

COUNCIL ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS

Meeting Minutes

A full Council teleconference was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

Council Members Present:

Richard Davison, Chair
Lillian Lima, Vice Chair
Earnest Brewer
Billy Close, PhD
Gypsy Gallardo
Anna Gray
Ronald Henderson
Rod Love
Anthony D. McCoy, PhD
Rep. Julio Robaina
Lois Scott
Rev. Albert Simpson, Jr., PhD
Andre Smith
Shairi Turner, MD
Levi Williams
Sentor Frederica Wilson

Council Members Absent:

Eddy Regnier, PhD
Rep. Perry Thurston, Jr.
Sentor Stephen Wise

Also Present were:

David Denson
Ysyrl Dixon
Carl Reeves
Rex Uberman
Emery Gainey
Rick Nuss
Yata Caine
Smith Leveille
Matt Dunagan

Chairman Richard Davison called the meeting to order at 2:15PM and Ms. Yata Caine recorded the minutes. Dr. Albert Simpson led the opening prayer. A quorum of Council members was present and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Chairman Davison reviewed the agenda and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Representative Julio Robaina moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Vice Chair Lillian Lima.

Next, Chairman Davison opened the floor for opening comments. Mr. Levi Williams stated that and this will be his last meeting as he plans to resign from the Council and will be available as a resource. Ms. Lois Scott commended Chairman Davison on the information received via email prior to the teleconference. Ms. Anna Gray stated that she looks forward to working with the

Council.

Chairman Davison subsequently introduced the Office of the Attorney General and Department of Corrections staff that will assist the Council.

The next issue discussed by Chairman Davison was the approval of the meeting minutes for the January 25, 2010 teleconference and the February 25, 2010 meeting. Chairman Davison opened the floor for a motion to amend or accept meeting minutes; whereupon motions duly made by Representative Robaina to accept; motion seconded by Vice Chair Lima.

Mr. Rick Nuss gave the Council a financial report, including an overview of the 2010 appropriations, expenditures, anticipated expenditures and the allocation of funds for the remainder of the year. Currently funds are used to cover the costs of the OPS position that supports the Council, travel for Council members, annual report expenses, and other administrative costs.

Chairman Davison raised the question to Mr. Nuss as to whether the statute indicates where the staff position should come from. Chairman Davison requested a staff analysis and a written opinion from the Office of the Attorney General concerning whether the staff position should come from the appropriations or the Office of the Attorney General. Discussion ensued. Ms. Scott motioned to accept the report, seconded by Mr. Andre Smith.

The next issue discussed by the Council was the 2009 Committee Recommendations. Dr. Anthony McCoy led the discussion as immediate past Chairman. Dr. McCoy inquired to past Committee Chairs about the status of each committee's recommendations. On behalf of the Foster Care and Family Issues Committee, Vice Chair Lima stated that Secretary Sheldon had been approached with the committee's recommendation of establishing an Office of Minority Affairs within the Department of Children and Families.

On behalf the Committee on the Socio-economic status, Ms. Scott stated that a number of ex-offenders had been targeted in the state of Florida. This information will be used when applying for funding opportunities.

In lieu of Dr. Eddie Reigner's absence, the status update for the Health Status Committee was postponed.

Chairman Davison spoke on behalf of the Criminal Justice and Gangs Committee. Discussion ensued concerning disconnect in communicating information within agencies represented on the Council. Chairman Davison would like direct communication to take place between Council members and their agency head.

The next order of business discussed was Council staffing. Mr. Nuss gave a brief update on the hiring of Council staff by the Office of the Attorney General. In addition, he gave an overview of the history of hired staff and explained the rationale for hiring one Administrative Assistant II.

Mr. Matt Dunagan presented an overview of the Direct Service Organization and Strategic

Business Plan. The key objectives are to 1) identify and obtain all DSO appointments within the next 30-60 days, 2) obtain \$10,000 from each state agency, and 3) apply to charitable organizations for additional funding. Chairman Davison stated the Florida Department of Corrections has committed to putting forth \$10,000.00 into the Direct Service Organization. Discussion ensued concerning Council members obtaining a \$10,000.00 commitment from each respective agency. Chairman Davison opened the floor for a motion to adopt draft; whereupon motions duly made by Representative Robaina to accept; motion seconded by Vice Chair Lima.

Chairman Davison opened the floor for a motion to send letters to agency heads whereupon motions duly made by Representative Robaina to accept; motion seconded by Vice Chair Lima.

