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

- Tabled until next scheduled teleconference.

### 4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Dr. McCoy expressed his concern about the lack of membership during subcommittees meetings.
- Chairman Williams offered the explanation of members' involvement in the upcoming election at the state-wide and agencies level. Additionally, the council will need to examine strategies in moving forward with the work of the Council.
- Quorum has yet been established within the Criminal Justice and Gangs committee; however with the help of community participants, they were able to identify issues to present to the Council with hopes that the Council would be able to approve the issues.
- Chairman Williams recommended that committees continue on the path of identifying two recommendations from the previous two years. The Criminal Justice committee has identified the following ten issues: Comprehensive Assessment; Zero-Tolerance (follow-up about the adoption of policy among state school boards; Reentry at the Community Level (60 % - 70% of black males between the ages of 18 – 25; high percentage of black males unable to become licensed attorneys); Organizing Reentry Reform Work for 2007 and beyond; Fatherhood initiatives; Mental Health / Drug Courts strategies and Florida Gangs Reduction Strategy.
- Chairman Williams expressed his desire to consider the Florida Gangs Reduction Strategy and Fatherhood initiatives for consideration as the committee's two recommendations for further analysis and data.
- Dr. McCoy indicated that a focal area may need to be identified that revolve around each committees; Chairman Williams indicated that education is a focal area that seems to tie all committees together.
- Dr. McCoy referenced the Drop-out Early Warning System (which was submitted to council members months prior to today's teleconference) that originated in North Carolina. In an individual study, California was able to calculate that students dropping out equated to the loss of income to the state. There seems to be a connection with students dropping out and an increase in criminal activities; early entry into workforce in order to support their family; etc...
- Dr. McCoy expressed that the Council may want to consider focusing on the early drop rate as it relates to young black males and older black males involvement in the criminal justice system as a focal area.
- Chairman Williams indicated the aforementioned issues have a "mushroom cap" that may be

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a challenge for the Council to articulate. Further analysis will need to be conducted in order to examine the dropout rates of Florida schools. The following questions would need to be answered, "How many school systems are underneath a federal consent decree?" Why are students particularly black males dropping out of school? Identify disparities in application policies. DOE tried to track disparities through inventory (i.e. questionnaires, surveys, etc...) however this has been discontinued. Additionally, further analysis is needed to understand the components of why students (particularly black males) drop-out (life challenges, systemic barriers, limited resources, etc...).

- Mr. Denson expressed that the medicating of children in order to function academically needs to be examined as an attributing factor to the dropout rates. Additionally, black male role models are crucial to the success of black males.
- Chairman Williams indicated that there is a community of experts who promote medication to the state; therefore alternative experts need to be located that will offer unbiased recommendations and are not affiliated with a specific organization.
- Chairman Williams reiterated that guidelines set forth by Chairman McCoy with examining and addressing two recommendations from the past annual reports are sound for the 2009 annual report. Additionally, recommendations need to be community based or legislatively driven because what the Council has achieved have been unfunded mandates and other legislation is waiting funding from the DSO.
- Dr. McCoy indicated that once committees have selected their two recommendations for the 2009 annual report; each committee will expand on the selective recommendations and make additional recommendations as a follow-up as to what is the steps or course of action that will need to be taken. The goal is to deter a long list of recommendations with no outcomes / follow-up to responsibility entity.
- Dr. McCoy indicated that a letter will be submitted to Rep. Thurston, Sen. Wise, and Sen. Wilson as it relates to the 2007 Council's recommendations to inquire about the reevaluation of the Talented Top 20 program first implemented in California at UCLA. Program examines the admission of minority students in universities. The Talented 20 program was the executive branch's response to avoid a law suit as it relate to affirmative action.
- Chairman Williams expressed that a solid commitment needs to come from each committee during the full council teleconference about the two recommendations / issues that will be submitted to OPPAGA for research and continued follow – up.
- Chairman Williams expressed that communities need to be inspired for change.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that the council has to present something tangible to communities in order for change to come. Additionally, identify which communities have greater needs involving some problems versus other problems this would allow community to focus on a specific cause as it relates to black males. The Council may need to consider a "selling point" for each community.
- Mr. Denson inquires as to whether or not community participants can established a community forum to present information and bring awareness about the Council.
- Chairman McCoy asked that Mr. Denson's inquiry be taken up for consideration during the

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full council teleconference as well as with legal staff to discuss any legality that may prevent or deter a community participant from having a public forum.

- Adjournment at 3:10 PM.

