



Full Council Teleconference

Date of Meeting: 4/06/2009

Minutes Prepared By: Travis Dudley / Fredrica Doctor

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 2:15 PM by Chairman McCoy
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2. Roll Call

Name	Agency
Dr. Anthony McCoy (Chair)	DCF
Torey Alston	DMS
Gypsy Gallardo	Power Broker Magazine
Lillian Lima	DCF
Levi Williams, Esq.	Fertig & Grammling
Iris Wilson	DOE
Ella Phillips	Office of Rep. Perry Thurston, Jr.
Deb Rogers	Office of Dr. Brittany Birken, AWI
Alexis Lambert	OAG
Rick Nuss	OAG

3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

- Reading of Minutes tabled until the next meeting.
- Introduction of officers tabled until the next meeting.
- Committees Report
 - Committee on Improving Criminal Justice and Gangs – Chairman Williams indicated that he is anticipating meeting with committee members to discuss the committee's goals and mission for 2009.

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- New Business
 - Council's mission
 - The role of OPPAGA
 - Prospective Community Participants
 - Strategic Plan for 2009: Recommendations Analysis
- Mr. Williams inquired as to how the Council is receiving and utilizing its resources. Additionally, he recommended that council members identify resources that could assist current staff in hiring additional staff to help implement the duties of the Council.
- Chairman McCoy concurred with Mr. Williams that council members should be able to identify resources that can be beneficial to the Council's endeavors.
- Mr. Williams requested that the Council's founders reiterate the specific role of the council and the means in which the Council is to be successful in achieving its goals. Additionally, he expressed that statutorily, the Council serves as a research body; however, the Council seems to be perceived as an advocacy group.
- Mr. Williams iterated that in its current capacity; the council cannot produce outcomes and as a result of the Council inability to produce outcomes; the Council may be deemed as a scapegoat for the legislature.
- Chairman McCoy inquired from Mr. Williams as to whether or not he believes that the Council's mission should be redefined.
- Mr. Williams replied that the Council does not need to redefine its mission; however, clarification is needed in order to reaffirm the capacity in which the Council is to serve that is either as a research body or as an advocacy group. Receipt of this directive is imperative as the Council continues with its efforts in the years to come.

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- In reviewing the Council's mission, Chairman McCoy indicated that a minimum level of advocacy is implied. As a result of presenting legislation to the legislature; it is the legislature's responsibility to create laws. The problem that faces the legislature is that they do not have the resources to fund an advocacy group as oppose to a research body.
- Mr. Williams reiterated that the Council is supposed to make recommendations for the legislature to implement; however, it is not the responsibility of the Council to create legislation.
- Chairman McCoy iterated that OPPAGA will be a great resource for the Council in obtaining and acquiring data in an effort to maintain the Council's effectiveness. Additionally, the United Way offer effective programs that could help the Council to continue in its endeavors of addressing the underlying conditions that affect black men and boys in the state.
- Mr. Williams recommended that Chairman McCoy send out a directive e-mail to council members as to how the council is to proceed in the upcoming months.
- Chairman McCoy suggests submitting a template that captures the most important issues from the 2007 and 2008 reports to each subcommittee; in order to decide which prevalent issues the Council should address in its 2009 report.
- Several prospective community participants called in during the teleconference; however, due to a lack of a quorum; the Chair decided to table appointing community participants to subcommittees until the executive committee teleconference at which time subcommittee chairs and prospective community participants can pose questions to one another prior to appointing community participants.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that he will conduct an individual analysis of his ideas in order to provide direction in the way that the Council should proceed. Upon review and consideration from the Council; the body will vote on the proposed direction that the Council should take in the coming months.
- Chair McCoy reiterated that through the services of OPPAGA; the Council will be able to obtain relevant information at the state level. Chairman McCoy believes that the Council should come up with a list of research questions to submit to OPPAGA.
- Mr. Williams recommended that staff compile recommendations from each report and frame them into questions to submit to OPPEGA. Additionally, he expressed that data obtained from OPPAGA could help to support the Council's recommendations.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that each subcommittee would probably need a day to frame their recommendations into questions.
- Mr. Williams commented that the proposed format is a great start in directing each subcommittee as to how they will need to proceed.
- Chairman McCoy reiterated that each subcommittee will need to revisit their recommendations and select at least two and frame them into questions to submit to OPPAGA. Additionally, he expressed that the Council has been given an advantage in having the authority to request data

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from OPPAGA; especially in the event of submitting inquiries to state agencies since OPPAGA will be posing the questions and essentially conducting research on the behalf of the Council.

