

Illinois Youth Budget Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2024: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm CT

Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Paula Corrigan-Halpern called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.

Attendees gathered at the following:

- Room 500-1/2, Stratton Building, 401 South Spring Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706
- Room 555, 555 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60661

Roll Call and Review of Meeting Minutes

Upon visual inspection, Co-Chair Paula Corrigan-Halpern determined that a quorum of members of the commission was not present. The attendance of the commissioner present was recorded as follows:

- Commissioners Present (in-person):
 - Paula Corrigan-Halpern (Chicago), Sen. Karina Villa (Chicago), Evan Krauss (Springfield), Laura Zumdhal (Chicago)
- Commissioners Absent:
 - Gary Hueslmann, Alicia Vega, Reyahd Kazmi, Damon Cates, Sherrie Crabb, Lisa Thompson, Senator Kimberly Lightford

Housekeeping

Co-Chair Corrigan-Halpern introduced Senator Karina Villa as the new Co-Chair of the Commission.

Agenda, Objectives and Timeline

Co-Chair Corrigan-Halpern discussed the agenda and objectives for the meeting, including reviewing the preliminary FY24 scan analysis and discussion of the FY24 report recommendations process. Chair Corrigan-Halpern also recognized Jennifer Butler from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) to speak on the Youth Budget Commission Statute. Butler also noted that work on the scan is currently on track with the proposed timeline.

FY24 Scan Preliminary Findings

Lindsay Shanahan from Afton Partners discussed the findings of the FY24 preliminary fiscal scan. Shanahan explained that the allocations from FY23 are comparable to FY24 and discussed apparent discrepancies. Shanahan also explained that the process was parallel to the previous fiscal scan.

Shanahan then explained that three fewer agencies were included in the fiscal scan compared to the FY23 Fiscal Scan and that a total of \$10.2B was included in the FY24 fiscal scan.

Shanahan then discussed the development goals and service models at a deeper level. She clarified that, by utilizing a new data method, Afton Partners were able to get the program name associated to each appropriation. Shanahan then described the development goals and services models associated with the youth programming appropriations.

Commissioner Krauss stated that going through the total programs included is something the Commissioners should keep going back to because it shows where a lot of the investments are going. Co-Chair Corrigan-Halpern questioned if we could use the program information in the FY25 analysis and create a trend analysis. Commissioner Zumdhal asked if we could see the level of investment of each program in each category.

Shanahan displayed a table to the Commissioners that explained the major funding discrepancies from the previous fiscal year to the current fiscal year.

Commissioner Zumdhal asked if there was a way to break down the temporary funding or other passthrough funding. Co-Chair Villa asked if the Commission has the data available to it to understand where the funding is going and what parts of the state that need it are receiving the funding. Chair Corrigan-Halpern asked if the Commission could receive any demographic data on the Youth being served.

Commissioner Krauss recommended that Afton Partners display the program information by development goal and service model in the Appendix. The commissioners also discussed the idea of understanding where the money is going and if those needs are being met.

Commissioner Recommendations

Jennifer Butler explained to the Commissioners what the Youth Budget Commission statute states and discussed guardrails of what the recommendations should and should not look like. Butler then introduced the recommendation ideas from previous meetings that Afton Partners developed. The Commissioners discussed some questions on these guardrails on what the Commissioners should and should not do.

Co-Chair Villa questioned the ability of commissioners to see if the spending on youth is making an impact. The commissioners questioned if there is a way to compare IL to other states. Commissioners also discussed ways to initiate conversations with youth such as establishing a Children's Cabinet.

Commissioners agreed that they want this fiscal scan to be more accessible to the public.

Commissioner Krauss suggested that the recommendation language regarding the engagement of youth perspectives remain broad as adding specifics may limit youth voice and recommends establishing a process on how the commission engages with State Agencies.

Public Comment

The commission provided an opportunity for comment from members of the public. There was no public comment.

New Business

Co-chair Corrigan-Halpern asked if anyone had a new business to raise. Jennifer Butler reminded the Commissioners about mandatory Ethics Training and Open Meetings Act (OMA) training. Emails will be sent to those Commissioners who still need to complete the Training.

Adjournment

Co-chair Corrigan-Halpern ended the meeting at 4:13 PM CT. The meeting was adjourned.