public hearings: These have traditionally been held in June, usually Wednesday afternoons. The potential dates that will be discussed further in 2020 are June 10th, 17th or 24th. Curt recommended the 10th or 17th for Chicago, and then the 17th or 24th for Springfield.

4. SUD Domain Update

Adam gave an update on work in the SUD domain. In previous policy domains, staff have proceeded by first collecting a full program inventory of what is being done, and then proceeding with assessments of programs in that inventory. SUD is a bit different. Funding is not done by specific program, but treatment is generally discussed by level of care. Staff are still working on getting data on SUD spending through Medicaid MCOs. Staff are pursuing a two-pronged approach: continue working with DHS, HFS and treatment providers to understand the cost of treatment in Illinois and the programs and treatment approaches providers are using. At the same time, staff can begin working on assessments for distinct programs that are being funded that can be matched to the literature, such as Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and recovery homes.

5. GIS Project Update

Kate gave an update on the Commission's 2018 and 2019 recommendation to explore the use of geo-spatial mapping for analyzing state capacity and service needs. Staff have been working with DHS to improve the homelessness demo map. Staff will work with the Department of Transportation in early 2020 to publish the map so that links can be shared with community experts who can help further improve the product.

6. 2020 Commission Meeting Calendar Discussion

Curt discussed the proposed 2020 meeting calendar. It generally follows the Commission's tradition of meeting on the fourth Friday of the month, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. This calendar also includes tentative dates for the June public hearings that will be discussed further in the new year. The October meetings will focus on discussion of the 2020 annual report, with the 16th being only a phone call. Curt suggested this agenda be discussed further with more Commissioners present at the first 2020 meeting in February. The Commission voted to approve the meeting calendar.

7. New Business

Curt thanked all present for their attention and engagement with the Commission's work over the past year. The recommendations and work of the Commission have led to some extraordinary improvements in the information available to policymakers, and the Commission looks forward to doing more next year.

Nate Steinfeld asked what progress BFR staff are making on hiring for current position openings. Curt has some candidates that staff are hoping to interview soon. Jennifer noted that it is a challenging process to find individuals with capacity comparable to what current staff bring. Staff are screening applicants, including looking at applicants for other GOMB postings who may be interested in the BFR positions. Any leads or suggestions that Commissioners or others have are welcomed.

8. Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 2:04 pm.