- Chairman McCoy proposed that the Council ask its legislative members to review the questions and tell the Council how they think it will be received at a political level.
- Mr. Williams agreed that the Council should ask questions of OPPAGA; however, it may not be in the Council's best interest to pose questions to legislative members of the Council in fulfilling its research component.
- Chairman asks if we had received any feedback from the legislature on any of the recommendations. Staff informed the Chair that little to no feedback had been received at this time.
- Chairman McCoy proposed that the Council analyze select recommendations annually in providing direction of how the Council should proceed in the years to come.
- Mr. Williams recommended that Chairman McCoy articulate his thoughts by creating a strategic plan and submit it to staff to be disseminated to the Council.
- Chairman McCoy agreed to submit the 2007 and 2008 recommendations to the Council in order for each subcommittee to begin working on the aforementioned process. Additionally, he would like for each subcommittee to frame their selective recommendations into questions that will be submitted to OPPAGA a week after the second quarterly meeting in Jacksonville. Upon completion of the aforementioned plan, it is the hope of Chairman McCoy that the 2009 annual report will be completed by September or October.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that he will submit a strategic plan template to staff to be forwarded to Mr. Williams in order to receive feedback before disseminating to the Council.
- Ms. Doctor inquired who will make up the membership of the Executive committee.
 - Chairman McCoy indicated that along with the original committee members; he would like for the past chairmen and subcommittee chairs to serve on the Executive committee.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM.

5. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Submission of Recommendations / Strategic Plan template to Subcommittees	Chairman McCoy	ASAP	In Progress
Registration of Council Members	Staff	ASAP	Complete

6. Announcements

N/A

7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	<i>Thursday, May 21, 2009</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>2:00 PM – 3:30 PM; 3:45 PM – 5:15 PM</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront</i>
<i>Objectives:</i>	2009 Annual Report				



Executive Committee Teleconference

Date of Meeting: April 20, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Travis Dudley / Frederica Doctor

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 2:10 PM by Chairman McCoy
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2. Roll Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Dr. Anthony McCoy, Chair	DCF
Mr. Torey Alston, Vice-Chair	DMS
Ms. Lillian Lima, Secretary	DCF
Mr. Levi Williams, Esq.	Fertig and Grammling
Ms. Iris Wilson	DOE
Ms. Perri Demps	Community Participant
Mr. David Denson, Jr.	Community Participant
Ms. Katrina Granger	Community Participant
Pastor Karl Reeves	Community Participant
Mr. Isaiah Weatherspoon	Community Participant
Ms. Natasha Nalls	Community Participant
Ms. Alexis Lambert	OAG
Mr. Rick Nuss	OAG

3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

N/A

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- Chairman McCoy inquired as to whether each subcommittee chair received and reviewed their scheduled dates and times on the 2009 teleconference schedule submitted by staff.
- Staff indicated that the Economic and Foster Care and Family Issues subcommittee chairs had requested that their scheduled time and/or date be changed. Staff made changes to the schedule to reflect the request of the aforementioned subcommittee chairs.
- Chairman McCoy informed each committee member that during the first half of the meeting, they would be hearing from each prospective community participant. During this time, committee members could inquiry questions from the prospective community participants and/or prospective community participants could inquiry questions from the committee.
- Introduction of prospective community participants:
 - Pastor Karl Reeves
 - Served as a prison chaplain for three years
 - Expressed an interest in serving on the following committees: Improving Economic Outcomes and Improving Criminal Justice and Gangs Committees
 - Ms. Perri Demps
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. committee member (Palm Beach)
 - Expressed an interest in serving on the following committees: Improving Economic Outcomes and Improving Criminal Justice and Gangs Committees
 - Mr. David Denson, Jr.
 - Serve on the following boards: Boys to Men program (Tampa), the Derek Brooks Foundation, and the Black on Black Crime Task Force
 - Expressed an interest in serving on the following committees: Improving Educational Outcomes and the Legislative Review Committee
 - Ms. Katrina Granger
 - Employed with the West Palm Beach School District for 20 years
 - Ordained Elder and Work Release Program Volunteer with local church
 - Work with One Church One Child
 - Mother of three
 - Expressed an interest in serving on the following committees: Improving Foster Care and Family Issues and Improving Educational Outcomes
 - Mr. Isaiah Weatherspoon
 - Second year Criminal Justice Major at FAMU

