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## Criminal Justice and Gangs Teleconference

Date of Meeting: May 11, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Fredrica Doctor

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### 1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 2:15 PM.
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### 2. Roll Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Mr. Levi Williams, Chair	Fertig and Grammling
Rep. Perry Thurston, Jr.	Florida House of Representatives
Isaiah Weatherspoon	Community Participant
Pastor Carl Reeves	Community Participant
David Denson, Jr.	Community Participant
Dr. Billy R. Close	Absent
Rep. Julio Robaina	Absent
Ana Maria Sanchez, Esq.	Absent
Mr. David Pridgen	Absent
Perri Demps	Absent (Community Participant)
Fredrica Doctor	Staff
Alexis Lambert, Esq.	OAG
Rick Nuss	OAG

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### 3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

N/A

### 4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Chairman Williams indicated that the purpose of this meeting will be to identify the Criminal Justice recommendations from the 2007 & 2008 annual reports that should be focus on in the 2009 report as a follow-up pursuant to Chairman McCoy's mandate. Therefore, due to a lack of a quorum no vote will be taken during this meeting; however, recommendations will be presented during the next subcommittee meeting/ full council meeting for consideration and inclusion in the 2009 annual report.
- Chairman William indicated that the Criminal Justice and Gangs committee was not established until the 2008 fiscal year; however, many of the 2007 committee reports included criminal justice elements. Therefore, Chairman Williams recommended that the committee refer to Appendix B: Blue Print Commission Recommendations Report and Appendix C: Governor's Ex-offenders Taskforce in the 2007 annual report; and the Criminal Justice and Gangs' committee report in the 2008 annual report.
- Chairman William iterated the following elements of the Blue Print Commission Recommendation Report and the Governor's Ex-offenders Taskforce for consideration in the 2007 annual report:
  - Blue Print Commission - Civil citations; comprehensive assessments; disproportionate minority contact taskforce; domestic violence; accessing care; zero tolerance; progressive response system; and service areas
  - Governor's Ex-offenders Taskforce – successful reentry at prison entry; reentry of the community level; organizing reentry reform work in 2007 and beyond)
  - 2008 Criminal Justice and Gangs' committee report – Fatherhood initiatives within the prison (refer to p. 104: "Black fathers locked up, not locked out); Mental Health Courts / Drug Courts' recommendations; It takes a Village to Stop Gangs (outlines gang initiatives and recommendation from OAG's Gang Strategies report)
- Rep. Thurston iterated that the legislature addressed the issues concerning drug courts and zero tolerance. Additionally, Secretary Peterman sponsored a bill addressing zero tolerance taken from the Blue Print Commission Recommendations Report.
- Chairman Williams obtained information about CS/HB 757 – Second Chance for Children Act of 2009.
- Rep. Thurston indicated that he had co-sponsored the aforementioned bill; unfortunately there was not a lot of movement in the House; however there is a desire to revisit the bill during the

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next legislative session.

- Chairman Williams iterated that although the bill did not pass; the committee should review the bill since it coincides with the blue print commission recommendations as well as the black father initiatives cited in the 2008 report; thus allowing the committee to make recommendations / revisions based on the content of the bill.
- Additionally, Rep. Thurston suggested that council members should encourage citizens within their community to contact their local representatives and senators to support legislation that can be beneficial in promoting the Council's endeavors and the sponsor of the bills. Rep. Thurston recommended that the Council obtain a list of legislation that may be of interest to the Council's subcommittees.
  - Chairman Williams asked if Rep. Thurston could be responsible for getting this information to staff for further review and consideration from the Council.
  - Chairman Williams inquired about SB 1430 which was cosponsored by Sen. King and Sen. Joyner which mimicked CS/ HB 757.
  - Rep. Thurston reiterated that if a bill passed in one body and does not have any movement in the other body; then the bill essentially dies. Therefore additional pressure maybe warranted in the house in order to move the aforementioned bill and to be taken up during the next legislative session.
- Chairman Williams inquired by SB 2018 regarding the overhauling of mental health in jails and in prisons. Rep. Thurston indicated that there was inter-agency support and bi-partisanship for the aforementioned bill. Additionally, Chairman Williams indicated that bill addressed the state failure to provide mental health treatment. Rep. Thurston indicated that the bill sought for additional assessment of mental illness in its early in order to deter the mentally ill from being spent to jail as a preventative measure.
- Chairman Williams commended Rep. Thurston along with the other legislative representation on the Council for moving issues forward whether they are passed or not and the Council should support that movement as it relates to this year's report.
- Staff informed Chairman Williams and the committee that they are in the process of developing a 2009 legislation matrix which would include all bills mentioned during today's teleconference as well as those bills that are relevant to each committee for further review and consideration of the Council.
- Further committee's recommendations considerations: Appendix B – Comprehensive assessment; evaluate the children entering into the criminal justice system and reviewing intervention and treatment as a divergent program. This is a critical element to consider individuals as individuals and not as numbers; failure to do so may create "our worst nightmare as it relates to our children".
- According to Chairman Williams, Florida leads the country in direct filing of juveniles in the criminal justice system. As a result, juveniles learn new skill sets; become harden, and their life is limited and/or terminated by the process. Therefore, Chairman Williams recommended that comprehensive assessment be one of the committee's recommendations presented to the Council.
  - David Denson, Jr. agreed that law enforcement officers and the state attorney should

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considered implementing the comprehensive assessment as preventative measure to deter juveniles from the criminal justice system.

