



## **Illinois Budgeting for Results Commission Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2023**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Curt Clemons-Mosby called the meeting to order and read a statement required by the Open Meetings Act:

Due to the ongoing threat to public health posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the fact that the Office of the Governor continues to issue executive orders and disaster proclamations relating to the pandemic, this meeting is being conducted remotely pursuant to section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act at 5 ILCS 120/7(e), which authorizes a public body to conduct a meeting by video conference under circumstances where the Governor has issued a disaster declaration and the head of the public body has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent.

On March 31, 2023, the Governor issued a 30-day disaster proclamation related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the leader of this public body has determined that an in-person meeting would not be practical or prudent. I would also advise the Illinois Budgeting for Results Commission members that all votes will be conducted by roll call and this meeting is being video and audio recorded to comply with the Open Meetings Act.

### **Roll Call**

The roll was called, and a quorum was established. Commissioners include:

- Present: Curt Clemons-Mosby, Jesse Elam, Pete Duncan, and Patrick Nolan.
- Voting by Proxy: William Davis (Curt Clemons-Mosby) and Meta Darnell (Curt Clemons-Mosby)
- Absent: Jose Sanchez and Kathy Saltmarsh

### **Meeting Minutes**

Curt Clemons-Mosby requested a motion to approve the previous bi-monthly meeting minutes. Jesse Elam motioned for approval and Patrick Nolan seconded the motion. No commissioners voted against the motion and the meeting minutes were approved by rollcall vote.

### **BFR Mandate Legislation Status Update**

Curt Clemons-Mosby provided an update on the BFR bills submitted to the General Assembly, which include: HB3856, HB3902, HB3903, and HB3857. The mandates contained in the bills were approved by the BFR Commission and included in the Commission's November 2022 Annual Report. Bills HB3856, HB3902, and HB3903 contain the entirety of the BFR Commission's mandate and reduction modification efforts and have all passed unanimously in the House of Representatives. After the bills moved to the Senate and were assigned to the State Government Committee on the "agreed bill" list. In addition, HB3857, which codifies the BFR Commission best practices into statutory authority Commission's best practices, has also moved through the legislature in the same manner as the other bills. Curt Clemons-Mosby thanked the staff, and in particular GOMB Deputy Director Jennifer Butler, for their efforts moving the bills through the House and Senate.

### **Upcoming BFR Commission Annual Public Hearing and Business Meetings**

Curt Clemons-Mosby stated that the BFR Commission will hold its annual public hearing on either July 19 or 26, 2023. The date will depend in part on the availability of the speakers invited to attend. Curt explained this is an opportunity for the commissioners to hear from a panel of experts on a wide array of topics and ask questions. In addition, the public hearing serves as a key opportunity to engage with the public as well as demonstrate to the public the work of the Commission. In prior years, BFR Commission staff have generally driven the topics chosen for the public hearings because of the benefit-cost analysis tool. Prior hearing topics included policy discussions on homelessness, criminal justice, and substance use disorders. The Commissioners are encouraged to consider a wide array of topics for the upcoming public hearing.

Curt explained that the present meeting and the upcoming meeting scheduled for May 19, 2023, will be the last BFR Commission meetings before the July scheduled Public Hearing.

### **Open Discussion on Annual Public Hearing Topics**

Commissioner Nolan discussed a suggested two levels of criteria in which to consider topic ideas for the hearing. The first criteria is relevance and whether the suggested ideas have momentum with current events in state government. The second criteria is “policy levers,” that is—topics areas that may have an impact on current policy issues. The more discrete a policy is, the more it will lend itself to quantitative analysis.

Commissioner Elam commented prior Public Hearings tied topics related to the benefit-cost work in process or planned. He also concurred that it would be advantageous to suggest a topic of importance to the General Assembly.