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- Work with the Big Brother, Big Sister Organization
- Have aspirations of becoming a federal agent
- Expressed an interest in serving on the following committees: Improving Criminal Justice and Gangs and Improving Economic Outcomes

Ms. Natasha Nalls

- Work in the health care field: Chronic disease management
 - Expressed an interest in serving on the following committees: Improving Health Status and the Legislative Review Committee
- The following community participants were unable to participate during today's teleconference: Ms. Stefanie Anglin and Mr. Howard Coleman due to a schedule conflict; however, their applications were reviewed by the committee.
 - Chairman McCoy thanked each prospective participant for their time and willingness to volunteer on the Council. Additionally, Chairman McCoy dismisses each prospective participant from the teleconference in order for committee members to discuss their candidacy.
 - Mr. Levi Williams made a motion to approve all prospective community participants as read.
 - Vice-chair Alston second the motion.
 - Motion unanimously accepted
 - Chairman McCoy advised that in the future a background check may need to be applied when appointing community participants to serve as volunteers to the Council.
 - Council's bylaws
 - Chairman McCoy expressed that additional clarification was needed to determine which of the two version of the bylaws: the 10/13/2008 adopted version or 2/22/2008 postponed version were approved by the Council
 - Mr. Williams and Ms. Lima indicated that they cannot recall whether either version was adopted by the Council
 - Staff indicated that the bylaws with the date of 10/13/2008 was adopted
 - Chairman McCoy indicated that the current bylaws helped to address some of the lope holes in the statute.
 - Mr. Williams expressed that the bylaws should be reflective and embody the Council's statute.
 - Ms. Lima observed that the revised version is more lengthy then the adopted version.
 - Vice-chair Alston recommended that both version be submitted to the Council for further consideration and discussion during the next quarterly meeting
 - Chairman McCoy concurred that discussions need to be tabled until the next quarterly meeting.
 - 2009 Annual Report
 - Primary focus will be place on a third of the 2007 and 2008 recommendations
 - Chairman McCoy recommended that each subcommittee chair select two recommendations and present them to the Council. Additionally, frame recommendations into question (s) to be submitted to OPPAGA for further analysis / data collection.
 - The purpose of this report is to give an update on the status of both the 2007 and 2008 annual reports.
 - Chairman McCoy indicated that a model template has been submitted to each

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subcommittee. However, he will make additional revisions to the template to help with the decision making model.

- Staff indicated that they will compile all recommendations from the 2007 and 2008 reports and submit it to Chairman McCoy.
 - Vice-Chair Alston inquired whether the report will be follow-up to the Council's recommendations or will it contain new research?
 - Chairman McCoy indicated that the Council will be reviewing recommendations; framing select recommendations into questions, and submitting questions to OPPAGA to see if any research has been conducted that may be relevant to the recommendations or if action has been taken by the state as a result of the Council's recommendations.
 - Ms. Williams reiterated that as a result of the Council's 2007 recommendations the sunset provision was deleted from the statute; the Council is able to apply for grants and receive private donations; and the Council was allocated \$50,000 for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.
- Budget Overview
 - As of 4/20/2009: \$9,700 OPS and \$5,563 other expenditures allocations remain for the 2008 – 2009 fiscal year
 - Chairman McCoy inquired as to whether the OPS allocation would last for the duration of the fiscal year?
 - Mr. Nuss indicated that funds will be tight for the remainder of the fiscal year.
 - Chairman McCoy requested staff hours be calculated to determine if enough funding would be available to fulfill staff's salaries.
 - Ms. Lambert indicated that the Office of the Attorney General has made a request that the Council be allocated \$50,000 in non-recurring funds for the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year out of the Victims Compensation Trust Fund.
 - Staff indicated that the Department of Legal Affairs has to reimburse those six council members for travel since they are not affiliated with a state agency for the upcoming meeting in Jacksonville.
 - Mr. Nuss indicated that once the \$5,563 allocation is spent; this will exhaust the budget.
 - Chairman McCoy asked staff to follow-up with those aforementioned council members who are to be reimbursed for their travel expenditures for the Jacksonville meeting.
- DSO Status
 - Has not been established at this current time
 - Waiting for vacancies to be filled by the Speaker's Office (4 appointees) and the Office of the Attorney General (2 appointees).
 - Chairman McCoy asked staff to submit follow-up letters to the Speaker and the Attorney General regarding their appointees to the DSO
 - Chairman McCoy inquired if a legislative budget request was submitted to fill the Executive Director position?
 - Ms. Lambert indicated that nothing had been mentioned regarding fulfilling the Executive Director position.