- Chairman Williams referenced zero tolerance in the blue print commission recommendations report should be taken into consideration for the 2009 report as result of being data intensive; highly politically charged; it involves law enforcement; and the perception that this legislation is that is interested in making criminal as oppose to scholars.
  - Rep. Thurston agreed that the Zero Tolerance legislation should be reconsidered by the committee and will follow-up with staff about the bill relating to Zero Tolerance.
  - Chairman Williams asked the committee if the aforementioned recommendation should be considered for a vote.
  - Committee agreed.
- Additional recommendations in Appendix B for committee's consideration
  - Progressive Response Systems in addressing child offenders that have repeated contact with the criminal justice system (additional references from OAG's Gang Strategies and the Blue Print Commission should be implemented to enhance the aforementioned recommendation) ; committee should consider updating threshold criteria of a felony crime.
  - Service Areas – taking a child into the criminal and placing them in a different community. Isolate the child from obtaining resources that may be to their avail in their community.
- Recommendations in Appendix C – Governor's Ex-offender's taskforce
  - Chairman Williams indicated that there may be some overlap among the 2008 committee report and the Governor's Ex-offender taskforce report
  - OPPAGA could be instrumental in providing additional data for clearly defined elements in the Governor's Ex-offender taskforce report.
  - Chairman Williams would like to consider all of the following recommendations: Successful reentry; Reentry at the Community Level; Organizing Reentry Reform Work in 2007 and Beyond
  - Committee members agreed that all recommendations should be considered
- Chairman Williams concluded all recommendations for consideration in the 2007 report; however, asked if members had any other considerations to please make them know at this time.
- Hearing none – proceeded to the 2008 committee report
- Areas of focus / recommendations in the 2008 committee report
  - Fatherhood Initiatives for Incarcerated Males (legislative and OPPAGA review); Mental Health which include the Drug Courts Component; Gangs (goals and recommendations from the Florida Gang Reduction Strategy 2008 – 2012) to enhance the Council's support on these initiatives
  - Chairman Williams encouraged committee members to review the Florida Gang Reduction Strategy 2008 – 2012 for further consideration
- Chairman Williams gave an overview of the committee recommendations to be voted on by the committee and final outcome to be presented to the Council for the 2009 annual report

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- Blue Print Commission – Comprehensive Assessments; Zero Tolerance, Progressive Response System and Service Areas
  - Governor’s Ex-Offender Task Force – Successful Reentry; Reentry at the Community Level; Organizing Reentry Reform Work in 2007 and Beyond
  - 2008 Committee recommendations- Father Initiatives for Incarcerated Males; Mental Health / Drug Courts component; and Gangs
- Additionally, Chairman Williams referenced including the debate from the Florida Bar and from the greater Florida community as it relates to ex-convicts being able to practice law in this year’s report. Chairman Williams believed that a decision regarding this issues to be brought forth to the Supreme Court prior to the release of the Council’s 2009 report.
  - Chairman Williams asked that a letter of support to further this discussion be sent to the Supreme Court and the Florida Bar for further consideration about this decision. Additionally, Chairman Williams asked Rep. Thurston to reach out to one of the Governor’s who have sat on the Bar.
  - Follow-up discussion relating to funding and DSO
    - Staff informed the committee that the establishment of the Direct Support Organization is still pending on designees being appointed by the Speaker of the House and the Attorney General
    - Ms. Lambert indicated that General McCollum is waiting appointment of designees from the Speaker before making his appointments to the DSO.
  - Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

## 5. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
List of legislation revelant to the Council / subcommittees	Staff / Rep. Thurston, Jr.	ASAP	Pending
Copies of SB 1430, CS/HB 757, SB 2018, and a bill relating to Zero Tolerance to Staff	Rep. Thurston, Jr.	ASAP	Pending
Letter of Support (relating to Ex-Convicts practicing the law) to be submitted to the Supreme Court and the Florida Bar	Chairman Williams	Pending	Pending
Contact previous / current Governor associated with the Bar	Rep. Thurston, Jr.	Pending	Pending

## 6. Announcements

Committee on Improving Criminal Justice and Gangs; Chairman Levi Williams; City Terrace Room 11; Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel; City Terrace Room 11

## 7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	5/20/2009	<i>Time:</i>	1:00 PM – 1:55 PM	<i>Location:</i>	Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel; City Terrace Room 11
<i>Objectives:</i>					



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### 3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

