

Budgeting for Results Public Hearing: Summary of High-level Recommendations

Implementation

1. The State should focus on robust landscape assessment and invest in capacity building for grantees by aligning with the philanthropic community to help with resources and share their program measurement expertise with government. Additionally, providers should encourage nonprofit organizations to use BFR as an opportunity for continued strategic growth and impact for their communities.
2. It is recommended that after the results/goals are agreed upon by the Commission that each state agency, or division of a state agency, develop a clear crosswalk that aligns their current funding streams with a particular result/goal. Some funding streams are not well aligned with any goal may be able to be redirected.

Data Collection and Management

1. Due to the “patchwork quality” of reporting outcomes and a lack of staffing, funding, and technology, the state should consider helping to identify best practices to improve programming as it relates to data collection and sharing of information.
2. The Commission should consider the process by which data will be collected to ensure the results and goals of the Commission are being met and that the data collection and reporting requirements are not just over-laid on top of the current requirements. State agencies should be required to drop many existing reporting requirements and utilize data collection and reporting systems that will support the intent of the Commission to avoid duplication and overly burdensome data collection.
3. The State should design, implement and maintain an Internal Managerial System for the State of Illinois. Number crunching is far less costly than continued State funding of waste and malfeasance. This Internal Managerial System will generate the data to identify the cost-effectiveness and the lack of cost-effectiveness of every State activity.

Legislation

1. The State should consider re-evaluating mandates based on the priority outcomes it establishes. Mandates which the State wishes to continue should be reflected in the performance metrics designed to ensure alignment of incentives and outcome priorities.