#### 5. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Resubmission of DEWS report to Council Members	Staff	Prior to next teleconference meeting	Pending
Draft letter to Rep. Thurston, Sen. Wise, and Sen. Wilson about the Talented Top 20 Program	Chairman McCoy	TBD	Pending
Letter to Small Business Enterprise	Chairman McCoy		Complete
Letter to DMS	Chairman McCoy		Complete
Informational emails / letter to Urban Leagues and NAACP about the Council's recommendations – Copies of the 2007 & 2008 annual reports	Chairman McCoy / Staff	Prior to next teleconference meeting	Pending
Hillsborough County Community Participant Public Forum Discussion	Council	June 15, 2009	

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Next scheduled teleconference – Monday, July 6, 2009; 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

#### 7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	7/6/2009	<i>Time:</i>	2:00 PM – 4:00PM	<i>Location:</i>	Tallahassee
<i>Objectives:</i>	2009 Annual Report Proposal				



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Minutes were tabled until the next committee teleconference.

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- Chairman McCoy stated that in the future the amount of members that it takes to constitute a quorum should be indicated on the agenda.
- Mr. Alston stated that the by-laws do not state how many members constitute a quorum and this is the issue that the Council needs to address.
- Chairman McCoy concurred with Mr. Alston's sentiment.
- Ms. Lima inquired if subcommittees are subjugated to the same criteria in the establishment of a quorum. The statute only implies that the full council has to have a quorum in order for a meeting to take place.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that the aforementioned issue is very complex especially since the bylaws have been passed in the last two years.
- Ms. Lima stated that since no by-laws have passed then it would be a good idea if subcommittees were allowed to convene without establishing a quorum. Because at this current time, the surrounding issue of a quorum is slowing the Council's progress.
- Mr. Alston inquired if there is a way to review the statute and make changes that apply to those members who are not attending meetings and/or have those non participatory members removed from the council.
- Chairman McCoy agrees that the Council is going to have to address the aforementioned issue.
- Ms. Lima recommended that the Council combine some of its subcommittees to see if this could possibly secure a quorum.
- Chairman McCoy would like to present the aforementioned recommendation to the full council in order to get a consensus.
- Ms. Lima also recommended that staff contact each council member and explain the importance of participating regularly in meetings and in teleconferences.
- Chairman McCoy discussed the 2009 Bill Tracking document and mentions possible legislation that may affect black men and boys in the state of Florida.
- Ms. Lima inquired how the committee will proceed with being in receipt of the aforementioned document.
- Chairman McCoy reiterated that the bill tracking document is an informative reference about an array of bills that were in the House and Senate during the 2009 legislative session.

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- Ms. Lima inquired if the Legislative Review committee had to combine the content of the bill tracking document along with the recommendations that each committee have already proposed to the council.
- Chairman McCoy stated that it could tie in with the committees' recommendations.
- Ms. Lima stated that some committees did not address any of the bills that were referenced in the bill tracking document therefore only utilizing their specific recommendations. Additionally, Ms. Lima inquired if the Council is supposed to use the aforementioned document as a reference for issues that they might want to pursue for the upcoming year?
- Chairman McCoy indicated that it depends on the committees; however, there are issues that the council will decide to take into further consideration as it relates to the relevance of certain bills.
- Mr. Brewer inquired if the Council is supposed to note all the bills that did pass during the legislative session.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that this is correct due to the fact that some of the bills directly affect black men and boys and the Council may decide to reference those bills in the future.
- Chairman McCoy asked the committee to present any bills that did not pass during the legislative session that you believe the council should consider during the next full council meeting.
- Nomination of the Chair and Vice Chair were tabled as well as recommendations until the next teleconference.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that the most prevalent recommendations that came from the Legislative Review committee dealt with appropriations and the establishment of a direct support organization. Chairman McCoy reiterated that those two issues should be considered the committee's most prevalent issues.
- Ms. Lima inquired if the council could ask legislators for funds to create the position of executive director instead of asking legislators for funding to create a similar position for the direct support organization.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that the implementation of an executive director position would require an individual who is available full time to address the issues that the council is dealing with. Additionally, Chairman McCoy states that a job description that outlines the aforementioned position would need to be created.
- Ms. Lima indicated that the statute seems to imply that the Council can create an executive director position; however, it will be for the DSO and not for the council.
- Chairman McCoy believes that if the executive director position is a part of the DSO then it makes it easier for the council to keep people in public and avoid a conflict of interest.
- Representative Thurston stated that the goal of the DSO is to raise funds for the Council. He believes that the council is supposed to be able to go to the DSO to ask for money to do different

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projects. Additionally, Representative Thurston indicated that he understands the concerns of Ms. Lima but the problem is that the council does not have the funds to pay an executive director.

- Ms. Lima inquired if those individuals appointed to the DSO can raise funds to obtain the aforementioned position.
- Representative Thurston indicated that the individuals appointed to the DSO and those individuals appointed to the Council serve in different capacities. The DSO should consist of individuals who are lobbyists and/or CEOs of their companies.
- Ms. Lima inquired if it would be beneficial to create an executive director position that would handle the duties of both the Council and that of the DSO since each entity was created to address the same cause.
- Representative Thurston stated that it is not the intention of the DSO run the Council. The DSO should be able to decide the direction in which it should go.
- Chairman McCoy believes that one of the benefits of the DSO is that they will be able to conduct business without the presence of a quorum.
- Ms. Lima indicated that it may be difficult for the DSO to raise funds for council's projects if the council cannot communicate exactly what projects they would like to begin.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that the DSO will be raising funds about the surrounding issues that the Council seeks to address.
- Ms. Lima provided rationale for her inquiries as it relates to the DSO since currently it has yet been established.
- Representative Thurston explained that the Speaker of the House will still need to make his appointments to the DSO.
- Members of the Legislative Review committee would like to discuss the bylaws and members' attendance during the next full council meeting.

