

Budgeting for Results Commission

Friday, April 28, 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: Commissioners Jim Lewis, Jesse Elam, Nelson Gerew, Paula Worthington, and Mischa Fisher.

Springfield: Commissioner Curt Clemons-Mosby, Jennifer Butler, Nana Mkheidze, Kevin Kulavic, John O'Conner, Jacob Thornten, John Webber, Carol Jessup.

Phone: Commissioner Senator Pamela Althoff, BFR Co-Chair Senator Heather Steans.

Various state agency representatives including Chief Results Officers (CROs) were also in attendance in Springfield, Chicago or over the phone.

1. Welcome and introductions – Jennifer Butler

Jennifer Butler respectfully acknowledged the passing of BFR Chairman Steve Schnorf. The Schnorf family sent a thank you letter to the BFR Commission, which Jennifer read out to the Commission.

Jennifer introduced the new Co-Chair to the BFR Commission, Jim Lewis. Jim has been a member of the BFR Commission since its inception. Jim is a Senior Advisor with the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago and a senior researcher at University of Illinois at Chicago.

2. Review and approval of minutes – Jim Lewis

The February 24, 2017 meeting minutes were approved with no comments or edits.

3. Senate Bill 1936 Status Update – Curt Clemons-Mosby

Curt Clemons-Mosby provided an update on Senate Bill 1936, the Budgeting for Results mandates reduction bill. The bill passed the Senate with a 52-0 vote and is currently in the House of Representatives. As advised, two mandates from Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and Illinois State Police (ISP) were placed in a separate Senate Bill (1008). In addition, one mandate from Southern Illinois University was placed in a separate Senate Bill (1095). Senator Althoff, Senator Steans, and Kevin Kulavic of the Senate Republican Staff have been a tremendous help in facilitating the mandate bill process. Approximately 80 mandates are included in the three Senate bills.

4. Results First Agreement, Attachment 1 – Jim Lewis/Curt Clemons-Mosby

Curt and Jim provided an update on the Results First Agreement. A letter of intent was sent out to the Pew-MacArthur Foundation. A posting was placed on the BFR website for the BFR Data Analyst position. The person accepting this position will receive training from the Pew-MacArthur Foundation and be dedicated primarily to help implement Results First in Illinois. The Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council (SPAC) will continue to work closely with BFR, since they are the first organization to adopt the Results First model in Illinois.

BFR staff reviewed SPAC's approach to implementing Results First, and participated in a walkthrough of the Results First model with SPAC. There will be three major steps to implement the Results First model. The first step is to prime the model, then review general inputs, and lastly gather information on programs. The information gathered is specific to each program and will be used as part of the individual program analysis to generate Illinois specific cost-benefit and return on investment data. The model and primary operators of the model will be housed in the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB). Due to its specific mission and early adoption of Results First, SPAC will be working alongside BFR/GOMB. SPAC will use the model for its own research ends and will collaborate with BFR/GOMB.

Jim Lewis added that it would be beneficial to the Commission to continue the current Cost-Benefit Working Group. Current members of the group have expressed willingness to continue engagement.

Curt asked the BFR Commissioners to promote the job posting on the BFR website for a Data Analyst position. Curt emphasized GOMB's goal to complete the search process by the end of May and begin training immediately thereafter.

5. CRO meeting: May 16, 2017 at 1:30pm

Jennifer Butler stated that there will be a one hour meeting to update the Chief Results Officers (CROs) on SPART, Results First, and IPRS. BFR Commissioners are invited to join. The meeting also serves as an opportunity for the CRO's to provide feedback to the BFR staff and the Commission. Call-in information and agenda will be sent out later next week.

6. BFR Commission Membership Needs

The Commission discussed the need to fill appointment vacancies. Commissioners were asked to consider and engage in work groups based on their skill set or interest within the Commission. Jim noted that a Commissioner with higher-level public sector experience would be invaluable as the void left by Chairman Schnorf would be difficult to fill.

The mandate working group will be formed in the upcoming months as the process to solicit mandate recommendations from state agencies will be kicked on in early summer. BFR Commission reappointment is coming up. The Oath of Office will be circulated later this summer for Commissioners to fill out and have notarized.

Curt asked that any Commissioner recommendation be submitted to him.

7. Consideration for enhancing the public hearing format

The public hearings are scheduled for August 30th at Chicago and September 6th at Springfield.

The Commission discussed ideas on how to better enhance the public hearing format for BFR. Ideas include utilizing a panel for topic-specific discussions, providing an update on BFR Commission initiatives, increasing targeted outreach, and actively pursuing press coverage.

The hearings can be used to proactively invite targeted subject area experts to educate the Commission on their views and enable the Commission to engage in two-way dialog.

Curt suggested the Commission should present its accomplishment - what it has done and what is plans to do. By doing so, the Commission could utilize the hearing to inform and promote BFR. Paula Worthington added that using the hearings to highlight the Commission efforts and priorities is important.

Curt stated that a member from the Pew-MacArthur Foundation could be invited to speak about the Results First method. A CRO could be asked to talk about their agency's performance measures and program evaluation process. Curt noted that criminal justice agencies will be first to go through the Results First process, so it might be appropriate to engage with representative(s) from those agencies for the 2017 hearings.

Nana Mkhaidze suggested utilizing a speaker list to have a smooth format of the hearing. Senator Althoff offered to reach out to organizations to speak at the hearing. If the Commission members have a specific group they believe would be interested in attending the public hearing, an email with their contact information can be sent to GOMB so that group can be added to the flyer distribution list.

8. New Business

Jim Lewis thanked everyone for the contribution to BFR.

9. Adjournment

The Commission approved the motion to adjourn at 2:45pm