



Socioeconomic and Educational Outcomes

Date of Meeting: October 5, 2009

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1. Purpose of Meeting

- Initial Committee Report draft
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2. Attendance at Meeting

<i>Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Torey Alston, Chair	DMS
Lillian Lima	DCF
Lois Scott	AWI
Dr. Anthony McCoy	DCF
Andre Smith	DOE
Rep. Perry Thurston, Jr.	Florida House of Representatives
Levi Williams, Esq.	Absent
Dr. Billy R. Close	Absent
Gypsy Gallardo	Absent
Ricahrd Davison	Absent
Ana Maria Sanchez	Absent
Rep. Julio Robaina	Absent
Senator Frederica Wilson	Absent
Rev. Dr. Albert Simpson, Jr.	Absent
David Denson, Jr. – Community Participant	
Pastor Carl Reeves – Community Participant	
Perri Demps – Community Participant	
Stefaine Anglin – Community Participant	Absent



Katrina Granger – Community Participant	Absent
Howard Coleman – Community Participant	Absent
Isaiah Weatherspoon – Community Participant	Absent

3. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

- **Agenda Item 1: Call to Order**
 - Chairman Alston called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.
- **Agenda Item 2: Roll Call**
- **Agenda Item 3: Reading of Minutes**
 - Motion to approve minutes given by Lois Scott. Motion seconded by Andre Smith. Motion passes unanimously.
- **Agenda Item 4: Old Business**
- **Agenda Item 5i: New Business Delegation of committee members' contribution discussion**
 - Chairman Alston informs members that they should have received the initial draft containing information about the workforce development initiatives compiled by Ms. Scott with AWI and information about educational outcomes compiled by Mr. Smith with DOE. Additionally, the DOC component is missing from the initial draft; however, Mr. Davison is working with his gubernatorial fellow to fulfill this component of the report.
 - Chairman Alston inquires with the committee about their thoughts regarding the length of the initial draft.
 - Upon review of the draft, Dr. McCoy indicates that he believes the way the initial draft is presented; it is headed in the right direction.
 - Ms. Scott expresses that her and her staff provided as much information as possible



in order for the report editors to have more information to consider in developing and/or editing the content of the report. Workforce initiatives, workforce development, and jobs is one of the most critical factors to consider in understanding the social status of black boys and men; therefore, more information surrounding these factors was provided to the committee.

- Ms. Scott indicates that she understands if the submitted information is reduce; it was goal of staff to provide the committee with more than enough information to choose from. Additionally, Ms. Scott advises that she and her staff would be willing to address a segment (i.e. economic development or the workforce system) if the committee feels that it is not inclusive of the report.
- Mr. Denson indicates that he would like to see the issue of mental health flush out in the report as a result of black males coming out of prison or detention centers who suffer from mental issues.
- Chairman Alston inquires with Ms. Lima if her committee will be addressing mental health in their committee report.
- Ms. Lima indicates that the Foster Care and Family Issues and Health Status committee will be addressing mental health from the prospective of child welfare services.
- Dr. McCoy indicates that the council may want to consider reviewing the topics of mental health and substance abuse for next year's report. However, if the committee thinks these topics have any relevance with regards to economic disparities, he will try to pull some data that pertains to the committee report.
- Chairman Alston indicates that upon being in receipt of the aforementioned data to be submitted by Dr. McCoy; the committee will review the information and see how or if it will fix into the content of the committee report.
- Chairman Alston reiterates that currently the missing component pertaining to criminal justice should be forth coming.
- Additionally, an additional component missing from the draft is the case study entitled "The Meter is Running Out" submitted by Vice-chair Gallardo. Chairman Alston inquires if the committee would like for the case study to be included in the content of report or in the appendix section of the annual report.
- Mr. Denson expresses his desire to see the aforementioned case study in the report



particularly in the appendix section of the report.

- Chairman Alston informs the committee that the decision to include the case study is outstanding and will be considered as the committee moves forward.
 - Chairman Alston inquires with Mr. Smith if the information that he submitted (i.e. power points) is this information relevant to include in the content of the report or to present as a recommendation.
 - Mr. Smith indicates that the information he submitted was requested by different members of the Council and Chairman McCoy. The power point was previous information that the Council previously received from the Department of Education.
 - Chairman Alston inquires if Mr. Smith is pleased with the way that the education component is presented in the report. Mr. Smith indicates that the presentation of information is acceptable.
- **Agenda Item 5ii: Status of 2007 & 2008 Matrix Recommendations update discussion**
 - Staff reiterates that each committee will need to fulfill the “next step or disposition” column for those recommendations that will not be highlighted in this year’s annual report.
 - Dr. McCoy, chair to the Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, requests that each committee chair at least submit a date or time in which he/she will address pending recommendation.
 - Staff indicates that they will be following up with the chair of the Criminal Justice Committee to fulfill their portion of the 2008 recommendations matrix and Dr. McCoy asks Mr. Smith if he could fulfill the education portion of the 2007 & 2008 recommendations matrix.
- **Agenda Item 6: Announcements**
 - Next scheduled committee teleconference is November 9, 2009 from 2 PM – 3 PM.
 - On-line hotel reservations deadline has been extended until Thursday, October 8, 2009.



