



Full Council Meeting Pt.1

Date of Meeting: August 6, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Travis Dudley

1. Call to Order

- Meeting call to ordered at 9:05 AM by Chairman McCoy

2. Roll Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Dr. Anthony McCoy	DCF
Mr. Earnie Brewer	AHCA
Ms. Lillian Lima	DCF
Mr. Torey Alston	DMS
Mr. Richard Davison	DOC
Rep. Perry Thurston Jr.	Florida House
Sen. Frederica Wilson	Florida Senate
Dr. Billy Close	FSU
Mr. Andre Smith	DOE
Rev. Dr. Albert Simpson Jr.	The Philemon Baptist Church
Rep. Julio Robaina	(Absent)
Ms. Ana Maria Sanchez	(Absent)
Dr. Eddy Regnier	DOH
Mr. Levi Williams	(Absent)
Sen. Stephen Wise	(Absent)

Ms. Gypsy Gallardo	(Absent)
Sen. Stephen Wise	(Absent)
Ms. Lois Scott	(Absent)
Mr. Larry McIntyre	AWI
Ms. Fredrica Doctor	OAG
Mr. Travis Dudley	OAG
Mr. Rick Nuss	OAG
Rev. Jordan Williams III	Community Participant

3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Chairman McCoy called the meeting to order.
- Chairman McCoy stated that if any of the council members need to take a look at where the council has been then all they need to do is look at the past two annual reports.
- Chairman McCoy informed the council of what the council is planning to do for the upcoming annual report.
- Chairman McCoy explained to the council that it would be a good idea to partner with some of the state agencies in order to bring light to the issue of health disparities in kids who are in the foster care system.
- Chairman McCoy believes that if children in the foster care system are unhealthy then that will affect the way in which the children learn.
- Ms. Lima explained to the Chairman that there are a lot of alliances that are looking at the problems facing the foster care system. Ms. Lima stated that the foster care system has to deal with a lot of issues.
- Chairman McCoy stated that since there are so many alliances out there, the council needs to focus on at least one to partner with the council.
- Chairman McCoy informed the council that it needs visibility and one way he thinks the council can accomplish this is through partnerships.
- Ms. Lima informed the council on the areas on which she would like her committee to

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focus. The two areas are the value of teen pregnancy prevention programs and family planning as a proactive prevention measure.

- Ms. Lima stated that she has already made partnerships with local entities that have committed their participation and partnership with the council.
- Ms. Lima talked about the different community action projects that she thinks would be good programs to highlight in the upcoming report.
- Ms. Lima stated that she has already talked to Mr. Willie Gary about being a sponsor for the teen summit.
- Chairman stated that it is a good idea to follow through with some of the partnerships that Ms. Lima has already established.
- Vice Chair Alston made a recommendation that the Executive Committee would be charged with looking at the different alliances and making partnerships that will trickle down to each one of the committees.
- Chairman stated that the council has to find a way to figure out what exactly it will be doing by filtering out the good ideas from the bad ones.
- Ms. Lima commented on the way that she sees the annual report. Ms. Lima explained that the first couple of years were supposed to be research and how all the committees related affect black men and boys. Ms. Lima thought that in the third year the council should be focusing on different community groups that may be able to assist with alleviating the problems affecting black men and boys.
- Dr. Regnier stated that the first year the council was trying to establish itself and in the second year it began to try and tell other established councils what to do. Dr. Regnier believes that the council needs to ask questions of the other councils that made it past their beginning stage.
- Rev. Dr. Simpson asked if the Chairman was looking for someone to provide technical support or a person that will partner with the council to guide them and help the council through its beginning stages. Rev. Dr. Simpson stated that he thought that Ms. Doctor had already made contact with the Indiana Commission.
- Ms. Doctor stated that we do have a partnership with the Indiana Commission that has had the same issues as this council, and is willing to help this council thrive.
- Chairman McCoy explained to the council how they could use these partnerships and be of use to the partners.

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- Ms. Lima talked about ideas that would make this council a relevant force that does something for the community beyond the annual reports.
- Ms. Lima and Chairman McCoy discussed how to get partnerships along with what exactly they are going to do when they do different projects.
- Chairman McCoy stated that if the Health Committee needs any help with its research then they need to ask for the information as soon as possible.
- Chairman McCoy invited Vice Chair Alston to discuss any issue on which his committee may focus.
- Vice Chair Alston stated that he hopes to get a chance to discuss it with the committee members so that they may flesh out some ideas.
- Chairman McCoy stated that he had received some information from Secretary Linda South of DMS. Chairman also informed the council that there had been letter sent to DOC, DOH and the Small Business Network.
- Dr. Close stated that it seems as though the council has broadened the scope instead of focusing on a particular issue. Dr. Close recommended that the council narrow the scope and stick to what it already has planned in the report proposal.
- Chairman McCoy agreed to disagree with Dr. Close's recommendation. Chairman explained that the proposal is narrow in scope.
- Dr. Close recommended that the council develop a mechanism to identify the discrepancies in the black community and the partnership will develop themselves through an understanding that I will help you if you help me. This will guarantee that the council does not do anything outside of the council's statutory requirement.
- Representative Thurston Jr. asked what the council's next step is after establishing partnerships.
- Dr. Close stated that the next step would be to explain to the partners that we have people on the council that can get things done that otherwise might not be accomplished without the council's assistance.
- Representative Thurston Jr. stated that the council needs to define a more specific role.

5. Action Items

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E-mail To Committee Members	Chairman	ASAP	In Progress

6. Announcements

7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	November 18-19, 2009	<i>Time:</i>	TBA	<i>Location:</i>	Orlando
<i>Objectives:</i>	Full Council Meeting				



Full Council Meeting Pt. 2

Date of Meeting: August 6, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Travis Dudley

1. Call to Order

- Meeting call to ordered at 9:05 AM by Chairman McCoy

2. Roll Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Dr. Anthony McCoy	DCF
Mr. Earnie Brewer	AHCA
Ms. Lillian Lima	DCF
Mr. Torey Alston	DMS
Mr. Richard Davison	DOC
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Rep. Julio Robaina	(Absent)
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Mr. Levi Williams	(Absent)
Sen. Stephen Wise	(Absent)

Ms. Gypsy Gallardo	(Absent)
Sen. Stephen Wise	(Absent)
Ms. Lois Scott	(Absent)
Mr. Larry McIntyre	AWI
Ms. Fredrica Doctor	OAG
Mr. Travis Dudley	OAG
Mr. Rick Nuss	OAG
Rev. Jordan Williams III	Community Participant

3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

The Meeting Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Chairman McCoy stated that he believes that the council has become more focused and now they will have the power to go to the Legislature and point to a specific problem.
- Dr. Close explained to the Chairman that all the council needs to do is point out the disparities that exist so that light is shed on a particular problem. Dr. Close states that the council can facilitate the services for which many activist groups are trying to get funding.
- Representatives Thurston Jr. talked about how to gain more creditability by doing what Dr. Close stated and taking that information to the people who are in charge of funding for different projects.
- Chairman McCoy explained to the council that he believes that the council should go beyond just putting the recommendations on paper and actually do something about the recommendations that the council makes.
- Rev. Dr. Simpson asked the Chairman if there was a particular reason why the council has not been looking at homicides, because in the area he represents homicides are at an all time high.
- It's explained to the council the reason there is not a homicide committee is because homicide is tied into the criminal justice committee.
- Mr. Davison explained to the council the different things that are laid out in the annual report as to what the council members are exactly supposed to be doing as a council.
- Chairman McCoy stated that the council has been following the statute and there has

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only been one recommendation that had anything become law.

- Mr. Davison stated that the issue with the recommendations is the council's relevance. He explained that we need the legislators behind the council along with the Governor and the Attorney General.
- Representative Thurston explained that the purpose of being a council is to bring light to those issues that otherwise might not have been brought to the front.
- Ms. Lima stated that when the council gets community support behind it, then the council will become relevant.
- Chairman talked to the council about the dropout rates that are in a report from the city of San Diego, California.
- Mr. Smith asked if the council was going to bring out resources. Mr. Smith believes that the information is out there, but if the information is not put into the right hands then it is pointless.
- Chairman McCoy believed that the council has to make a connection with the community even if they have to pull the information out through the annual report.
- Mr. McIntyre explained to the council the different ways that it might be able to become more relevant by developing a process where people are looking at the problems in the community.
- Chairman McCoy expressed his thankfulness to Mr. McIntyre for voicing his view of what the council needed to do to go forward in the future.
- Vice Chair Alston asked if the next meeting for the council would be at the Match Makers Conference in Orlando.
- Chairman McCoy explained that he was hoping to get a quorum at the meeting held in Tallahassee, so for the next meeting a place that is in a central location should be found so that enough people attend for a quorum.
- Rev. Dr. Simpson needed clarity as to whether the council had a plan B in case there were not enough members to make a quorum.
- Chairman McCoy explained that the council has a plan B for the committees, but that the full council is locked in due to statute.
- Chairman McCoy recommended that the council talk to Representative Thurston about going to the Ft. Lauderdale area and if he thinks the council can wait another year then

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the council will attend the Match Makers Conference in Orlando.

- Ms. Lima asked if it was possible to let the majority of the people who are at the meeting vote and the rest of the members vote later.
- Chairman McCoy explained to the council the statute states that for the council to meet and do business, 11 members must be present.
- Staff explained to the council that the only way to get the quorum changed is to have the statute rewritten.
- Ms. Lima asked if it was possible for the council to conduct business and then submit the information to the council members and then have them vote on it.
- Chairman McCoy stated that a member has to be present for that member to vote.
- Vice Chair Alston wanted to know if the council needs to let the appointing authority know so that they can remove a non-active member and appoint a different designee.
- Chairman McCoy agreed with Vice Chair Alston and stated that at some point that is an issue the council will have to deal with.
- Chairman McCoy explained that the council already reduced the number of committee meetings a month to address this problem.
- Chairman McCoy expressed his view that we need to see some type of reaction to the recommendations that are being made.
- Rev. Dr. Simpson stated that the council needs to find the same type of excitement that they had when the council was established.
- Mr. Davidson asked the Chairman what is the DSO.
- Chairman answered that the DSO has not been established and the executive committee is working to get the DSO established. Chairman explained that the DSO is a separate entity that will provide some type of support.
- Chairman McCoy called the meeting to recess for 90 minutes.

5. Action Items

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7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	August 18-19, 2009	<i>Time:</i>	TBA	<i>Location:</i>	orlando
<i>Objectives:</i>	Full Council Meeting				



Full Council Meeting pt.3

Date of Meeting: August 6, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Travis Dudley

1. Call to Order

- Meeting call to ordered at 1:05 PM by Chairman McCoy
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2. Roll Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Dr. Anthony McCoy	DCF
Mr. Earnie Brewer	AHCA
Ms. Lillian Lima	DCF
Mr. Torey Alston	DMS
Ms. Gypsy Gallardo	(Absent)
Rep. Perry Thurston Jr.	Florida House
Rep. Julio Robaina	(Absent)
Ms. Ana Maria Sanchez	(Absent)
Dr. Eddy Regnier	DOH
Mr. Levi Williams	(Absent)
Rev. Dr. Albert Simpson Jr.	The Philemon Baptist Church
Sen. Frederica Wilson	Florida Senate
Sen. Stephen Wise	(Absent)
Dr. Billy Close	FSU
Mr. Andre Smith	DOE

Mr. Richard Davison	DOC
Ms. Fredrica Doctor	OAG
Mr. Larry McIntyre	AWI
Rev. Jordan Williams	Community Participant
Mr. Travis Dudley	OAG
Mr. Rick Nuss	OAG

3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

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4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Meeting was called to order by Chairman McCoy who requested a roll call to see if quorum was met.
- Once Mr. Davison returned there was enough present to reach a quorum.
- Chairman McCoy asked Representative Thurston if he thinks that the council should go to Ft. Lauderdale or Orlando.
- Representative Thurston responded that as much as he loves his home town, that it would be better for the council to meet at the Match Makers Conference in Orlando.
- There was a motion that was properly moved and Seconded that the council have its next quarterly meeting to coincide with the 2009 Match Makers Conference in Orlando.
- Vice Chair Alston shared with the council that the Match Makers Conference would be held November 18 through November 20 and that the council would hold its meeting on November 19.
- Senator Wilson explained that she thinks the council is the best kept secret in the community and the council needs to be seen by the community so that the council will be able to fulfill its mission.
- Representative Thurston expressed an idea to have the council collaborate with the Congressional Black Caucus.
- Mr. Davison brought up the idea that the meeting is a working meeting and then the following day the council could have a public forum with the Congressional Black Caucus.

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- Chairman McCoy believed that perhaps the council should hold a public forum for a certain amount of time and then have a working meeting on the same day due to budget restraints.
- Chairman McCoy asked if the full council needed to be there to put on a public forum.
- Rev. Dr. Simpson responded that it is vital that the full council attend so that the public will not receive a one sided answer.
- Chairman McCoy proposed that the council have one day for a work meeting and the next day for a public forum.
- Mr. Davison made a motion to accept the proposal and the proposal was seconded by Vice Chair Alston.
- Vice Chair Alston asked what time the council planned on having the public forum, as there will also be a trade show going on that Friday and the council might be able to use part of their setup.
- Representative Thurston recommended that since the council is trying to attract public attention the best time to have a public forum would be from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.
- Chairman decided to leave this issue open so that Vice Chair Alston can check with Match Maker to see what the best times are that are available.
- Mr. Davison expressed his view that it would be better to have the public forum on Thursday as opposed to Friday so that the council maximizes the amount of community participation.
- Vice Chair Alston hoped that the council will be able to get both the public forum and working meeting done in one day.
- Dr. Close recommended that the council just have the meeting for four hours and then have the public forum the same day, so it can all be accomplished in one day.
- A motion was made for Dr. Close's proposal to override the aforementioned motion, and that the council only meet for one day at the Match Makers Conference.
- Representative Thurston asked if there is a way for the council to inform the public about the public forum.
- Vice Chair Alston explained that he will make sure that the public forum is broadcasted to all the people who are in attendance at the Conference.

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- Mr. Smith asked is there going to be a brochure for people to look at just in case they feel like they did not get their questions answered.
- Chairman McCoy responded that typically at all of the public forums, the council will distribute copies of its annual report so that the public can get a chance to see what the council is doing.
- Dr. Close suggested that the council might want to invite a speaker to generate interest in a round table discussion.
- Vice Chair Alston mentioned that the Match Makers Conference this year will be hosting the Governor, the Attorney General and the CFO.
- Dr. Close and Representative Thurston thought it would be a good idea to get the Governor or the Attorney General to make a comment on the disparities that the council has already produced.
- Dr. Close recommended that the committees proceed in coming up with questions for the speaker so that each committee will not be reading straight out the report.
- Chairman McCoy informed the council that each committee needed to produce three questions by the next teleconference so that the questions can be submitted to the invited guest at the same time as the invitation.
- Chairman McCoy asked the council whether they would like to have a panel discussion or just a period for each speaker to speak.
- Representative Thurston believed that it would be best not to let the panel turn into a debate, but rather give the speakers an opportunity to express how each feels about a particular disparity.
- Vice Chair Alston asked, whether the council is doing a round table discussion with the elected officials or putting on a public forum to receive feedback from the public.
- Dr. Close responded that he envisioned the council to combining those two efforts so that the community will be able to see their elected officials.
- Vice Chair Alston recommended that the council come up with a design as to how the public forum will be run.
- Senator Wilson expressed concern that if the council did the public forum by inviting different candidates, then it will turn into a debate instead of a public forum.
- Chairman McCoy asked if it would be improper to just invite one person to give a speech

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before the public forum starts.

- Senator Wilson responded by asking who the council would invite.
- Dr. Close stated that there are all kinds of people, but that the council needs to make sure it finds a person that can state the mission of the council.
- Chairman suggested that maybe the council should invite speakers from the local community that might be able to assist in the mission of the council.
- Vice Chair Alston recommended that the council determine what exactly the council is trying to accomplish by putting on the public forum before deciding what speaker to invite.
- Dr. Close stated that you can get rid of the whole political issue if the council just invites state department heads to come and give their input on particular issues.
- Chairman McCoy stated that after the committees return their questions then the council will be able to determine which department heads to invite.
- Mr. McIntyre explained to the council the different state agencies that deal with economic problems throughout the state.
- Vice Chair Alston asked the council if the public will be asking questions to the council or will the council be asking questions to the public.
- Ms. Lima suggested that before the council invites these agency heads they should make sure that the community is there. Ms. Lima requested that the council let the public know ahead of time the particular issue that the council plans to address at the public forum.
- Chairman McCoy stated that plan A will involve the people who show up to the meeting asking questions on a specific topic that will be pre-determined ahead of time. Plan B will be that the council will ask questions to the community to get their input on the issue.
- Vice Chair Alston asked whether or not the council wanted to have a public forum the way it has had in the past.

5. Action Items

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7. Next Meeting

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<i>Objectives:</i>	Full Council Meeting				



Full Council Meeting Pt. 4

Date of Meeting: August 6, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Travis Dudley

1. Call to Order

- Meeting call to ordered at 1:05 PM by Chairman McCoy
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2. Roll Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Dr. Anthony McCoy	DCF
Mr. Earnie Brewer	AHCA
Ms. Lillian Lima	DCF
Mr. Torey Alston	DMS
Mr. Richard Davison	DOC
Mr. Travis Dudley	OAG
Mr. Rick Nuss	OAG
Rep. Perry Thurston Jr.	Florida House
Rep. Julio Robaina	(Absent)
Ms. Ana Maria Sanchez	(Absent)
Dr. Eddy Regnier	DOH
Mr. Levi Williams	(Absent)
Rev. Dr. Albert Simpson Jr.	The Philemon Baptist Church
Sen. Frederica Wilson	Florida Senate

Sen. Stephen Wise	(Absent)
Dr. Billy Close	FSU
Mr. Larry MacIntrye	AWI
Mr. Andre Smith	DOE
Ms. Fredrica Doctor	OAG
Ms. Gypsy Gallardo	(Absent)

3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

The Meeting Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Mr. Brewer stated that he believed the whole point in inviting the community is so the council could become more relevant.
- Chairman McCoy explained to the council that maybe they should just invite members from the black caucus and see if they will field questions from the community.
- Rev. Dr. Simpson thought that it would be better for the council chairs to take questions from the community like they did in Tampa.
- Mr. Brewer explained that the whole point of the black caucus being there is to hear what the council is doing.
- Mr. Smith asked if someone would be giving an overview of what the council is doing. He asked what is going to make someone partner with the council.
- Chairman McCoy responded by talking about why the council needs an Executive Director. Chairman explained the reasons this position will be so important to the council.
- Mr. Smith explained to the Chairman that it is hard to market the council if the council does not lay a foundation of what it is planning to do in the future, where it has been, or its goals.
- Chairman McCoy responded by saying that the committee chairs will explain to the public what the council is doing. Chairman McCoy explained that the problem has been the council being able to provide solutions.
- Mr. Smith expressed his concern about the long-term goals of the council along with

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the short-term goals of the council.

- Chairman McCoy responded by saying that was the reason for his SWOT Analysis of the council so that the council would be able to see what are the long-term and short-term goals of the council.
- Dr. Regnier explained to the chairman that the council needs to close discussion to help get discussion through.
- Rev. Dr. Simpson explained to the council that when the council is in session they are the ones who are supposed to be answering the questions from the public, no one else.
- Chairman McCoy stated that the council will have a public forum but there will not be any invited guests and the topics will be on the two topics that the council will be doing their annual report on this year.
- Vice Chair Alston made a motion for the council to have a public forum at the Match Makers Conference and to invite special guest and that the chairman will come back with a proposed agenda for the public forum.
- The motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. Simpson.
- Mr. Davison asked a question concerning the invited guests.
- Vice Chair Alston responded by saying the invited guests would be the black caucus but that all the questions from the public would be directed to the council for response.
- Vice Chair Alston accepted an amendment to remove the invited guests from the previous motion.
- Vice Chair Alston made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 13th meeting.
- The motion was carried and accepted.
- Ms. Lima asked if the committees were going to be able to meet during the meeting today.
- Chairman McCoy responded that it might be quicker to put all the information on the table concerning the committees.
- Ms. Lima explained to the council that the committee on health and foster care is looking at the new data and trying to find ways of reducing children in the child welfare system.

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- Ms. Lima explained that her committee is looking at preventative programs that address teen pregnancy issues along with children in the welfare system.
- Ms. Lima talked about the different programs in her area that might be able to provide some type of assistance.
- Ms. Lima explained to the council about value preservation programs that assist in keeping the kids in the home.
- Ms. Lima talked about the partnership with Mr. Willie Gary and that the council needs to come up with a plan to run the program.
- Ms. Lima explained how her committee would like to do a teen summit during the year for at-risk youth.
- Chairman McCoy expressed his view that it might be better to see if the AG's office would allow her to partner with one of their conferences to reduce the cost.
- Ms. Lima explained the fact that Mr. Gary would like to host the event in Stewart, so that the youth will be able to see the great things he has accomplished.
- Ms. Lima thinks that the council should have the teen summit prior to the next legislative session to show the Legislature what the council is doing.
- Chairman McCoy made a motion that the foster care and health care committee look into receiving a gift for the purpose of carrying out a community-based project and that they report back to staff with the appropriate information by September 1.
- The motion was tabled in the absence of a quorum.
- Ms. Lima asked about implementing other projects that the foster care and health committees would like to do.
- Chairman stated that by law the council may receive gifts because the statute does not say how the gift has to be used.
- Ms. Lima responded by saying that the council does need a quorum to determine how the gift is going to be used.
- Chairman McCoy expressed his concern about not having a quorum, because without it the council cannot commence with business.
- Dr. Regnier explained that the problem is that the discussions that the council has are

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open ended and go around in a circle.

- Chairman McCoy responded to that he thinks the format of the meetings will need to be changed.

5. Action Items

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7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	November 17-19	<i>Time:</i>	TBA	<i>Location:</i>	Orlando
<i>Objectives:</i>	Full Council Meeting				



Full Council Meeting Pt. 5

Date of Meeting: August 6, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Travis Dudley

1. Call to Order

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2. Roll Call

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Ms. Lillian Lima	DCF
Mr. Torey Alston	DMS
Ms. Gypsy Gallardo	(Absent)
Mr. Travis Dudley	OAG
Mr. Rick Nuss	OAG
Rep. Perry Thurston Jr.	Florida House
Rep. Julio Robaina	(Absent)
Ms. Ana Maria Sanchez	(Absent)
Dr. Eddy Regnier	DOH
Mr. Levi Williams	(Absent)
Rev. Dr. Albert Simpson Jr.	The Philemon Baptist Church
Sen. Frederica Wilson	Florida Senate

Sen. Stephen Wise	(Absent)
Ms. Fredrica Doctor	OAG
Dr. Billy Close	FSU
Mr. Andre Smith	DOE
Mr. Larry McIntyre	AWI
Rev. Jordan Williams III	Community Participant
Mr. Richard Davison	DOC

3. Reading of Minutes; Officers and Committees reports

The Meeting Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Chairman McCoy is in favor of letting the council members go home if the council does not have a quorum.
- Representative Thurston brought up the idea that the council does not have to stop its business, because of a lack of quorum, but may have the discussion and vote on an issue when a quorum is reached.
- Vice Chair Alston talked about the issues that the economic, criminal justice, and education committees are thinking about addressing in the upcoming annual report.
- Vice Chair Alston explained that the economic committee had already chosen a few ideas.
- Mr. McIntyre explained the disparities that are present in the workforce area and how they might be corrected.
- Vice Chair Alston outlined the different ideas that the economic committee had and wanted to know how they can combine with the other two committees.
- Dr. Close explained the issue that the education committee would like to focus on in the upcoming report.
- Dr. Close recommended that the committee name be changed to socioeconomic disparities as opposed to economic disparities.
- Ms. Lima stated that the workforce boards will assist in addressing certain issues but only at the local area.

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- Mr. McIntyre explained that it is also possible to get funding from the local workforce boards at the state level as well.
- Chairman McCoy gave different articles to Vice Chair Alston about the importance of having an education.
- Mr. Davison talked to the council about the issues that the Department of Corrections faces in educating inmates in the Florida Prison System.
- Mr. Davison expressed his thanks to the council for allowing him to serve on the council and he hopes that council members will be able to continue to give their opinion because that is how a conclusion is reached.
- Rev. Dr. Simpson allowed Rev. Jordan to express his opinion on what he thinks the council should be doing and how he can provide assistance to the council.
- Meeting was called to close by Chairman McCoy.

5. Action Items

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

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7. Next Meeting

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<i>Objectives:</i>	Full Council Meeting				



Meeting Notes
9/14/2009

Full Council Meeting

Date of Meeting: September 14, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Fredrica Doctor

1. Purpose of Meeting



2. Attendance at Meeting

<i>Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Dr. Anthony McCoy, Chair	DCF
Torey Alston, Vice-chair	DMS
Dr. Billy R. Close	FSU
Earnie Brewer	AHCA
Lillian Lima	DCF
Representative Julio Robaina	Florida House of Representatives
Ana Maria Sanchez, J.D.	DJJ
Andre Smith	DOE
Lois Scott	AWI
Dr. Eddy Regnier	
Holly Carson – Community Participant	AWI
Dr. Shante Friday-Stroud	SBI, FAMU
Fredrica Doctor	Staff
Rick Nuss	OAG

3. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

- **Agenda Item 1: Call to Order**
 - Chairman McCoy called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

- **Agenda Item 2: Reading of Minutes**
 - Deferred until the next scheduled teleconference.

- **Agenda Item 3: Roll Call**
 - Lack presence of a quorum.

- **Agenda Item 4: Old Business**
 - None

- **Agenda Item 5: 2009 Annual Report Status**
 - Chairman McCoy asks each committee chair to give a status report regarding the progress of their committee report.

 - Ms. Lima, chair of the Foster Care and Family Issues committee, reports the foster care and family issues and health status committees will be focusing on: highlights (quick facts) from the 2007 & 2008 report; disproportionally of black children in the child welfare system; and make recommendations on how to safely reduce the number of African-American children in the child welfare system.

 - The committee will also focus on the following factors that address disproportionally and how to safely reduce the number of African-American children in care: family preservation programs; family planning teen pregnancy prevention programs; and cultural competence within the child welfare workforce.

 - Additionally, the committee gave a progress report from its 2007 recommendation with fully funding and promoting adoption through One Church, One Child.

 - Ms. Lima indicated that Dr. Regnier, chair of the Improving Health Status committee, submitted the health component of the initial committee report that addresses the value of mental health services.

 - Ms. Lima indicates that she is still awaiting updated data as it pertains to teen pregnancy in Florida from DOH and updated data from the Casset House to be added to the committee report.

 - Mr. Alston indicates that he will defer to those committee members who participated in last week's teleconference to offer a brief report about their contribution to the socioeconomic report since he was unable to attend.

 - Currently, the socioeconomic committee is in receipt of 90% of submitted information from education, economics, and the workforce. The committee is still awaiting information for the criminal justice and gangs' component from the Department of Corrections to be added to the report.

 - Ms. Scott shares with the Council that her staff submitted an initial draft which provides a synopsis pertaining to the disparities in services in the workforce system as it relates to African American males and youth; successful programs in providing services to the aforementioned population and providing recommendations to the committee for the workforce system to improve the outcome of the aforementioned

population.

- Additionally, Ms. Scott indicates that her staff is still collecting data and it will be provided. Staff will go back and edit information since the initial draft that they submitted is somewhat lengthy.
- Chairman McCoy indicates to the Ms. Scott that more is better than less when it comes to being in receipt of information. Chairman McCoy inquires as to whether any of the food stamp demographics data was utilized in the committee report.
- Ms. Scott indicates that she did not utilize it and Mr. Alston indicates that the committee will review the information again; however, unsure as to how it will fit within the context of the report.
- Mr. Smith indicates expanded on the early warning system from a theoretical model and documented its foundation that is moving forward in other states such as South Carolina and California. The aforementioned states are modeling their system from the school district of Philadelphia and how they use empirical data to build their search engines for their early warning alert systems.
- Chairman McCoy inquires about the challenges for educational systems in determining dropout rates.
- Mr. Smith indicates that the challenge is only unique identifier that the state has is social security numbers. Some students come in with their social security numbers or they are assigned a student id number. As students start to move from district to district, there is no standardized student id throughout the state. The Florida Department of Education tries to link students through id demographics and other characteristics. However, there is no one size fit all social security number that is required in the education system where you can track students from district to district or from state to state.
- Chairman McCoy inquires as to whether the Council should consider making a recommendation that the state develops a tracking system where students could be tracked as they move within the state.
- Dr. Close indicates that the Improving Educational Outcomes committee last year recommended that a mechanism should be set in place to track children between schools and/or districts as well as between the juvenile and adult criminal justice system.
- Dr. Close believes that there has to be a mechanism for tracking these students.
- Mr. Smith indicates that several districts are asking for common identifier within the state. Mr. Smith expresses as long as it (identifier) is kept at the state level you may be able to obtain traction; however, if we start to utilize central ids across the US in trying to link students, there is a possibility that ACLU and other issues will get into the fray.
- Dr. Close inquires are social security numbers available for some and not for others? And for those that are available, is there a way to determine what proportion of

students' social security numbers will allow us to track them specifically?

- Mr. Smith indicates that the department has the numbers of how many students have valid SSN; however, some students have their parent's SSN. The number of students who have valid SSN can be tracked.
- Dr. Close indicates that this could serve as a sample to all of the students it would give a projection of the accuracy of the dropout rates.
- Chairman McCoy indicates that the Council will need to follow up with this recommendation and contact the Commissioner of Education and talk to legislative educational committees.
- Chairman McCoy inquires with Mr. Alston if he thinks this proposed recommendation could fit into the context of the committee report.
- Mr. Alston agrees and iterates that the socioeconomic committee has another teleconference scheduled for October 5, 2009 during which time a concise document will be discussed among committee members and then submitted to the Council for review.
- Chairman McCoy indicates that staff will submit a revised copy of 2007 & 2008 recommendations matrix to subcommittee chairs in order to verify and follow-up on the recommendation that will be addressed in the 2009 report and to fill out the next step or disposition column for those recommendations that will not be addressed in this year's report.

Annual report status continues with a progress report from Dr. Eddy Regnier:

- The health component of the foster care and family issues and health status committee focuses on the mental health needs of foster care children primarily those children who have been victims of abuse. And what happens to these children once they are removed? How do mental health issues manifest in foster care children?
- Additionally, Dr. Regnier indicates that he has been in receipt of an array of qualitative data from the OAG and from Secretary Frank Peterman, Jr. with DJJ.
- Dr. Regnier expresses that there appears to be great mental health needs; however, still unclear as to how agencies are addressing these needs.
- Ms. Lima iterates that the foster care and family issues and health status committee focal area for this year's report is disproportionally of children in the child welfare system; hence, the mental health needs of children may need to be taken into consideration for next year's annual report.
- Chairman McCoy reiterates Dr. Regnier's previous sentiment that follow-up care should occur in order to avoid children from reentering the foster care system and to ensure mental health stability.
- Ms. Lima concludes that the mental health service of youth would fall underneath the category of family preservation service within the context of the committee report.

- Dr. Regnier indicates that he will implement the data that he received into his report and submit to Ms. Lima.
 - Additionally, Dr. Friday suggests including a mental health component addressing the parents of children with mental health issues under the family preservation category within the foster care and family issues and health status report.
 - Ms. Lima concludes that the “Value of Mental Health of Children and Families for Family Preservation” will be followed-up with addressing the magnitude of the problem in the health committee report thus resulting in further explaining the disproportionately of children in the child welfare system.
- **Agenda Item 6: Announcements**
 - The month of October is dedicated to the editing process of the initial annual report.
 - The last day to make reservations at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel via online is Thursday, October 1, 2009.
 - October 5, 2009 committee teleconferences: Foster Care and Family Issues and Health Status: 10 AM – 12 PM and Socioeconomic and Educational Outcomes 2 PM – 3 PM.
 - Chairman tentatively confirms the Council’s participation in the 2010 National Preventing Crime in the Black Community Conference scheduled to take place in Orlando, FL.

4. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Initial committee reports due	Committee Chairs	10/5 – 10/6	Complete

5. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	11/19/2009	<i>Time:</i>	12 Noon – 5 PM	<i>Location:</i>	Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel – Orlando, Florida
<i>Objectives:</i>	Annual Report Draft				

