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## FLORIDA COUNCIL ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS

### Health & Families Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

A Teleconference meeting of the Florida CSSBMB, Health & Families Subcommittee was held on Monday, July 20, 2011.

**Council Members Present:**

Eddy Regnier  
Ben Shirley  
Albert Simpson  
Ronald Henderson

**Council Members Absent:**

Bill Hardin

**First Agenda Item: Welcome**

Chairman Eddy Regnier welcomed Council members on the conference call thereafter called the meeting to order.

**Second Agenda Item: Roll Call**

Roll call was executed by Council staff Tawanna Leven-Forbes.

**Third Agenda Item: Opening Invocation**

Rev. Albert Simpson rendered the invocation.

**Fourth Agenda Item: Call to Order**

Chairman Regnier called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**Fifth Agenda Item: Focal Discussion Points**

Chairman Regnier spoke on the last three Annual Reports; he asked Mr. Shirley to look at them and pull out information on the health status and recommendations and send them to Tawanna Leven-Forbes to disseminate to the committee for review.

Ben Shirley stated that he was currently reviewing the 2010 report. He said that the health and families section it list the leading causes of health issues among black families.

Chairman Regnier suggest that the committee review and follow-up on the recommendations in the 2010 report.

Ron Henderson stated that in the 2009 report there were no recommendations on the overall health section.

Mr. Shirley stated that the 2009 report focus was on the value of mental health services. He stated that the diet and exercise is mentioned in the report.

Mr. Henderson stated that a better recommendation for schools would be to have a guide in nutrition.

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Chairman Regnier talked about putting the focus on nutrition for a recommendation. He said that better nutrition would cover other issues. Chairman Regnier discussed making nutrition better in the schools and less fattening. He said that he was not sure if it would cost the state more to make this change in the schools.

Mr. Henderson stated that he believe that the process of making a nutritional change in schools have taken place. He said that recommendations such as making sure that the vending machines have healthier choices. Mr. Henderson talked about updating the website with areas of helpful information to direct people to information.

Rev. Albert Simpson agreed that the focus on nutrition would solve a great deal of health issues.

Mr. Henderson spoke about tobacco stores where kids are going and making purchases.

Chairman Regnier talked about following-up with the legislature on recommendations that have been made in the past. He asked Rick Nuss about the process of getting recommendations reviewed outside of the Attorney General's Office.

Mr. Nuss stated that the statute requires that the Council give the Annual Report to the president, Speaker, Governor and the Attorney General's Office. He suggested that the Council utilize the members on the Council who are members of the legislature to follow-up with the recommendations.

Rev. Simpson agreed with Mr. Nuss and thought it would be better to utilize the Council members who are members of the legislature saying they are the policy makers.

Chairman Regnier stated that he will ask the elected officials on the Council to follow-up with their colleagues.

Rev. Simpson talked about engaging members to take information to legislative groups and be proactive in discussing the report.

Chairman Regnier thanked both Mr. Nuss and Rev. Simpson for their comments.

Mr. Nuss suggested that Chairman Regnier prepare a letter for the website change and he will pass the letter to the webmaster in the Attorney General's office.

Chairman Regnier stated that he would generate some ideas for the webpage and send it to Ms. Leven-Forbes in the Attorney General's office to disseminate the information to the other members. He stated that he would like to get some ideas and help on improving the Councils webpage from Council member Gypsy Gallardo. Chairman Regnier stated that he would like for someone on the Council to volunteer to gather all the health recommendations and forward them to the Attorney General's office for the next meeting.

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Mr. Henderson stated that he will gather the information and send it to the Attorney General's office.

Chairman Regnier talked about AIDs and the economic downturn of people losing their jobs and left without health insurance.

Mr. Henderson talked about people with AIDs that come to the department of health for support but have to put them on a waiting list. He said that there is not enough funding there is no money to sustain the program.

### **Sixth Agenda Item: Future Subcommittee Meetings**

Next committee meeting is scheduled August 31, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Seventh Agenda Item: For the Good of the Order**

Chairman Regnier stated that healthcare is critical in our community, the black community suffers every disparity, but shouldn't have to suffer; there's a lot the Council can do about healthcare.

### **Eight Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Chairman Regnier asked for a motion for adjournment. Mr. Shirley motioned that the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. Chairman Regnier declared the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.