



**Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys**

**Full Council**

Meeting Minutes

4/16/08

2:00 PM- 4:00 PM

**Attendees:**

Mr. Christopher Norwood, Chair  
Dr. Anthony McCoy, Vice Chair  
Dr. Billy Close  
Dr. Eddy Regnier  
Rev. Dr. Albert Simpson, Jr.  
Mr. David Pridgen  
Mr. Levi Williams  
Ms. Lillian Lima  
Dr. Emile Commedore  
Dr. Brittany Birken

**Members of the public:**

Mr. Tradelya Lee  
Ms. Vicki Lopez-Lukis  
Ms. Saba Baptiste  
Mr. Newton Sanon  
Mr. Nick Faulker  
Mr. Glen Gilzean  
Ms. Karen Willis-Barrett

**Staff:**

Mr. Rick Nuss  
Ms. Yata Caine  
Mr. Michael Coard  
Ms. Alexis Lambert

**Item #1: Welcome and call to order at 2:07 PM.**

**Item #2: Roll Call**

**Item #3: Discussion on vacancies and membership attendance by Chairman Norwood**

- Staff has not received confirmation from the Speaker of the House for Rep. Perry Thurston's appointment to the Council.
- Staff will contact Senator Wise about an appointee to serve on the Council.

- The new AHCA representative for the Council is Clift Schmidt.

**Item #4: Overview of HB 1395 by Mr. Levi Williams and Chairman Norwood**

- The Council bill is on the Senate floor today and will be voted on tomorrow.
- Chairman Norwood met with Attorney General Bill McCollum, Senator Wilson and Rep. Thurston about the Council bill on 4/14/08 at the Capitol.
- Problem:
  - The Senate is not moving items that have non- reoccurring dollars
- Possible solution:
  - Try and secure the proposed \$50,000
  - Cut AG Trust Fund in half and allocate the other to the Council

**Item #5: Voting on Community Participants**

- The following community participants were accepted by the Council by a unanimous vote:
  - Mr. Tradelya Lee
  - Dr. Adela Beckerman
  - Ms. Carol Salisbury
  - Mr. Lyle Grandison
  - Mr. Brian Johnson
  - Ms. Vicki Lopez-Lukis
  - Mr. Sherad Lasster
  - Ms. Janice Jacobs
  - Ms. Saba Baptiste
  - Judge Ginger Lerner-Wren
  - Mr. Keith Dowdell
  - Mr. Christopher Priester
  - Ms. Kathleen Harris
  - Mr. Germain Dubois
  - Dr. Patrick Mason
  - Mr. Newton Sanon
  - Ms. Carolyn Salisbury
  - Mr. Rodney Smith
  - Mr. Nick Faulker
  - Mr. Glen Gilzean
  - Karen Willis-Barrett

**Item #6: Committee Reports were given by Committee Chairs**

- Committee on Improving Educational Outcomes by Dr. Billy Close
  - Six focal areas:
    - Career Academies
    - Training and Recruitment of Black teachers
    - Disciplinary Outcomes
    - Juvenile Justice education for black males
    - After-school care system for black males
    - Cultural Competency for teachers
    - Committee will work to narrow focal areas to four
- Committee on Criminal Justice by Mr. Levi Williams
  - Some of the issues that the committee will focus on are:

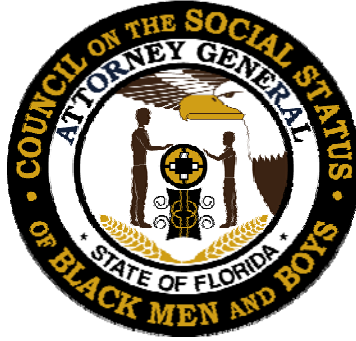
- Gangs and gang related crimes
  - Mental health courts
- Committee on Improving Economic Outcomes by Mr. Alston
  - Four focal areas:
    - Encourage public institutions to provide job opportunities for individuals with criminal histories.
    - Promotion of economic opportunities with public dollars and outreach initiatives.
    - Identify access to capital for black men and boys, thus modeling financial literacy programs.
    - Identify employment and training for black men and boys and identify barriers to entry in both urban and rural areas.
    - The committee will focus on research options and developing sub-goals during its next meeting.
- Committee on Improving Foster Care and Family Issues by Ms. Lillian Lima
  - Four focal areas:
    - Fatherhood initiatives and removing judicial barriers
    - Father involvement
    - Transitional services for youth aging out of foster care
    - Relative and kinship Care
- Committee on Improving Health Status by Dr. Eddy Regnier
  - Focal areas:
    - School based health services
    - Impact of untreated and unnoticed health problems as it relates to education
    - Health and Nutrition Education
    - Learned helplessness among young black boys

**Item #7: Discussion of the 23<sup>rd</sup> National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community by Dan Gilmore**

- Mr. Levi Williams will lead the Council's Saturday session and last year's committee chairs will participate.
- Chairman Norwood will also speak on the goals of the Council during the conference.

**Item #8: By laws will be voted on during the meeting in Tampa on June 19, 2008.**

**Item #9: Adjournment at 4:00 PM**



**Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys  
Committee on Improving Economic Outcomes**

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4/22/08

2:00 PM- 4:00 PM

**Attendees:**

Mr. Torey Alston, Chair

Ms. Deb Rogers

Ms. Kim Esol

**Staff:**

Mr. Rick Nuss

Mr. Michael Coard

**Item #1: Roll Call**

**Item #2: Focal Points**

- Overview of 4 focal points
- In depth look at focal points (identify sub-points)

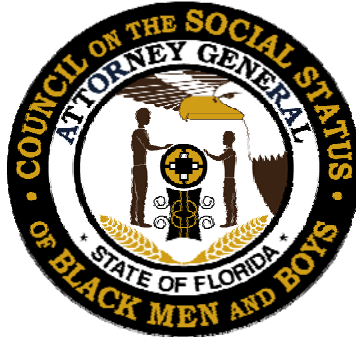
**Item #3: Research Strategies**

- Assign goals to individual members of the committee and go over results as a group
- Creation of a research time-line
- Utilize resources at the Agency for Workforce Innovation to develop research strategies

**Item #4: To do...**

- Have members select goals/sub-goals to research (at least 2 members per goal)
- Identify various data sources
- Begin initial research

**Item # 5: Adjournment at 2:20 PM**



**Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys  
Legislative Review Committee**

Meeting Minutes

4/23/08

10:00 AM- 11:00 AM

**Attendees:**

Dr. Emile Commedore, Chair  
Mr. Christopher Norwood  
Dr. Shairi Turner  
Mr. Charles Calaman  
Ms. Lillian Lima  
Mr. Torey Alston

**Staff:**

Mr. Rick Nuss  
Mr. Michael Coard  
Ms. Yata Caine  
Ms. Alexis Lambert

**Item #1: Call to order and Welcome at 10:04 AM**

**Item #2: Roll Call**

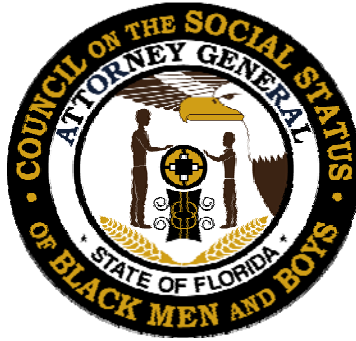
**Item #3: Review of 2007 Legislative Review Committee recommendations**

- In depth discussion of last year's recommendations

**Item #4: Discussion of key agenda for 2008 Legislative Review Committee**

- Senate Bill 259
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)- Records sealed and expunged for juveniles
- Department Juvenile Justice (DJJ)- Study the recommendation of Blue Print Commission
- HIV Testing and funding within Correctional Institutions