N/A

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- Due to a lack of a quorum, Chairman Alston decided to table nominations for vice-chair until the committee meets in Jacksonville.
- Chair Alston opens the floor for discussion about the 2007 and 2008 committee's recommendations.
- Chair Alston believes that the 2007 Recommendations focal area is business related whereas the 2008 recommendation couple the components of economic and training.
- Chair Alston recommends that the committee take a look at success rate for black owned businesses.
- Chair Alston recommended that recommendations one and two from the 2007 and 2008 reports be consolidated into one recommendation.
- Ms. Lima suggested that recommendation four from the 2008 report receive further consideration.
- Ms. Demps inquired if is there a list of all the black businesses in the state.
- Chair Alston indicated that in his current role as the executive director of Supplier Diversity; he can obtain information about black business from around the state.
- Pastor Reeves inquired would the information reveal those businesses in surrounding counties.
- Chair Alston gave the following web address [www.osd.dms.state.fl.us](http://www.osd.dms.state.fl.us) to obtain information about black owned businesses from around the state.
- Ms. Demps indicated that from her experience it appears that most black owned businesses are located in highly concentrated areas of crime. She inquired if there is a way that the committee can get the police or sheriff's office to protect those businesses.
- Chair Alston expressed that he like the aforementioned idea and the committee would take it

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into future consideration.

- Chair Alston asked the committee for feedback on recommendation five which takes a look at various programs that are available to black men around the state.
- Ms. Demps indicated that the training programs would be a big success because people need an outlet to bring forth their ideas.
- Ms. Lima inquired if the committee will be looking for a model to establish research.
- Chair Alston reiterates that the recommendation consider all the programs in the state to locate and to identify their services.
- Pastor Reeves inquired how much research the committee needs to do in trying to provide solutions to the issues at hand.
- Chair Alston indicated that he understands Pastor Reeves's concern; however, when the committee created its recommendations it was for the sole purpose of conducting research.
- Chair Alston gives a recap of the committee's recommendations that will be presented during the full council meeting in Jacksonville:
  - Recommendation 1: The rates of black businesses and other variables.
  - Recommendation 2: The employment rate of those individuals that were incarcerated.
  - Recommendation 3: Identify various programs that are available to black men and boys throughout the state.
- Staff inquired as to whether or not the committee planned to combine recommendations one and two.
- Chair Alston stated that it is his intention to combine recommendations one and two into one new recommendation once he receives a consensus from the committee during the next meeting(s).
- Ms. Demps inquired about if the Council identified the success of businesses' turn out rates.
- Chair Alston replied that the turnout was favorable in Broward County and that they have included all the recommendations that the council recommended.
- Additionally, staff informed the committee that there were several considerations that were implemented from the council's recommendations in its 2007 and 2008 annual reports.

Adjourned at 2:52 PM.

## 5. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>

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## 7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	<i>May 19, 2009</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>12:00pm-1:00pm</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Jacksonville Hyatt Hotel</i>
<i>Objectives:</i>	Committee Meeting				



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## Educational Outcomes Teleconference

Date of Meeting: April 20, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Fredrica Doctor

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### 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

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### 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.

## 4. Unfinished Business / New Business

## 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

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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>					



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## Criminal Justice Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: May 19, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Travis Dudley

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### 1. Call to Order

- Meeting call to ordered at 1:33 PM by Chairman McCoy
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### 2. Roll Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Dr. Anthony McCoy	DCF
Representative Perry Thurston, Jr.	Florida House of Representatives
Dr. Eddy Regnier	
Dr. Billy R. Close	Absent
Representative Julio Robaina	Absent
Ana Maria Sanchez, Esq.	Absent
Andre Smith	Absent
Perri Demps (CP)	Absent
Mr, Isaiah Weatherspoon (CP)	Absent
Pastor Carl Reeves (CP)	Absent
David Denson (CP)	Absent
Emery Gainey	OAG
Rick Nuss	OAG
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### 3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

N/A

### 4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Chairman McCoy asked the committee if there was anyone familiar with HB 757 and SB 1430.
- Since Chairman McCoy had no prior knowledge of the two bills, further discussions were suspended until the next committee meeting.
- A question is brought up pertaining to the passage of the aforementioned bills. Representative Thurston stated that HB 757 passed in the House; however, he was unsure as to whether or not it passed in the Senate.
- Chairman McCoy proceeded to explain that SB 2018 is perceived as a massive mental health bill. The idea behind the bill is to start laying a foundation to strengthen community health services. They wanted to look at three areas as pilot areas to divert people from the jails back to the community programs. (The bill did not pass.)
- Representative Thurston indicates that he had no idea that the aforementioned bill did not pass in the Senate.
- Chairman McCoy believes that the bill will pass during the next legislative session as it comes more developed over time.
- Chairman McCoy would like the committee to choose two recommendations from the 2007-2008 annual report to present to the full council.
- After reading all the recommendations from the previous year, Chairman opens up the meeting for discussion among the committee members.
- Chairman McCoy inquired as to whether DOC has an honor system.
- Representative Thurston indicated that there are facilities that are identified as being faith based in providing fathers with the opportunity to connect with their children.
- Chairman McCoy inquired how many faith based prisons are there in the state.
- It was indicated that four faith based prisons that have been opened in the state of Florida.
- The suggestion is brought up that maybe they should try to get recommendation 31 implemented in jails and/or institutions that are about to release prisoners.
- Chairman McCoy believes that it is a good idea but there are a lot of issue with trying to get this accomplished, but he believes it may be worth pursuing in the future. Additionally, he indicated that the cost associated with developing another prison would be an issue that the prison system would have to consider.

