



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

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2007

11:30AM – 12:30 PM

Attendees:

Mr. Christopher Norwood, Chair

Ms. Lillian Lima

Representative Julio Robaina

Members of the public:

Ms. Daleta Christensen

Dr. Adela Beckerman

Ms. Arie Sailor

Staff:

Mr. Michael Coard

Ms. Carly Hermanson

Ms. Fredrica Doctor

Mr. Rick Nuss

Item #1: Draft of Report

Item #2: Relative Caregiver Program

Item #3: One Church, One Child

- Discussion on the role of the black church in the adoption of children
- Suggestion that the role of the church be expanded to include an adoption outreach program
- One Church, One Child was originally formed within DCF in 1988 and was privatized in 2002.
- Volunteer based

Item #4: Community Based Care

- How do they determine who they provide care to?
- Are they culturally sensitive?

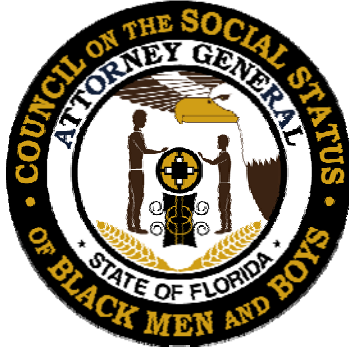
Item #5: Florida Youth Shine

- Miami chapter
- Support group

Item #6: Lawyers for Children America

- Ms. Daleta Christensen
- Discussion on upcoming events
 - Membership meeting 10/9/07
 - Open forum 10/3/07
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Item #7: Adjournment at 12:25PM



Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys
Committee on Improving Educational Outcomes
Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2007
11:00AM – 12:00PM

Attendees

Dr. Billy Close, Chair
Mr. Levi Williams
Mr. Bill James
Mr. David Pridgen

Member of the public:

Mr. Chris Priester (Building Better Boys)

Staff

Ms. Fredrica Doctor
Mr. Michael Coard
Ms. Carly Hermanson
Mr. Rick Nuss

Item #1: Roll Call

- Four committee members present.

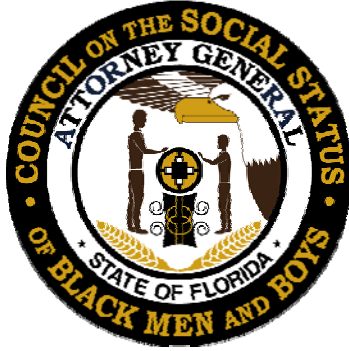
Item #2: Annual Report Draft Overview

- Dr. Close still needs comparative data for minorities in regards to performance and grade level.
- Literacy and SRO (School Resource Officer) data will be available within the month.
- Preliminary data was not disaggregated by race.
- Our goal should be to double the number of black males graduating from high school and college.

Item #3: Public Comments

- What role does FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test) placement play in future educational success?

Item #4: Adjournment at 12:00PM



Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys
Committee on Legislative Review
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2007
3:00 – 4:00PM

Attendees

Dr. Anthony McCoy (DCF)

Dr. Billy Close (FSU)

Members of the public

Ms. Glorious Johnson

Mr. John Bozo

Mr. Rodney Smith

Ms. Zoey Perkins

Mr. Derrick McGee

Mr. Carlos Martinez

Staff

Mr. Michael Coard

Ms. Carly Hermanson

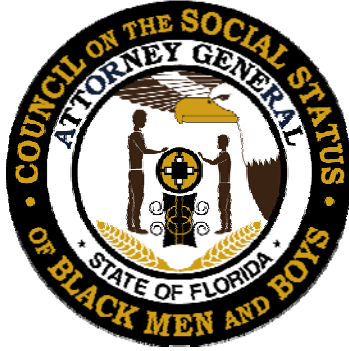
Item #1: MAD DADS

- Organization that works towards cleaning up the streets both literally and figuratively speaking
- Question: Will the State be able to provide an identification card for ex-felons?
- Dr. McCoy believes that we should take a grass roots approach and help MAD DADS.
 - MAD DADS should consider doing a smaller scale community appreciation day for law enforcement officers and firefighters

Item #2: Annual Report Overview

- Brief overview of annual report suggestion with Dr. Close.

Item #3: Adjournment at 3:55PM



Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys
Committee on Improving Health Status
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2007
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Attendees:

Dr. Eddy Regnier, Committee Chair

Mr. Levi Williams, Council Chair

Members of the public:

Mr. David Ward

Ms. Thometta Cozart

Mr. Kermit Wise

Staff:

Carly Hermanson

Fredrica Doctor

Item #1: Roll Call at 9:00 AM

Item #2: Review of annual report timeline

Item #3: Discussion on November 9, 2007 meeting in Jacksonville, FL

Item #4: Review of annual report

- Health risks for African-Americans- the report will only mention the most well known problems
- What resources are available (with and without health coverage)?
- What are some cultural issues in regards to health care?
- Access to health care

Item #5: Other points

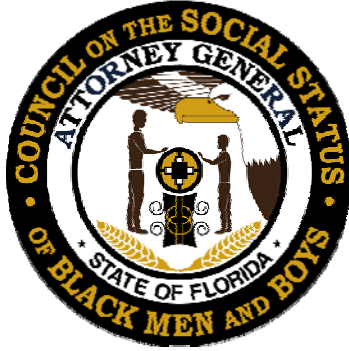
- Low education, poverty, and violence are all correlated. The strongest correlation is between education and poverty.
- How many African-Americans have access to computers and are using them for educational purposes.

- Slow response of police in black communities
- Suicide rates have been increasing in the black community.
- Discussion on learned helplessness.

Item #6: Recommendations

- Transfer existing data in report draft to recommendations section
- Recommendations to the problem of people acting with a lack of information
- Create access to health care facilities, possibly change zoning laws
- State sponsored health fairs/mobile health units

Item #7: Adjournment at 11:00 AM



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

Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2007
4:00 – 6:00 PM

Attendees:

Dr. Shairi Turner
Ms. Nyla Benjamin
Mr. Levi Williams, Chair
Ms. Sybil Richard
Mr. Christopher Norwood
Dr. Billy Close
Mr. David Pridgen
Representative Julio Robaina
Dr. Albert Simpson Jr.
Senator Stephen Wise
Dr. Eddy Regnier
Mr. Bill James
Representative Frank Peterman

Members of the public

Ms. Marlena Sallo
Ms. Carolyn Salsbury
Ms. Vera Jones
Ms. Wanda Ferguson
Dr. Adela Beckerman

Staff:

Mr. Michael Coard
Mr. Rick Nuss
Ms. Carly Hermanson

Item #1: Roll call at 4:05 PM

Item #2: Mission Vision Statement

- Adoption of mission/vision statements

- Mission Statement: To constantly strive to alleviate and correct the underlying conditions that affect black men and boys throughout the State of Florida to bring about an environment that promotes the values of learning, family, prosperity, unity, and self-worth among black men and boys.
- Vision Statement: The Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is dedicated to being a leading entity that provides and promotes an environment that is conducive to productivity, success, and excellence for all black men and boys in the State of Florida.

Item #3: Budget Overview

- Approval of Senator Wilson's proposed budget
- Proposed budget is \$500,000, but it has not been approved

Item #4: Annual Report Overview

- Breakdown of committee reports
- Suggestions made in regards to editing reports
- All drafts are to be resubmitted to chairpersons

Item #5: Adjournment at 6:00 PM