- Staff reiterates that all committee reports are due Thursday, October 8, 2009.
- **Agenda Item 7: Adjournment**
 - Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

4. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Committee report	Chair and designated committee members (Mr. Davison – DOC)	10/8/2009	Pending
2007 & 2008 Recommendations Matrix Submission	Chairman of the Economic & Criminal Justice and Gangs committees and Mr. Smith	10/8/2009	Pending

5. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	11/9/2209	<i>Time:</i>	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<i>Location:</i>	Teleconference - Tallahassee
<i>Objectives:</i>	Annual Report Draft				



3. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

- **Agenda Item 1: Call to Order**
 - Chairman Lima called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.
- **Agenda Item 2: Roll Call**
- **Agenda Item 3: Reading of Minutes**
 - Approval of minutes tabled until next scheduled teleconference.
- **Agenda Item 4: Old Business**
 - Chairman Lima introduces Robyn Reagan, Director of Children Mental Health, with the Department of Children and Families to address what are the criteria for screening foster care children with mental health needs and once this information is compiled, what happens next? Additionally, committee members inquired about how many children are receiving mental services and what is the cost of care?
 - Chairman Lima indicates that she did forward a link regarding DCF's policies and procedures for the committee to review.
 - Ms. Reagan indicates that children in child welfare are eligible for comprehensive behavioral health assessment. This is a tool administered by a licensed individual or master level commission who has experience in the field. They are required to review a child's file; interview the child in a community and/or in foster care setting and give a clinical opinion if a child needs to be referred for medical, mental health services, or any type of services that would best serve a child.
 - Additionally, once the initial intake transpire and if a child does not show any progress with regards to experiencing problems in school and/or foster parents are experiencing issues; than the child will be eligible for another comprehensive behavioral health assessment in order for a recommendation to be made.
 - Ms. Reagan indicates that any child within the Child welfare system that exhibits a need of mental health services i.e. if the school, relative care giver, or foster care parent reports that the child is experiencing some difficulties; than that child is eligible for a referral and can be taken to a doctor or to a mental health provider to receive an assessment to see what is needed (i.e. therapy, medications, etc...).



- Children that are in the care or custody of the state are eligible for Medicaid. Medicaid funds all mental health services. Medicaid changed to a prepaid plan for children. In Florida (specifically in Hillsborough county), Value Options became the state provider and they subcontract to local providers. Additionally, Medicaid approved a carved out Child welfare prepaid plan due to concerns expressed by CBCs. Magellan partnership obtained this plan for the entire state.
- Magellan via Medicaid funds all of the Child welfare system's mental health services. Ms. Reagan indicates that Dianne Demark with Coalition for Children may be able to provide the numbers / data of the amount of children receiving mental health services.
- Dr. McCoy inquires if children within the Child welfare system are routinely screen for mental health care needs?
- Ms. Reagan indicates that during the entrance point children are screened, however, once children are within the Child welfare system; they would receive screening on an as needed basis as symptoms or observations from caregivers arises.
- Dr. McCoy inquires what the percentage of children in the child welfare are diagnosis with a psychiatric problem.
- Ms. Reagan indicates that Magellan would have to pull this data. Additionally, data could be disaggregated by gender and age groups. Chairman McCoy expresses that he would like to also see the data disaggregated by race and by diagnoses.
- Dr. McCoy inquires about the after care arrangements provided to children who are discharge from the child welfare system.
- Ms. Reagan indicates that there is discharge plan that make recommendations for the family or provide services for the child. CBCs track the child for about 3 to 6 months until the case is closed.
- Dr. McCoy indicates that future consideration should be given to see whether or not organizations obtain long term data with regards to outcomes of foster care children as they transition to early adulthood.
- Ms. Reagan indicates that the aforementioned information may be obtained from the Family Safety Office with the department.
- Ms. Reagan inquires if the committee would like data about the percentage of children in the child welfare system diagnosis with a psychiatric problem at the state wide level.