**Item #5: Adjournment at 11:05 AM**



**Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys**  
**Health Outcomes Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
4/24/08  
9:00 AM- 11:00 AM

**Attendees:**

Dr. Eddy Regnier, Chair  
Mr. Christopher Norwood  
Dr. Shairi Turner  
Dr. Emile Commedore  
Mr. Cliff Schmidt  
Mr. Charles Calaman  
Ms. Kim

**Staff:**

Mr. Rick Nuss  
Ms. Yata Caine  
Ms. Alexis Lambert

**Item #1: Call to order and Welcome at 9:06 AM**

**Item #2: Roll Call**

**Item #3: Overview and in depth look at focal points**

- School as the point of access for health care services
  - What types of health problems are being faced in our schools?
  - Assess what health services are provided with Florida's schools.
  - Specifically assess the healthcare practices and outcomes for Duval, Hillsborough, Dade, Escambia, and Gadsden counties.
  - Examine the school nurse system in Florida's schools.
  - What services do local community health centers provide?
  - How are parents informed about health services?
- Health and Nutrition Education
  - Low nutrition means increased health programs mainly among the poor.
  - Assess the availability of breakfast in Florida's schools.

**Item #4: Other topics mentioned**

- HIV/AIDS Testing will be added to the committee's agenda

**Item #5: Adjournment at 10:35 AM**



**Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys  
Foster Care and Family Issues Committee**

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4/24/08

2:00 PM- 3:00 PM

**Attendees:**

Ms. Lillian Lima, Chair  
Mr. Christopher Norwood  
Mr. Tradelya Lee  
Mr. Lyle Grandison  
Dr. Adela Beckerman

**Staff:**

Mr. Rick Nuss  
Ms. Yata Caine  
Ms. Alexis Lambert

**Item #1: Call to order and Welcome at 2:05 PM**

**Item #2: Roll Call**

**Item #3: Discussion of committee goals**

- Reports were presented on:
  - Transitional services for youth (Ms. Lima)
  - Fatherhood initiatives (Mr. Lee)
  - Youth aging out of foster care (Mr. Grandison)
  - Fatherhood initiatives and removing judicial barriers (Mr. Norwood)
  - Relative and kinship care (Dr. Beckerman)

**Item #4: Discussion of research strategies**

- Continue individual research and report back to committee.
- Utilize state agencies for additional information.
- Invite presenters to the next full Council meeting to address committee's focal points.

**Item #5: To do . . .**

- Staff will draft a letter to the Department of Corrections, requesting:
  - What steps have been taken by the Department to maintain relationships between male inmates and their children?
- Invitations will be extended to the University of South Florida, Kinship Care Program to present at the next full Council meeting in Tampa.

**Item #6: Adjournment at 3:14 PM**



**Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys  
Educational Outcomes Committee**

Meeting Minutes

4/25/08

11:15 AM- 12:15 PM

**Attendees:**

Dr. Billy Close, Chair  
Mr. Christopher Norwood  
Dr. Adeola Fayemi  
Mr. Steve

**Staff:**

Mr. Rick Nuss  
Ms. Yata Caine  
Ms. Alexis Lambert

**Item #1: Call to order and Welcome at 11:30 AM**

**Item #2: Roll Call**

**Item #3: Discussion of committee goals**

- Goals will be redrafted by Committee Chair and submitted to staff for distribution.

**Item #4: Discussion of research strategies**

- Invite presenters to the Council's Tampa meeting to address committee's focal points.
- Seek guidance from the Commissioner of the Department of Education.

**Item #5: To do...**

- Dr. Fayemi will draft a letter to the Commissioner of the Department of Education, outlining the committee's goals and requesting DOE contacts within those respective areas.
- Invitations will be extended to following individuals to present during the Tampa meeting:
  - Pinellas County Superintendent of Schools
  - Mr. Bill Munford
  - Executive Director for the Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board
  - DOE representative for Supplemental Service Providers (Committee meeting)

**Item #6: Adjournment at 12:01 AM**