Curt Clemons-Mosby suggested that when the Commission previously looked at criminal justice, the benefit-cost model tool was primarily focused on recidivism. The Commission consider speakers to discuss measurable outcomes in the criminal justice realm, other than just recidivism. Focus areas could be impacts on the community, victims, and the offenders themselves. We may be able to retain experts from the Illinois Criminal Justice and Information Authority and the Department of Public Health who can speak to the broader impacts of these focus areas. If the Commission were to choose this suggestion, it would provide two opportunities. First, the Commission is on a schedule to review each policy domain every five years and the criminal justice policy area is scheduled for review in a couple years. Second, receiving guidance and expertise from a panel of experts to help us think outside of the box of the benefit-cost model that was given to the Commission to engage in other policy areas. This could help the Commission measure other outcomes in the benefit-cost realm related to substance abuse disorder and mental health disorder. Commissioner Elam added that he felt there would interest in these topic area.

Curt Clemons-Mosby mention that the Commission also may ask for input from Chief Results Officers at the state agencies. The Commissioners agreed to ask for their input on topic ideas for the upcoming public hearing.

Gia Orr of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission stated that she would be happy to assist the Commission if the work of her group would be of interest. Sylvia Riperton Lewis with the Department of Public Health discussed her role at DPH and offered to help the Commission as well.

Curt Clemons-Mosby stated that after hearing the Commissioner's comments, it may be more appropriate to reframe the suggested topic area of criminal justice and recidivism in a much broader way. Curt reminded the Commissioners that at the next meeting coming up on May 19, 2023, the Commissioners will need to vote on the final topic idea for the July 2023 public hearing.

#### **Re-establishing the BFR Unit's Benefit-Cost Capability Efforts**

Curt Clemons-Mosby discussed the BFR unit's efforts to rebuild its benefit-cost capability after the loss of their chief economist. The BFR unit has drafted a position description that is going through internal review for a new chief economist to join the team. Commissioner Nolan was thanked for his assistance in this regard. It was also noted that current BFR staff were in benefit-cost analysis training during the BFR business meeting to help build their knowledge capacity.

Curt Clemons-Mosby stated he was uncertain if the BFR unit will be able to finish the remaining substance use disorder reviews this calendar year. The annual report for the BFR unit will be released in November 2023 and capacity limits may prevent these reviews from being finished prior to that time. The BFR unit would need the guidance of an economist to help guide these efforts toward completion.

#### **Resuming Review and Classification of Health Care Appropriation Line-Items**

Curt Clemons-Mosby provided an update on the review and classification of health care appropriations, a carry forward Commission recommendation from the 2021 annual report. The guidance was to identify all the line items in the budget that were associated with health care. Then, the staff were to review those line items and determine whether the associated funding is aimed at prevention, intervention, and treatment. The GOMB staff have begun the process of identifying the healthcare line items. GOMB staff will then engage with state agencies to make an initial sort of those line items that will be categorized into prevention and treatment. The goal is to have something the BFR unit can present at the May or August business meeting.

#### **Ethics Training Reminder for the Commissioners**

Curt Clemons-Mosby reminded the Commissioners to complete their required ethics training. The deadline to complete this training is April 30, 2023. Curt also stated that failure to complete the required ethics training would result in suspension or removal of commissioners from the BFR Commission until remedied.

#### **Budgeting for Results Meetings are open to the Public**

Curt Clemons-Mosby mentioned that BFR meetings are open to the public and state agencies. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. No questions were received.

#### **New Business**

Curt Clemons-Mosby asked if the Commissioners have any new business items. No new business items were raised. Curt also mentioned that Meta Darnell has retired from her employment with the State of Illinois and left her position as a BFR Commissioner. Meta's retirement is effective today. In addition, Co-Chair Representative Davis is incapacitated due a medical issue, and Curt on behalf the Commission expressed wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

#### **Adjournment**

Curt Clemons-Mosby requested a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Nolan motioned for adjournment and Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion.

**Next Bi-Monthly Business Meeting**

The next bi-monthly business meeting is Friday, May 19, 2023, at 1:30 PM.