

Youth Budget Commission Meeting

06/25/2021

Minutes

Commissioners in attendance: Commissioner Huelsmann, Commissioner Kazmi, Commissioner Krauss, Commissioner Maley, Commissioner Montorio-Archer, Co-Chair Shaver, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Vega, Commissioner Zumdahl

Children's Home & Aid staff and others in attendance: Paula Corrigan-Halpern, , John Gordon Kiara Jackson, Eric Mayo, Tony Raden, Ali Schoon, Kelly Sparks, Renee Tetrick, Anita Weinburg

1. Approval of the Minutes (Co-Chair Shaver)

Co-Chair Shaver welcomed the Commission and thanked them for joining on a Friday afternoon. He explained that this meeting is the half-way point of their yearly meeting schedule. Co-Chair Shaver stated that the discussion will hopefully be a good turning point towards recommendations from the Commission. Co-Chair Shaver introduced Eric Mayo to do the roll call.

Mayo did the roll call of Commissioners present and confirmed that they could all see, hear, and consent to doing a voice vote. Commissioners Shaver, Kazmi, Montorio-Archer, Vega, Zumdahl, Krauss, Huelsmann, Thompson, and Maley were present. All Commissioners present stated they could see and hear during the meeting and consented to doing a voice vote the rest of the meeting.

Co-Chair Shaver asked the Commission for any changes to the minutes from last month or any questions. Hearing none, Co-Chair Shaver asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Huelsmann motioned and Commissioner Zumdahl seconded that motion. Then Commissioner Thompson stated that she was present at the last meeting but that isn't reflected in the minutes. Co-Chair Shaver stated that they would update the minutes to reflect Commissioner Thompson as present for the meeting.

Commissioner Huelsmann motioned to approve the minutes with the updated record and Commissioner Zumdahl seconded to motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Release of the FY20 Fiscal Scan (Kelly Sparks)

Co-Chair Shaver introduced Kelly Sparks to discuss the release of the FY20 Fiscal Scan. He reviewed that the discussions last meeting was helpful and displayed how deeply the Commission understands the data presented as part of the fiscal scan. Co-Chair Shaver stated that Sparks will provide a general overview of what the completed scan will look like and then move on to a working group discussion on the agenda.

Sparks reviewed some of the questions that had been asked during the previous meeting. She showed the largest line item increases to programs that benefit youth in 2020 with the amounts next to each program. Sparks reviewed the 2020 investments, which increased by \$1 billion, for the stable developmental goal when compared to 2019, including the amount of difference for the big program line items. She then reviewed the 2020 investments for the educated developmental goal when compared to 2019 and showed it decreased by \$600 million and the amount for each big program line items that impacted that decrease. She then reviewed the developmental goals of healthy and employable with healthy decreasing by \$24 million and employable decreased by \$6 million. Sparks reviewed the safety developmental goal that increased by \$3 million from 2019 and the developmental goal of connected which increased by \$8 million.

Commissioner Huelsmann asked a question about showing the differences in line items for youth over several years to determine if the shifts are substantial. Sparks stated that they don't expect a lot of big shifts moving forward but that they can do a chart if that is helpful.

Co-Chair Shaver recalled that they had previously discussed how COVID dollars might impact the data from the last quarter of FY20 and if it was confirmed that they could isolate it. Sparks stated that in the 2020 budget, there are no specific funds for COVID funds. She stated that program spending might have seen an increase or decrease in actual expenditures depending on how many people were using those programs, but otherwise there shouldn't be a significant impact in the data. Sparks stated that moving forward, they will keep any COVID funding separate from the regular investments and will do a basic analysis on those.

Sparks reviewed some of the things the Commission has talked about doing in the fiscal scan that will take some time to do beyond this current fiscal scan. She stated that over the summer they will do a deeper analysis into the fiscal scan then in the fall they will look at doing a secondary analysis and report on funds that contribute to multiple developmental goals as well as an analysis on expenditures versus investments to be incorporated in future scans. Additionally, Sparks stated that in June of 2022 they will do a revision to the service model and a re-coding of service model investments. Co-Chair Shaver thanked Sparks for all of the work she has done on this and asked Commissioners if there were questions. Commissioner Huelsmann thanked Sparks and stated that it is complicated to tease out some of the budget particulars like rate increases.

