

Budgeting for Results Commission

Thursday, December 17th, 2015

1:30PM – 4:00pm

Meeting Location

Chicago – James R. Thompson Center, 100 W Randolph, Governor's Office 16th Floor

Springfield – 205 Capitol, Governor's Office

Dial-in: 888-806-4788 Access Code: 895-685-1121#

Attendance

Chicago: Senator Heather Steans, Steve Schnorf, Nelson Gerew, John Maki, Paula Worthington, Jim Lewis, Jesse Elam, Sophia Ronis, Ruth Coffman

Springfield: Senator Pam Althoff, Curt Clemons-Mosby, Jennifer Butler, Nana Mkheidze, Roma Larson, Nana Mkheidze, Patrick Berry, Justin Sinner, Kevin Kulvik

Phone: Representative David Harris, Dianne Barghouti

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Steve Schnorf and Senator Heather Steans, BFR Co-Chairs

Steve Schnorf welcomed everyone to the meeting and had everyone present introduce themselves. Additionally, Steve stated that he would be representing the absent Jose Sanchez.

2. **Review and Approval of Minutes** – Steve Schnorf

The October 8th and October 23rd meeting minutes were approved with no comments or edits.

3. **Commissioner Ethics Training Overview** – Roma Larson

Roma explained that she had sent out packets by email detailing ethics requirements for the commission. Questions regarding the material can be sent to Roma via email.

4. **Introduction and Overview of BFR** – Jennifer Butler and Curt Clemons-Mosby

a. **Video Presentation**

Curt presented a video that explained the background of BFR to the commission:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/1hOvBJQJWmg?rel=0&%3bshowinfo=0>

b. 2015 BFR Annual Reports

Curt presented the Commission with the 2015 BFR Annual Report passed by the previous Commission.

c. Roles and Responsibilities of Commissioners

Jennifer Butler went over basic expectations of the Commission. She indicated that the Commission generally meets about 6 times a year. A focus of the prior BFR Commission was to establish program data around established result areas and outcomes. This Commission will evolve to identify its priority of focus which may include program analysis. Steve emphasized that the prior BFR Commission had to set up the mechanics and administration to capture and report program data. The Commission is now at a stage to interpret and analyze the data being collected. Another responsibility of the Commission is review and approval of the annual BFR Commission Report that is due November 1st of each year. Furthermore, Jennifer noted that this Commission has two subcommittees, the Mandates Subcommittee and the Transparency Subcommittee. Steve provided an overview of each subcommittee and asked for volunteers to serve on Mandates Subcommittee. Volunteers for Subcommittee on Mandates now include Steve Schnorf, John Maki, Senator Pamela Althoff and Senator Heather Steans.

John Maki and Senator Althoff inquired about researching data and conducting measurement studies, like the PEW study. Curt responded that BFR has been working with PEW in the last two years for criminal justice programs, public safety and human services. Jennifer Butler added that GOMB will work with subject matter experts, internal and external as well as Commissioners to compile data as requested.

Senator Steans asked how the commission uses how agency and program performance information She inquired about the pilot on education and what actions were taken after the data was gathered. Steve and Jim Lewis responded that the pilot was not completed; only drafts of research and analysis exist. Jim stated that judging the relative contribution and value of each program after gathering the data. John Maki responded that a solid structure for program assessment should be created and maintained for use over multiple years. . Senator Althoff added that the outcome or numbers versus impact or contribution need to be clarified and analyzed. Curt responded that there are legacy measures in place that are connected to line item dollar to programs and emphasized that agencies are working towards creating meaningful performance measures.

New Business:

5. Transparency Report Review and Approval – Curt Clemons-Mosby/Kevin Kulavic

a. Introduction and Overview of Recommendations

Senator Althoff stated that she would like the Commission to approve, as an attachment to the BFR Annual report, the Transparency Report prepared by the Transparency Subcommittee.

Questions were raised by commission members concerning the content of the Transparency Report and implementation of recommendations made by the Transparency Subcommittee in the report. Senator Althoff explained that the recommendations in the report are practical, broad and meant to stimulate further discussion. Further technical questions were raised on implementation of these recommendations. Senator Althoff explained that clarifications could be added to the report and that additional discussion may be needed to finalize wording. Steve asked Senator Althoff to discuss recommendations with her group and arrange the recommendations based on degree of feasibility. Senator Steans added that these recommendations might be challengeable.

b. Recommendations Discussion and Approval

The Transparency Report was approved with recommended changes.

6. Schedule for On-Going Meetings – Steve Schnorf

Steve asked everyone what day(s) works best for them, after some deliberation everyone agreed upon the following schedule:

Friday, March 25th 1:30 to 3:30 PM	JRTC 16-100 500 ½ STRATTON
Friday, April 29th 1:30 to 3:30 PM	JRTC 16-100 500 ½ STRATTON
Friday, June 24th 1:30 to 3:30 PM	JRTC 16-100 500 ½ STRATTON
Friday, September 30th 1:30 to 3:30 PM	JRTC 16-100 500 ½ STRATTON
Friday, October 28th 1:30 to 3:30 PM	JRTC 16-100 500 ½ STRATTON
Friday, December 9th 1:30 to 3:30 PM	JRTC 16-100 500 ½ STRATTON

7. Meeting Adjourned