- Dr. McCoy indicated that this is correct and he would like to see the date disaggregated by counties.
- Ms. Reagan indicated that she will be submitting an email to Dianna Demark with regards to the committee data request and will follow-up with Ms. Lima prior to the committee next scheduled teleconference.
- **Agenda Item 5i: New Business – Delegation of committee members' contribution discussion**
 - Chairman Lima indicates that she is in receipt of Dr. Regnier's updated draft. Per teleconference and data submission, he may want to implement data or make changes to his draft.
 - Dr. McCoy recommends that an email be submitted to Dr. Regnier to remind him about the first editing cut October 5 – 7, 2009.
 - Additionally, submitted information may not be inclusive for this year's annual report; however, it may be the focal point of this committee for next year's annual report.
 - Additionally, Dr. McCoy indicates that all committees should be submitting their report draft at this time. If additional information is received and can be supplemented in the report without causing a major rewrite than the author should move forth. However, any information received that may cause a major revision or rewrite may need to be avoided and taken up at a later date.
 - Chairman Lima indicates that she is in receipt of the updated teen pregnancy data submitted by Dr. Turner. Although the data has been updated, the data does not emphasize the focus that the committee is currently addressing in its report. The aforementioned data indicates that since 1998 there has been a decline in teen pregnancy; however, the data that the committee has obtained indicates an increase in teen pregnancy from 2006 to now.
 - Dr. McCoy recommends that ten year trend of teenage pregnancy be mentioned in the committee report along with information regarding the increase in teenage birth within the last three years.
 - Chairman Lima indicates that the report does state this through the following statement "For the first time in 15 years, we have an increase in the last two years."
 - Dr. McCoy indicates the reason why we requested updated data from the Department of Health with regards to teen pregnancy is to quantify aforementioned statement.



- Chairman Lima agrees that the Department of Health is an authoritative source; however, the question remains is the committee trying to focus on what is going on now or ten years ago?
- Dr. McCoy indicates that he believes that it is important for the committee to focus on what is going on now. However, the committee could mention the variation over a period of time, but the recent trend reflects an increase in teen births.
- Additionally, Dr. McCoy recommends that the committee ask the questions: “Why has the rate increase?” “Has the system stop advertising / educating people?” “Has certain programs lost their funding?”
- Chairman Lima acknowledges that things have changed and that why the committee is addressing the aforementioned issue. However the committee has to be strategic with how they approach this issue not casting fault or blame, but to provide recommendations (i.e. implementing programs) as to how to avoid the rise in teenage pregnancy.
- Dr. McCoy recommends the committee may want to recommend that OPPAGA or the legislature investigate why teen pregnancy is currently on the increase.
- Chairman Lima acknowledge receipt of initial draft corrections submitted by Dr. McCoy as it relates to teen pregnancy; however, she stresses that when a suggested rewrite or correction is asked or recommended to be applied to the current committee report, we have to be careful that these corrections are not altering or taking away the current direction/ focus of the report.
- Dr. McCoy indicates that his intention was not to change the direction of the report; but to bring in stats to support what was being said throughout the report. Additionally, the Chair will need to ensure that committee has the most updated and relevant statistics.
- Additionally, Dr. McCoy indicates that the committee has to be careful when being in receipt of data from sources in order to ensure that they do not have an agenda when submitting data. Department of Health probably will not have an agenda regarding the issue surrounding teen births.
- Chairman Lima reiterates that the data she received from sources was data that they pulled from Florida departments since they received federal funding to conduct a campaign on a national level.



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- Dr. McCoy inquires about the factors that cause teen births to valuate up and down? Does the economy or any other factors have effect on teen births?
 - Chairman Lima indicates that there may be a correlation between public acceptance and how it is being addressed via through prevention. The funding of programs depends on what the public is supporting and the agendas of what is and how it is going to be approached.
 - Chairman Lima indicates that one of her approaches to the report is to bring the theories of what may be causing the increase of teen births to the forth front and once this happen than the next step is to come up the solutions on how to address the theories. Again, this is to say that there is not necessarily a right or wrong theory.
 - Ms. Granger agrees with not being able to pinpoint the factors that directly influence teen pregnancy. Additionally, information may be reported in matter to support the current cause. For example, agencies and institution may be gathering information that only supports their mission.
 - Ms. Granger indicates that she believes that there does not seem to be much change in teenage pregnancy however more emphasis needs to be given to raw data.
 - Chairman Lima reiterates that everyone direction / agenda has some value. More value should not be placed over another.
 - **Agenda 5ii. Status of 2007 & 2008 Matrix Recommendations update discussion**
 - None
 - **Announcements**
 - Next scheduled teleconference – November 12, 2009 from 10 AM – 12 PM
 - Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys' quarterly meeting – November 19, 2009 from 12 PM – 5:00 PM at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the Florida Matchmaker Conference.



4. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Data pertaining to the percentage of children in the child welfare system diagnosis with psychiatric problems.	Dianne DeMark, Magellan, & Chairman Lima	ASAP or prior to 11/12/2009 teleconference	Pending
Updated committee draft	Committee members	10/8/2009	Pending

5. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	11/12/2009	<i>Time:</i>	10 AM – 12 PM	<i>Location:</i>	Teleconference - Tallahassee
<i>Objectives:</i>	Committee Report				