



Budgeting for Results Commission

Friday, October 25, 2019: 1:30 – 3:30pm

Chicago – James R. Thompson Center, 100 W Randolph, 16th floor, Room 16-100

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MINUTES

1. Welcome and introductions Jim Lewis

Chairman Lewis welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kate took roll call of commissioners; a quorum was confirmed.

2. Review and approval of minutes Jim Lewis

The minutes were approved without comment.

3. 2019 BFR Annual Report Final Draft (VOTE) Curt Clemons-Mosby

Curt discussed two proposed modifications to the annual report draft that was sent to commissioners (see final report, attached as Exhibit 1).

On page 10: a footnote was added to the bottom of the page thanking the University of Illinois for their assistance in program assessment. The U of I provides Curt with access to scholarly articles that are used in staff literature reviews as part of the BFR program assessment process.

On page 22: the wording of the Commission's 2019 recommendation to report on Illinois' capital project prioritization was modified slightly. The changes correct the dollar figures for horizontal and vertical capital amounts, add more detailed description of vertical capital projects, and make the recommendation language more concise.

Chairman Lewis asked why the Commission's recommendation focused on horizontal capital and not vertical as well. Curt remarked that horizontal capital constitutes the bulk of the appropriations, affects everyone in the state, and is less diverse and complex than vertical capital. Commissioner Jesse Elam concurred that adding vertical capital would introduce a larger variety of projects and complexity that might not be manageable in the first year of work, although the Commission could decide to examine vertical capital in the future.

Jim asked Curt to summarize the content of the annual report for those who may not be familiar. The annual report summarizes the history and purpose of the Commission. It describes the BFR Unit's program assessment tools and processes, as well as the three program assessments in the Juvenile Justice policy domain that were completed in the last year. The report relates the content of the Commission's 2019 public hearings in Springfield and Chicago. The report also describes this year's work of the Commission relating to unduly burdensome mandates and provides the mandates the Commission has recommended to the Governor and the General Assembly for repeal or modification during the Spring 2020 legislative session. The report gives a summary of recommendations made by the Commission in the previous year's report and an update on actions taken by the Commission and staff in the past year. The report also makes recommendations for the coming year. Several appendices include a glossary of terms, a summary of BFR history from 2010 to date, the recommended mandate modifications and fund clean-up items, and the program assessments and technical appendix produced this year.

Paula Worthington expressed her appreciation to the staff for their work on the report and responsiveness to feedback.

Curt recommended adoption of the annual report with the modifications discussed. The report was approved.

4. Substance Use Disorder Domain Update

Adam Groner

The BFR Unit has continued work on collecting information on Substance Use Disorder (SUD) programming in Illinois. So far, staff have learned that, outside of a few exceptions, Illinois does not pay directly for specific SUD programming in Illinois. Programs are provided within comprehensive treatment plans that are tailored to each patient. All non-physician SUD providers must be licensed by the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) and must use the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) assessment and treatment planning criteria. Under the ASAM criteria, each patient is assessed as needing a certain "level of care" which determines the type and intensity of services required. BFR staff are continuing to work with DHS' Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) to determine what services are provided at each level of care and what the costs are to the state. Staff will then identify specific programs within the levels of care to which the Results First benefit-cost model can be applied. Staff are also working on gathering the data necessary to run the model, with the help of several state agencies including DHS and the Illinois Department of Public Health (DPH).

BFR staff are also in the process of scheduling a phone call with service providers and trade association leadership to discuss the provider perspective on need and spending in various levels of care, as well as to discuss the services offered at major provider facilities.

Jim asked how much BFR staff know about what programs will be a good fit for the Results First benefit-cost analysis. Adam explained that at least two programs outside of the "levels of care"

framework appear to be a good fit, and there will likely be more programs provided within the “levels of care” framework that can also be analyzed. Paula and Jim pointed out the need to discuss how to allocate credit to the state for program benefits when the state is only paying part of the costs. Staff will need to research best practices for performing benefit-cost analysis under these conditions. Jim remarked that this policy domain is not the only one in which this problem will exist. Jennifer Butler remarked that another relevant question will be how the state sets prices and allocates funding through contracts and whether that is being done optimally.

5. GIS Project Update

Kate Mayer

In pursuance of the Commission’s 2018 recommendation to explore the potential role of geospatial mapping in BFR’s work, staff created a proof-of-concept map of the Illinois homeless population and emergency shelter locations. This map was demonstrated at the August 30th Commission meeting.

After that demonstration, DHS Chief Results Officer Drea Hall expressed interest in helping staff improve this project. BFR staff had a follow-up call with Drea and other DHS staff and are now working with DHS and with community service providers to improve the quality of data used in the map. The intention is to make the map a publicly available resource for policymakers and advocates.

Curt remarked that the interest generated by this proof-of-concept project is promising. A work model could be built in which BFR staff generate demand-driven projects that are then administered and updated by other state agencies, such as DHS.

Commissioner Paula Worthington mentioned that she recently met someone who works with DHS on projects using census data. DHS’ in-house ability to use geospatial software appeared to be somewhat limited, but DHS was able to supplement their own capacities by hiring an outside expert who was able to work with the data more effectively. Paula was supportive of the idea of using BFR to bring more geospatial capacity to state agency work where possible.

Curt noted that DPH does mapping in Tableau to visualize opioid use. As the BFR staff continue working in the SUD policy domain, they hope to help identify and fill gaps where there are useful visualizations that have not yet been created.

6. IPRS Dashboard Demonstration

Kate Mayer

Kate demonstrated an interactive visualization for the Illinois Performance Reporting System (IPRS) that staff are working on. This tool will allow policymakers and the public to easily explore IPRS performance metrics, similar to how the current Interactive Budget allows for easy exploration of state budget data. Staff hope to publish the IPRS visualization in the coming weeks.

7. New Business

Jim Lewis

Curt reminded Commissioners to complete annual ethics training before the next Commission meeting on December 13th. There will be additional sexual harassment prevention training materials that have not yet been sent out. Commissioners will receive a link via email.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm.