





### 3. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

- Chair Norwood inquired about in the event of not having a quorum could a vote be taken for the final approval of the report by the council and received through email.
- Chair Norwood stated that the report is ready to go minus a few minor things.
  - Ms. Lima asked if the final report will be the report that they received today minus the Executive summary.
  - Chair Norwood responded by saying that the Executive Summary will be scaled down but the report they received is the report will be sent out
  - The report is 80 or 90 pages front and back and the Appendix adds more to it.
  - Dr. McCoy indicated that most of the problems are grammatical and he has not seen anything in the report that was major.
  - Mr. Alston also agreed with Dr. McCoy that the report was fine minus a few grammatical changes.
  - Ms. Lima had a question as to whether her changes were implemented that were given to Dr. Elam at the Kissimmee Meeting. Upon review of the subcommittee report, the indicated changes were not implemented.
  - Ms. Sullivan answered by saying that they did not want to change Ms. Lima's section due to the fact the section was put together so well and they used her section as a model for the rest of the report.
  - Chair Norwood agreed that Ms. Lima's report was put together very well. Additionally, he reiterated that although Mr. Williams' section about incarnated fathers is similar that both are relevant to promoting the underlying issue. Mr. Alston asked if the chairman's letter was included in the Final Report.
  - Chair Norwood said that along with his letter, he and Dr. Elam will be implementing the Council's history and Executive Summary.
  - Chair Norwood asks if all the council members can approve the final document by e-mail.
  - Staff suggested that once the final components of the draft is received and completed then it will be submitted to each member for their approval. Chair Norwood suggested that the Council go forth and approve the report without the Letter from the Chair, Council members Bio's, and the Letter from the Chair so that the report can be finalized and released.
- The Council expressed its desire to participate in the Preventing Crime in the Black Community to be held May 20 - 23 in Jacksonville, FL.
  - Chair Norwood stated that there are a couple of people who he would like to recommend to speak at the Preventing Crime in the Black community Conference and that at least one of the speakers would be in contact with Mr. Gilmore.
  - Ms. Lima says that the Conference committee would like to know if the Council



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- would incorporate their meeting during the Conference. Ms. Lima was not sure if they wanted the meeting to be before the Conference or at the end of the Conference.
- Staff stated that Mr. Gilmore was inquiring whether the Sub-Committees could meet the first day of the Conference and the full Council meeting during the Conference.
  - Chair Norwood stated that he thought it would be a good idea for the subcommittees to meet during the first day of conference's registration and the full council should meet during the events of the conference. Staff stated that they would convey the council's request to the conference coordinator, Mr. Gilmore.
  - Mr. Nuss gave an overview of the budget and explained that currently the council balance as of the end of December is \$28,055. Additionally, he stated that \$17,951 is left for salaries and \$10,266 for expenses.
  - Chair Norwood asked if we have received any new appointments to the DSO.
    - Staff replied they have not received any appointments from the Speaker of the House.
  - Dr. McCoy brings up an idea about funding Initiatives.
    - He mentions how Senate Bill request 1588 was sponsored by a group similar to the council and he believes that we should try and help or become a partner with an organization similar to the Council. That way the council can receive money from the legislature for providing a service to the community.
    - Chair Norwood responded by saying that he is aware of this group and that he can send an email to see if any of the proposal was approved.
    - Chair Norwood says that the legislature receives a hundred of these request and most of the times they are denied. In the last session Chair Norwood says that he believes that all of them were denied and that they are called a Sebring Request.
    - Dr. McCoy stated that the Council should take a look at Sebring Request to see if that is something that the Council would consider.
    - Chair Norwood agrees and says that the Council should look into it and see if it is something that they want to discuss in the 2009 Report.
  - Chair Norwood decides that the next time the Council meets it should be in February so they can present the report to the General.
    - Staff brought up the point that the Council needs to have elections during the February meeting.
    - Chair Norwood asked if the Council could do a press release for the annual report presentation with the Attorney General and then afterwards have the 2009



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- Chair Norwood ask staff if this is something that can be done, if so a meeting consensus would need to be distributed to council members in order to find out their availability.
  - Dr. McCoy says that he thinks it's a good idea that since the past two chairs has done such a great job that they should consider running for the chairman and vice-chairman for 2009 - 2010 fiscal year.
  - Chair Norwood agreed but says that there are other people who are a part of the council who are able to take over the job and do a great job.
  - Chair Norwood says that we should send out a notice requesting that those people who would like to be a chair of a committee then they should reply and say that they are interested in those positions.
  - Ms. Lima reiterated that the fatherhood initiatives component was duplicated in both the Criminal Justice and Foster Care and Family reports and that one of them needed to be deleted.
  - Staff reiterated that all changes must be completed and received by Thursday in order for draft to be sent to print by January 15, 2009.
  - Chair Norwood emphasize that everyone should have their submissions to staff by the close of business on Wednesday.
  - Chair Norwood asked staff to send out an e-mail to the Council to approve the final draft. In February, we are going to have the full council meeting than the annual report presentation will commence after the meeting.
  - Chair Norwood indicated that he would like for the council to receive media coverage for the annual report presentation to the General.

### 4. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Corrections to the Report	Ms. Sullivan	ASAP	Complete
Next Meeting Time/Date	Ms. Doctor	ASAP	Complete
E-mail Approval or Disapproval of Report	Ms. Doctor	ASAP	Complete



## 5. Next Meeting

Target Date:	February 24, 2009	Time:	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Location:	Cabinet Meeting Room, The Capitol, Room LL-03
Objectives:	Full Council Meeting / Presentation of 2008 Annual Report				