Adjournment at 3:20 PM

5. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Revised Recommendations Model	Chairman McCoy	ASAP	Pending
CSSBMB 2007 & 2008 Recommendations	Staff	Prior to quarterly meeting	Complete
DSO Follow-up letters to the Speaker and the Attorney General	Staff		Complete
Submission of bylaws	Staff		Complete

6. Announcements

N/A

7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	Thursday, May 21, 2009	<i>Time:</i>	2:00 PM – 3:30 PM; 3:45 PM – 5:15 PM	<i>Location:</i>	Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
<i>Objectives:</i>	2007 & 2008 Recommendations / 2009 Annual Report				



Educational Outcomes Teleconference

Date of Meeting: April 20, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Fredrica Doctor

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 11:35 AM
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2. Roll Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Dr. Anthony McCoy, Chair	Department of Children and Families
Andre Smith	Department of Education
Rep. Perry Thurston, Jr.	Florida House of Representatives
Dr. Billy R. Close	Absent
Ms. Gypsy Gallardo	Absent
Mr. David Pridgen	Absent
Dr. Brittany Birken	Absent
Senator Frederica Wilson	Absent
Rev. Dr. Albert Simpson, Jr.	Absent
Deb Rogers	Office of Dr. Brittany Birken
Stefanie Anglin	Absent (community participant)
David Denson, Jr.	Community Participant
Katrina Granger	Community Participant
Mr. Howard Coleman	Absent (community participant)
Travis Dudley	OAG
Rick Nuss	OAG

3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

N/A

Tabled until next committee teleconference.

4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Tabled nominations of Chair and Vice-chair due to a lack of a quorum.
- Chairman McCoy gave an overview of the 2007 and 2008 educational outcomes' recommendations (Referenced recommendations 7 – 12 on 2007 & 2008 CSSBMB's recommendations matrix).
 - Chairman McCoy asked each committee member and community participant which two recommendations they believe should be considered as the most prevalent / has an opportunity of succeeding in a short term of time.
 - Ms. Granger recommended that recommendation #8 be considered as a prevalent recommendation.
 - Mr. Denson recommended that recommendation #13 be considered as a prevalent recommendation.
 - Chairman McCoy iterated that neither of the aforementioned recommendations indicates that any action has been taken or that they received an entity response.
 - Ms. Granger suggested that recommendations #10 and #13 be coupled together.
- Rep. Thurston inquired about the term cultural competency.
 - Chairman McCoy explained that cultural competency allows individuals to become familiarize with diverse cultural backgrounds. Additionally, Ms. Granger reiterated that cultural competency allows the teaching of diverse behaviors, attitudes, religious background of various individuals for the benefit of educators, administrators, and the public.
 - Rep. Thurston informed the committee that the House passed a bill to allot funding for the teaching of African American History in the public school system. The committee may want to consider getting some assistance to help promote the case of cultural competency.
 - Chairman McCoy suggested that an inquiry be made with regards to whether or not continuing education hours in cultural competency are available to educators and discuss with the Commissioner of Education whether this is a requirement for educators' continued education.
- Chairman McCoy asked staff to record recommendations #10 and #13 will probably have the greatest potential for action taken. However, further discussion will be established about the aforementioned recommendations and/or other prevalent recommendations pursuant to a quorum.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.

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5. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Review Recommendations #10 & #13 and consider other prevalent committee recommendations	Committee Members / Community Participations		In progress
Review committee's agenda for JAX	Chairman McCoy	ASAP	Complete

6. Announcements

Improving Educational Outcomes Committee Meeting; May 20, 2009; 2:00 PM – 2:55 PM; City Terrace Room 10

7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	<i>Friday, June 12, 2009</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>11:15 AM – 12:15 PM</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Tallahassee; Teleconference</i>
<i>Objectives:</i>					