Chairman Davison opened the floor for a motion to dialogue with charitable organizations Pew Flora Hewitt Foundation; John D. and Katherine T. McArthur Foundation whereupon motions duly made by Vice Chair Lima; motion seconded by Representative Robaina.

The next order of business discussed was the Council's mission and vision statement. Chairman Davison opened the floor for a motion adopt newly presented vision and mission statements whereupon motions duly made by Dr. McCoy to accept; motion seconded by Vice Chair Lima. The updated Council logo item was withdrawn by Chairman Davison and will be revisited during the Orlando, Florida full Council meeting.

The next issue discussed by the Council was the Council Governance and By-laws. Vice Chair Lima asked the Council for questions and recommendations concerning the Council's by-laws. Motion made by Dr. McCoy to modify by-laws to rename the Vice Chair position, 1st Vice Chair and elect a 2nd and 3rd Vice Chair; motion seconded by Vice Chair Lima. Vice Chair Lima asked the Council if there were any questions regarding the Sunshine laws. Chairman Davison indicated that the by-laws will be reviewed during the next meeting and subsequently reviewed the Robert's rules of order.

The next issue discussed by the Council was nominations for the positions for 2nd Vice Chair and 3rd Vice Chair. Dr. McCoy gave a brief overview of the duties of both positions. Chairman Davison opened the floor to receive nominations; whereupon motions duly made by Vice Chair Lima to nominate Dr. Billy Close; motion seconded by Mr. Rod Love. Dr. Billy Close unanimously voted in as 2nd Vice Chair.

Motions duly made by Vice Chair Lima to nominate Mr. Rod Love as 3rd Vice Chair; motion seconded by Mr. Smith. Mr. Rod Love unanimously voted in as 3rd Vice Chair.

The Council's Executive Committee will consist of Chairman Davison, Vice Chair Lillian Lima, 2nd Vice Chair Billy Close, 3rd Vice Chair Rod Love, and Chairman Emeritus Anthony McCoy. The executive committee will meet on dates indicated in the agenda.

The next item discussed was the adoption of 2010 and 2011 priorities. Chairman Davison presented the following four priorities to the Council and recommended that they be adopted as priority in this order:

1. Establish local councils on the Status of Black Men and Boys in Miami-Dade, Broward,

- Palm Beach, Orange, Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Duval counties.
2. Establish Role Model Programs in Eatonville, Florida and Quincy, Florida
 3. Improving Outcomes for Black Men and Boys being served by the criminal justice and juvenile delinquency systems.
 4. Fatherhood initiative

Discussion ensued. Chairman Davison opened the floor to receive motion to adopt the priorities; whereupon motions duly made by Dr. Billy Close; motion seconded by Vice-Chair Lima.

Chairman Davison made the following appointments to assist in carrying out the establishment of the Local Councils:

- Local Council Statewide Coordinator- Billy Close

Appointments of Local Council Coordinators (7)

- Orange County - Rod Love
- Hillsborough County- Lillian Lima
- Pinellas County- Eddy Regnier
- Duval County- Albert Simpson
- Miami-Dade County- Levi Williams
- Broward County- Perry Thurston
- Palm Beach County- Andre Smith

Chairman Davison made the following appointments of Committee Chairs:

- Health and Families Committee- Shairi Turner
- Employment and Economics Committee- Lois Scott
- Education Committee- Gypsy Gallardo
- Criminal Justice and Gangs Committee- Earnest Brewer

Next, Mr. Smith Leville provided an overview of the community participant process. Chairman Davison recognize requested speaker George "Ysyrl" Dixon. Mr. Dixon expressed his desire to have an active role as a community participant of the Council.

Chairman Davison stated that the next Quarterly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2010 in Orlando, Florida from 4:00PM- 6:00PM with a Public Forum immediately following from 6:30PM – 8:30PM. The Council will solicit public participation through the media advertisement in Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties. The second part of the Quarterly meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 28, 2010 in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Centre Hotel from 10:15AM – 1:15PM. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community.

Chairman Davison stated future Council Meeting Dates and Locations as follows:

Quarterly Meetings

- August 17, 2010- 9:00AM- 4:00PM, Ft. Lauderdale- Broward College
- November 19, 2010- 9:00AM – 4:00PM, Eatonville- Community Center

Council Teleconference Meetings

- July 20, 2010- 2:00PM - 4:30PM

- October 19, 2010- 2:00PM - 4:30PM
- January 18, 2010- 2:00PM - 4:30PM

Chairman opened the floor for additional comments by Council members before adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.