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- The work release population would be a better place to implement this process due to the fact that participants in these programs are a collective population of inmates who ready to leave prison.
- Chairman McCoy asked for a consensus as to which recommendation(s) the committee will provide to the full council.
- The committee agreed that recommendation 32 may have a better chance of being adopted into legislation quicker than the other recommendations.
- Chairman suggests that the committee picked recommendation 32 and offer to partner with the Attorney General's Statewide Gang Task Force. Additionally, Chairman expressed that a partnership among local councils and the Attorney General's Statewide Gang Task force should be established, this may help in the effort of establishing local councils throughout the state.
- The committee agreed to present recommendation 32 to the full council.

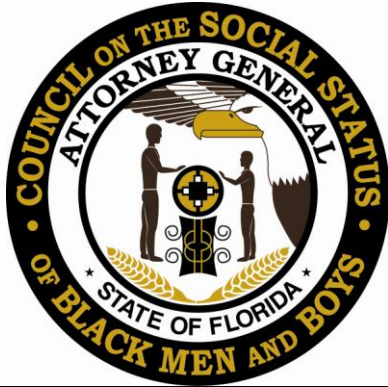
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## 7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	June 8, 2009	<i>Time:</i>	2:00pm-4:00pm	<i>Location:</i>	Tallahassee
<i>Objectives:</i>	Committee on Improving Criminal Justice and Gangs Teleconference				



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## Education Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: May 20, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Travis Dudley

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### 1. Call to Order

- Meeting call to ordered at 11:10 PM by Chairman McCoy
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### 2. Roll Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Dr. Anthony McCoy, Chair	DCF
Rev. Dr. Albert Simpson	Philemon Missonary Baptist Church
Reperesentative Perry Thurston, Jr.	Florida House of Representatives
Gypsy Gallardo	The Power Broker Magazine
Dr. Billy Close	FSU
Andre Smith	DOE
Rick Nuss	OAG
Travis Dudley	OAG
Dr. Brittany Birken	Absent
Senator Frederica Wilson	Absent
Stefanie Anglin (CP)	Absent
David Denson, Jr. (CP)	Absent
Katrina Granger (CP)	Absent
Howard Coleman (CP)	Absent

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### 3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

N/A

### 4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- During the last teleconference, concerned citizens encouraged the Education Committee to choose the recommendation that promotes cultural competence for teachers.
- Chair McCoy says that the council will narrow the 30 recommendations down to about five or six recommendations to focus on in the next annual report.
- Recommendation 10 was discussed during last week's teleconference.
- Recommendation 10 deals with teacher cultural competence. Additionally, Chairman informed the committee that recommendation eight pertaining to the Zero Tolerance policy was selected by the committee for further consideration during last week's teleconference.
- Chair McCoy asks Representative Thurston if there was any legislation dealing with the Zero Tolerance Policy?
- Representative Thurston responded by saying that there was and that it passed in the House but was not sure if it passed in the Senate.
- Dr. Close responded by saying that this does not preclude the Council from taking an analysis of the impact of the legislation. Additionally, Mr. Smith indicated that research can be done on the impact of the legislation. Dr. Close concurred and indicated that the impact can speak specifically to a designated population.
- Dr. Close indicated that the committee can look at the impact that legislation has had on a certain population.
- Chairman stated that what the council probably needs to do is look and see if there was a bill analysis completed on the proposed legislation this would enable the committee to find the answers in which they are seeking.
- Dr. Close indicated that if the committee considers culture competence as its goal it would examine to what extent teachers add to or deter the development of young black men and boys. Dr. Close reiterated that when the committee was considering this recommendation they were trying to determine if teachers had a negative effect on the development of young black men and boys at an early age.
- Mr. Smith indicated that in his department at DOE they track K- 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Additionally, data technicians can research requested information. Requestors would need to submit a question or model of how they would like for the data to be presented.
- Dr. Close asked if there is a way for researchers to obtain this information.

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- Chairman McCoy says that when you look at culture competence he believes that educators and administrators obtain this information from class and certifications. Chairman indicated the question of how far does one want to go with regards to continuing their education or should it be part of the core requirement for teachers to be licensed in the state of Florida?
- Dr. Close says that the issue is not whether they can pass a test but whether there is enforcement that can trace the patterns of behaviors on the part of teachers, SRO Officers, etc. By only examining the development of students and teachers; the committee would only be focusing on one part of the equation.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that they would have to first approach OPPAGA about the information because the information may have not been done yet.
- Dr. Close indicated that the information has not been completed as of yet and the Council should pose the question.
- Representative Thurston says that recommendations ten and eleven are very similar. Additionally, Representative Thurston believes that cultural competency was only a small part of the Zero Tolerance Bill.
- Dr. Close stated that in the state of Florida the council learned last year that there is no unified way in which the Zero Tolerance law was implemented.
- Dr. Close indicated that the committee should look at all the data and then decide a direction in which to go.
- Chairman McCoy asked what the baseline of the training for cultural competency is.
- Dr. Close states that the information may not exist in some districts.
- Mr. Smith indicated that it is limited based on the number of people who have to fill out an incident report.
- Chairman McCoy says that the Council should have OPPAGA check into what degree is conflict resolution or reduction present in the school districts.
- Dr. Close disagrees due to the fact that he believes that the council will be undermining itself, also because administrators do not use the word "conflict reduction" if they use a word for the aforementioned term at all. He indicated that the issue is these are hot button phrases to use when a problem occur.
- Chairman McCoy asks does the council have a definition for cultural competence and conflict reduction. If so, then it will make it easier when we ask agencies such as OPPAGA for information.
- Ms. Gallardo stated that recommendations 11 and 12 are mechanisms in which the council can move forward in positive ways. Ms. Gallardo indicated that the council should not consider recommendation 10 because it would be like "shooting a whale" in the dark.

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- Dr. Close agrees with Ms. Gallardo and asks how far can DOE date back data?
- Mr. Smith indicated that the data on students date back to 1995.
- Dr. Close indicated that the council should measure the impact that the aforementioned bill has had on black men and boys in the state with regards to education.
- Chairman McCoy explains to the council the reason why he believes that they need to define what cultural confidence means.
- Dr. Simpson says that they are looking at the internal instead of the outside but they want to see the impact that the bills are having on the people in their area.
- Dr. Close reiterated that he is not interested in whether one can pass a test but to see the internal impact of certain policies as it relates to young black men and boys.
- Chairman McCoy says that the council should find two or three other words to use instead of cultural competence. It may be better served to take the word out completely.
- Dr. Close indicated that when you have an education system that prides itself on no child being left behind all that the council wants to communicate is that there are children who are left behind and when the data reveal this then the question becomes, “ why are there children being left behind?”
- Chairman McCoy expressed that he is in agreement with the committee he just wanted to point out that there may be some complications with the words cultural competence.
- Rev. Dr. Simpson asked who the bean counters are because we are the ones with the statutory mandate asking for the information if they provide the council with wrong data then the Council will be held responsible for the data.
- Dr. Close says that the majority of the data that the Council is seeking from OPPAGA should be obtainable from Mr. Smith’s office.
- A comment is made that there are people in the legislature who know about culture competence and that there is all kinds of information that is available on the subject.
- Dr. Close indicated that the theoretical method is going to be ignored without the data present to support the theory. He believes that with the data you can show that the theory has weight.
- Chairman McCoy asked if there is a motion to bring recommendations 11 and 12 to the full council.
- Dr. Close states that the committee should be careful when presenting the aforementioned recommendations due to the fact that we do not have the money to establish certain programs that are laid out in the recommendations.

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- Chairman McCoy indicated that he is not concerned if the idea fails, it is more important to him that it is a good idea.
- Ms. Gallardo expressed that the Council should seek measurable achievable goals so that it gains momentum and in order to gain support of the issues that the body is trying to alleviate.
- Chairman McCoy disagrees with Ms. Gallardo because he believes that some things may not pass due to the fact that it is the wrong time. He believes that recommendations 11 and 12 are good ideas.
- Rev. Dr. Simpson indicated that the committee needs to disaggregate the number prior to making a decision.
- Rep. Thurston indicated that we do not need to limit ourselves to the language of recommendations 11 and 12. Additionally, he recommends that the committee combine the two recommendations into one recommendation that is inclusive of addressing particular issues that the committee is seeking to address.
- Mr. Smith indicated that the information will begin with students and then its scope will be narrowed to black men and boys.
- Chairman McCoy believes that the recommendations should be reevaluated. Rep. Thurston concurs with Chairman McCoy.
- Chairman McCoy explains to the committee where his rationale of changing the language as it relates to the aforementioned recommendations.
- Audience member inquired about the council's progress in helping black men and boys in the community?
- Chairman McCoy responded that the council has conducted research about the underlying issues that affect black men and boys. Currently, the council is following up with its findings and obtained data to see what additional data needs to be collected in order to be implemented into legislation.
- Chairman McCoy inquired as to how it can be that the people in the room made it to where they are and the gentleman that was in the same pool ended up in prison.
- Dr. Close and Rep. Thurston both agreed that the only difference between the gentleman and them is that he got caught and they did not.
- Rep. Thurston indicated that if standards are raised then those kids who do not comply will double in size because there are so many that do not currently meet standards.
- Chairman McCoy informed the committee members about the DEWS System.
- Dr. Close inquired if the committee can obtain data about the estimated number of children who are incarcerated and are covered by the No Child Left Behind Act; compared to those

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children who have dropped out of school?

- Chairman McCoy indicates that the DEWS system has already captured the aforementioned data and the system is currently being implemented in California.
- Additionally, Mr. Smith indicated that information about the aforementioned data has already been compiled by the Department of Education.