In reference to the fiscal scan, Commissioner Huelsmann asked how does the Commission get to the point of knowing if we are adequately resourced in order to get to our goals and if there is something in the report that speaks to adequate funding to the desired outcomes. Sparks stated that the report doesn't go into that amount of detail but that it can be used by the Commission to assess what adequate funding means for the success of youth in Illinois. Mayo reminded the Commission of their two charges: handling the fiscal scan and using the fiscal scan to determine recommendations. He stated that this includes determining what is considered the appropriate amount of funding in certain service areas to ensure all youth are thriving. Paula Corrigan-Halpern agreed and asked if there were other conversations this fiscal scan can prompt. She especially pointed to some of the game-changing juvenile justice changes happening and how the fiscal scan can be used in those spaces. Corrigan-Halpern stated that the working groups are a tool to get to those answers.

Co-chair Shaver stated that the Commission has had to build a lot of knowledge over the last two fiscal scans and have had a lot of input from fellow Commissioners, subject experts, and youth to tackle these recommendations. He stated that the Commission will discuss how to develop those recommendations through smaller working groups. Co-Chair Shaver turned it over to Mayo for the next agenda item.

3. Working Group Discussion (Eric Mayo)

Mayo reviewed again the two main purposes of the Commission. He stated that smaller working groups will be organized based on topic area to make it easier for the Commission to build recommendations from what they've learned in the fiscal scan and from other meetings. Mayo stated that the goal will be for these recommendations to be fully ready by October to be released in a report along with the fiscal scan. These reports will be presented to the Governor's office and anyone else who should have this information. Co-Chair Shaver asked Mayo to share the list of topic areas that Commission staff had made based on themes throughout the last 15 months of Commission meetings. Co-Chair Shaver stated that he hopes this will be a jumping off point for policy areas to

focus on. Commissioner Vega mentioned that we should have a EDI focus and all the recommendations should have an equity lens and to use the YBC statement as a guidepost.

Co-Chair Shaver pointed out that it is important to make sure that within recommendations, the disproportionate impact on Black and Brown communities is being highlighted. He stated that the Commission has been intentional about imbedding equity into the work and that will continue throughout the working groups for recommendations. Mayo stated that data and how it is represented has been a crucial theme throughout previous meetings and what more data the Commission will need to make necessary recommendations.

Commissioner Thompson asked, as the Commission looks at investments and financial maintenance differences, if there is a way to talk about the return on investment per area for youth because she believes that would be interesting to include in an analysis. Co-Chair Shaver stated that they had gotten a briefing from the Budgeting for Results (BFR) team on a few programs that had been put through the rigor of determining their return on investment but he isn't sure how to generate that data for other programs as it can be complicated.

Commissioner Krauss stated that the two themes or areas to highlight for him are including dollars invested in buildings/operations versus programming and the need for zip code level data collection. Co-Chair Shaver stated that he appreciated both Commissioner Krauss and Thompson's points. He asked the Commission if there was anything else substantively missing from the list of themes. Commissioner Maley mentioned that we should have a value statement/guiding framework to check and ground our recommendations. Mayo stated that as the Commissioners look at the list if they can send additional thoughts to Commission staff as they think of them and they will use it to break up into working groups for the next meeting in 3 weeks. Co-Chair Shaver stated that they will set up a proposal to have a motion on next meeting regarding work groups.

4. Public Comment

Co-Chair Shaver opened the floor to public comment; there were no public comments.

5. New Business

Co-Chair Shaver announced that this meeting would be the last Youth Budget Commission meeting for staff member Kiara Jackson. He stated that Jackson will be moving to another position within Children's Home & Aid leading community engagement efforts. He congratulated Jackson on this new role and thanked her for all of the work she had done for the Commission over the year. Other Commissioners stated their congratulations and thanks to Jackson.

Commissioner Shaver stated that the next meeting will be July 16th at 1:30pm via Zoom.

6. Adjournment

Co-Chair Shaver asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kazmi motioned to adjourn and Commissioner Zumdahl seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved to adjourn unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28pm.