## 5. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>

## 6. Announcements

## 7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	<i>June 11, 2009</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>11:15am-12:15pm</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Tallahassee</i>
<i>Objectives:</i>	<i>Committee on Improving Educational Outcomes Teleconference</i>				



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### 3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

N/A

### 4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Vice Chair nominations were tabled until next teleconference due to the lack of a quorum.
- Chair Regnier begins the discussion by saying that two years ago the health committee tried to address too much in its conception and that this year they need to narrow the scope for this year's annual report.
- Chairman Regnier discusses the correlation of drug abuse and domestic violence. Upon further evaluation of the aforementioned issue; this may be the primary focus of the committee.
- Chair Regnier indicated that most of the people who are violent are a few members of society; however, they may be identified as individuals with mental disorder and substance abuse issues.
- Chair Regnier expressed that the committee develop preventative measures to help identify who people who suffer from the aforementioned issues. Additionally, he would like to know who would capture this information.
- The Baker Act and the Mark System are two systems that are known for containing individuals with mental health disorders Chairman Regnier suggests that the committee should find away to identify the aforementioned population and encourage early prevention and treatment in order to prevent violent crimes.
- There are different models that give the community health information; however information about who commits a crime may not be readily available.
- Gang members who are the most violent usually have the most mental health issues. If you go to the community they can usually identify an individual because of displayed behaviors from one's youth to one's adulthood.
- Obesity, diabetes, cancer, and nutritional problems all lead to violence in the community but if the people have their problem corrected they usually will not turn to violence.
- Chair Regnier says that they need to develop a model and work with law enforcement

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because they will be able to identify those individuals who need the most help.

- Chair Regnier believes that the health committee should focus on mental health and chemical dependency which seems to be associated with violence.
- Chair Regnier ask what happens to the data after all the information has been compiled. He believes that we need to work with law enforcement to help get this information out there.
- Dr. McCoy ask what kind of intervention do they have available to people right now?
- Chair Regnier says that there is no intervention for a person who is a violent offender most treatment center will on take a child and then they will end up at DJJ.
- Mr. Gainey says that jails do not have the resources to take care of inmates who have a mental health issue. The numbers of people with mental issues who have been placed in jail in the past years have increased.
- Mr. Gainey explained that he when a person commits a violent act there are things going on inwardly that the public is unaware about.
- SB 2018 was a bill pertaining to the transformation of mental health problems in the community. Chairman Regnier explains that a couple of years ago there were a handful of people who were in the mental institutions due to the fact that institutions where under staffed and ill- equipped to deal with its population. The state decided that some people did not belong in a mental institution thus resulting in inmates being sent to jail.
- Dr. McCoy indicated that the bill did not pass however; maybe DCF should consider taking the money out of the institutions and putting it into the community health budget.
- Chairman Regnier indicated that the problem is there are people who are in the health field who have no experience in how to identify potential violent offenders as well as individuals not receiving proper training in the mental health system.
- Chair reiterated that there needs to be special training for people dealing with an individual who has been identified with a violent history. A person should never be released until a plan has been brought to the courts.
- Chairman Regnier indicated that we have to have a different way at looking at crime because mental issues play a role. There seems to be a difference between an individual that commits a crime for personal gain versus a person that has a real mental health issue.
- Dr. McCoy suggests that the health committee take a look at the information that was given to the council from DCF. The information shows that mental health services in the African American community are lower than they are in the jail.
- A recommendation is that correctional officers be trained how to treat inmates with mental illness.

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- Chairman Regnier indicated that the council needs to take another approach to violence, the models for preventing violence, and how to change the course of action.
- Chairman Regnier indicated that the prevailing question that needs to be answered is: "What the percentage of inmates in the penal system have been identified with a mental disorder and have received prior treatment before entering into the system?"

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<i>Target Date:</i>	<i>June 11,2009</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>2-00PM-3:00pm</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Tallahassee</i>
<i>Objectives:</i>					



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### 3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

Minutes tabled until next teleconference.

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- Vice- chair Alston opened the floor to discussions about the 2007 and 2008 top recommendations.
- Ms. Lima inquired if the Legislative Review committee primary focuses are the appropriations of funds and to review bills that may be of interest to the cause of the Council.
- Mr. Gainey replied that the aforementioned duties are one of the committee's duties; in addition to considering bills that the Council may want to support or not support and offer their opinion to the legislative body.
- Ms. Lima inquired where the council gets direction on which bills they are going to take to the legislature.
- Mr. Gainey replied that the Council will decide as a body which bills they will present to legislators. Additionally, Mr. Gainey explained that there are agencies analysts who review bills created by legislators.
- Ms. Lima inquired the rationale for working from the bottom up.
- Mr. Gainey explained the reason why the council is working from top to bottom is because certain bills have to receive further analyses in order to detect and understand hidden language. Additionally, bills are subject to change once they are in the hands of legislators.
- Ms. Lima reiterated how that is any difference from working from the bottom.
- Mr. Gainey explained that the difference is that legislators capture the vote, whereas bills need votes to survive as it travels to different legislative committees.
- Mr. Alston recommends that the Legislative Sub-Committee present recommendation 24 from the 2007 annual report and recommendation 30 from the 2008 annual report. Additionally, Mr. Alston acknowledged that some recommendations are a repeat and/or have already been established.
- Mr. Gainey inquired if the Council would only consider legislation for a specific population.
- Ms. Lima indicated this is the question that she has been trying to receive an answer. Is the Council supposed to look at issues that are deemed as problems or issues that affect a specific population in the Council's case boys?
- Mr. Gainey indicated that the Council is supposed to do both in adhering to its mission of helping black men and boys.

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- Mr. Alston suggests that recommendation 30 be changed to include the language of t monitoring different bills.
- Mr. Gainey reiterated the duties of the DSO which is to provide money for the council. Additionally, the council has received a reoccurring amount of \$50,000 a year.
- The question was asked as to who decide who will be the chair of the DSO. And will he/she receive any compensation?
- According to Mr. Gainey, the money raised by the DSO would be directly received by the Council. The primary purpose of the DSO is to raise funds.
- Mr. Gainey indicated that recommendation 24 has been enforced through legislators.
- Mr. Alston suggests that recommendation 30 be presented to the Council with regards to the DSO being established and operational.
- Mr. Alston tabled further discussion until the next committee meeting.

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<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>

## 6. Announcements

## 7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	<i>June 9, 2009</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>1:00pm-2:00pm</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Tallahassee</i>
<i>Objectives:</i>	Legislative Review Committee Teleconference				



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## Full Council Meeting

Date of Meeting: May 21, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Travis Dudley

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### 1. Call to Order

- Meeting call to ordered at 2:15 PM by Vice-Chair Alston
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### 2. Roll Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Dr. Anthony McCoy, Chair	DCF
Torey Alston, Vice-Chair	DMS
Lillian Lima, Secretary	DCF
Representative Perry Thurston, Jr.	Florida House of Representatives
Andre Smith	DOE
Gypsy Gallardo	The Power Broker Magazine
Dr. Billy Close	FSU
Dr. Eddy Regnier, Treasurer	DOH
Senator Stephen Wise	Florida Senate
Secretary Frank Peterman, Jr.	DJJ
Dr. Brittany Birken	Absent
Mr. Earnest Brewer	Absent
Mr. Christopher Norwood	Absent
Mr. David Pridgen	Absent
Representative Julio Robaina	Absent

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Mr. Levi Williams	Absent
Senator Frederica Wilson	Absent
Rev. Dr. Albert Simpson	Philemon Missionary Baptist Church
Mr. Keith Jacobs	On-Track Life Solutions
Dr. Young	On-Track Life Solutions
Mr. Rick Nuss	OAG
Ms. Theresa Connell	OAG
Mr. Travis Dudley	OAG
Mr. Emery Gainey	OAG

### 3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

N/A

### 4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Due to lack of a quorum the reading of the minutes was tabled until the next full council meeting.
- Each committee chair was asked to give two recommendations to present to the council for a vote on each recommendation that will be framed as a question and submitted to OPPAGA for further analyses.
- Vice – chair Alston indicated that the executive committee talked about different strategies in completing the annual report for 2009 along with taking another look at some of the recommendations from the 2007 and 2008 reports.
- Vice - chairman Alston relinquished the chair to Chairman McCoy so that he could give a report for the Improving Economic Outcomes Committee. Mr. Alston stated that the committee selected two recommendations. The first recommendation is from the 2007 report which will be a complication of two recommendations and recommendation four was chosen as the committee second recommendation from the 2008 annual report. Additionally, Vice-chair Alston recognized fellow committee member, Ms. Gallardo, for her input during the committee meeting.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that Iris Wilson no longer served on the Council; therefore, he would occupy her position as the chair of the Improving Educational Outcomes committee

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until the vacancy is filled. Chairman McCoy indicated that the committee has discussed which two recommendations they will review but will discuss it further under new business later in the meeting.

- Dr. Close indicated that the Improving Educational Outcomes Committee had reached a consensus about its recommendations.
- Representative Thurston indicated that the Educational Committee will focus on the assessing of the impact of accountability data on low performing students particularly as it relate to black males.
- Ms. Lima stated that the Improving Foster Care and Family Issues committee meeting was cancelled due to the weather. However, the committee will be reviewing and selecting its previous recommendations that were discussed prior to the full council meeting which are the following: Family Preservation Services and Community Outreach Programs for youth who have aged out of Foster Care.
- Dr. Regnier indicated that the Committee on Improving Health Status decided to include additional information to last year's recommendations pertaining to mental illness and the accessibility to treatment. Additionally, the committee will be inquiring about inmates who have been identified with mental health and substance abuse issues in the penal system that have a tendency of being violent. Upon further analyses of the recommendations, the committee would like to create a model that addresses the aforementioned issues.
- Vice - chair Alston convened over the Legislative Review committee meeting. The committee will review recommendation 30 which indicated that the committee will monitor legislation that affects the Council. The second recommendation was to create legislation will affect the Council.
- In the absence of Chairman Williams, Chairman McCoy convened over the Improving Criminal Justice and Gangs Committee. During the meeting, the committee discussed the effect of gangs in the community and issues that affect black men and boys in the penal system.
- Chairman acknowledges Senator Stephen Wise.
- Vice - chair Alston discusses the bylaws and lets the council know that there are two drafts of bylaws that cannot be voted on until the Council has a quorum. He indicates that there appears to be a need to put something in the bylaws about attendance of each quarterly meeting. Vice-chair Alston opens the floor for discussion.
- Representative Thurston stated that in section two of the postponed bylaws there is language about what constitutes a quorum. However, the second draft of the bylaws does not address what constitutes a quorum. Representative Thurston inquired if the council were to adopt the second draft of the bylaws could the number that constitutes a quorum be changed.
- Chairman McCoy tabled further discussions pertaining to the bylaws due to a lack of a quorum. Pursuant to a quorum being established; all aforementioned issues will be

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considered and voted upon by the Council.

- Dr. Simpson inquired whether or not a stipulation could be added to the bylaws that statutorily require members to attend meetings.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that he will ask legal staff. Additionally, he reiterated that all meetings are advertised well in advance in an effort to promote attendance among members.
- A member of the audience inquired when in the course of the meeting will there be a discussion about the social status of black males. Chairman McCoy assured the audience member that discussions will be held after the Council has conducted business.
- Chairman McCoy gave a quick overview of the history and mission of the Council. Additionally, he presents the SWOT analysis to the audience that describes the strengths, weakness, opportunities, and threats that the Council has or is currently experiencing since its conception.
- Representative Thurston stated that the Council was fortunate to receive \$50,000 from the General Appropriations fund this year, but hopefully in the next couple of years the DSO will be established to help raise funds for the Council.
- Chairman McCoy inquired from the audience if they would like for the Council to discuss its 2007-2008 recommendations. Pursuant to discussion about the recommendations; audience members can pose questions after Mr. Jacob's presentation during the public forum.
- A member from the audience indicated that he would like to see a presentation outlying what the Council has accomplished since its existence.
- Chairman McCoy indicated to the audience member that the SWOT Analysis reiterates what the Council has accomplished and what the Council is seeking to address and/or to improve in the coming year.
- Additionally, Dr. Close reiterated that the Council meeting is to discuss council business and the public form is when the Council will entertain questions and concerns from the audience.
- Vice-chair Alston indicates that each committee should have already given their two recommendations that they would like to ask and to submit to OPPAGA. Therefore the Council should proceed and choose five or six recommendations to present to OPPAGA.
- Chairman McCoy asked that each committee give a recap of the recommendations that they will ask to OPPAGA.
- Rev. Dr. Simpson indicated that the Improving Educational Outcomes committee had indicated its recommendation to the Council.
- Chairman McCoy reiterated the Council's 2007 and 2008 recommendations.
- Dr. Close reiterated that the Improving Educational Outcomes committee decided to assess

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the impact of accountability data which covers an array of recommendations in order to examine in detail what may contribute to low performing students particularly black males.

- Senator Wise then gives a description of the Zero-Tolerance bill which will be made into law once it is sign from by the Governor. Senator Wise would like to share the credit for this bill with the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys.
- Chairman McCoy responds by thanking Senator Wise for giving the Council credit for the implementation of legislation.
- Representative Thurston stated that the Council played an instrumental role with legislation pertaining to the Children Zone. Additionally, Rep. Thurston indicated that several proposed legislation did not passed during the 2009 legislative session; however, there were some critical legislation that did pass during the session.
- Chairman McCoy believes that the Council needs official feedback from the legislature if any of the Council's recommendations were considered and/or passed.
- Senator Wise invited members from the Council to attend the Zero-Tolerance bill signing in Jacksonville.
- Ms. Lima inquired if the Council could make recommendations to state departments or does the Council have to make recommendations through legislators.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that the Council would have to review the statue because it is believed that the Council will have to go through legislators when making recommendations to state department heads.
- According to legal staff, the Council can make recommendations to different state departments.
- Senator Wise stated that he and Rep. Thurston will be able to obtain data for the Council once the body decides its area of interest (s).
- Chairman McCoy asks Mr. Nuss to give a budget overview.
- Mr. Nuss indicated that the Council was appropriated \$50,000 for 2008 – 2009 fiscal year. The current balance is \$11,000 through July 31. The Council was also appropriated \$50,000 for the upcoming year to use for salaries and other administrative costs.
- Vice -chair Alston makes a motion for the discussion pertaining to the DSO be tabled until the next full council meeting.
- Chairman McCoy indicates that the 2009 annual report will focus on recommendations from the 2007 and 2008 annual reports and any new recommendations.
- Chairman McCoy states that during the next teleconference there will be a vote to decide on a deadline for the 2009 annual report.

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- Chairman McCoy hopes that by the next meeting the Council will have an outline describing the details / context of the 2009 annual report.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

#### 5. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Outline of 2009 Annual Report	Chairman McCoy	June 15, 2009	Complete

#### 6. Announcements

N/A

#### 7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	<i>June 15, 2009</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>2:00-4:00pm</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Tallahassee</i>
<i>Objectives:</i>	Full Council teleconference				