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<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
E-mail to committee members	Chairman	ASAP	In Progress

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## 7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	<i>July 7, 2009</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>1:00pm</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Tallahassee</i>
<i>Objectives:</i>	Legislative Review Committee				



### 3. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

- Meeting called to order at 2:09 PM.
- Chairman Lima indicated that under the current by-laws the vice-chair would need to be a council member; however, in the past the position of vice-chair was not a requirement for subcommittees.
- Dr. McCoy indicated that in the event of the chairman absence a member of the executive committee could fulfill the role of chair as it relates to subcommittees.
- Chairman Lima indicated that upon further review of the 2007 & 2008 committees' recommendations, the employment initiatives recommendation was inadvertently omitted from the Council's recommendation list.
- Additionally, Chairman Lima indicated that the committee will continue to promote adoption through One Church, One Child from the 2007 committee's recommendations and support legislation for employment initiatives of foster youth and/or at risk youth from the 2008 committee's recommendation for the 2009 annual report.
- Chairman Lima inquired what should be the committee's area of research or interest for the 2009 report on behalf of the committee.
- Ms. Granger suggested further research should be conducted about increasing adoption in the community as well as a long term observation of the contributions / outcomes of children in society who have been adopted versus not adopted.
- Chairman Lima indicated that Ms. Granger's recommendation coincide with the committee's 2007 recommendation.
- Chairman Lima indicated an interest in continuing research has it relates to the following focal areas:
  - Prevention programs for foster care youth currently in the foster care system and Planned Parenthood services of young adults aging out of foster care.
  - Intervention programs - Family Preservation services in reference of what support systems are being offered to families prior to the removal of children.
- Dr. McCoy inquired if the outcomes of adoptive children are traceable.
- Chairman Lima indicated that further review of the aforementioned inquiry would have to be conducted through a search.
- Dr. McCoy referenced a 1997 article in the Journal of Adolescent Research that address family processes, identity development, and behavioral outcomes for adoptive adolescents. Dr. McCoy also referenced the "Health and Well-being of Adoptive Children" as an additional resource that may be instrumental to the committee's research endeavors.
- Dr. McCoy indicated that a council member with access to professional publications may be able to retrieve the aforementioned articles. Staff indicated that they have accessibility to professional publications and may be able to retrieve the articles / aforementioned publications.

- Chairman Lima asked Ms. Granger to submit any applicable information to staff that address the aforementioned committee's research focal areas.
- Dr. McCoy inquired if any professional manuals and/or a handbook exist that relates to adoptive children or studying the effective of service for adoptive children.
- Chairman Lima indicated that she was unaware that such a handbook existed; however, she would like to replicate last year's annual report in identifying a project that the state can implement.
- Dr. McCoy identified the Handbook of Adoption by Rafael Art Javier which discusses the implications for Researchers, Practitioners, and Families.
- Chairman Lima inquired from Ms. Granger whether or not One Church, One Child distributes a handbook to its clientele.
- Ms. Granger indicated that she was not aware of a One Church, One Child handbook.
- Dr. McCoy indicated that the aforementioned resource is a compilation of research that may speak upon the outcomes of adoptive children as well as contain an in-depth review of outcomes, etc...
- Chairman Lima reiterated that if research as it relates to adoption; the committee's responsibility would be see what has been done with regards to tracking the outcomes of adoptive children (particularly as it relates to One Church, One Child) as well as promote established research that help to validate the shared opinion of the state and the committee about the effectiveness and the value of adoption.
- Dr. McCoy indicated that he would try to retrieve additional information from the editor of the Handbook of Adoption with regards to the outcomes of adoptive children (education, employment, etc...) and the long-term effects of adoptions.
- Chairman Lima reiterated that the research / outcomes needed to indicate the overall success of adoptive children. However, she cautioned that the committee has to be careful in defining what success is. For example, success may not equate to obtaining a Ph.D. but being a law abiding citizen particularly as it relates to deterring black males from entering into the criminal justice system. Additionally, research can provide data in comparing the outcomes of those children who have been adopted versus those who have not been adopted.
- Chairman Lima expressed that when presenting data / research as it relates to the committee report; it need to be relatable to readers and not complex.
- Dr. McCoy reiterated that he would lend his services by following-up with editors about the outcomes of adoptive children.
- Chairman Lima reiterated that in last year's report; the committee promoted adoption through One Church, One Child and promoted more agencies' participation and support.
- Chairman Lima asked Ms. Granger to follow-up with her local in West Palm Beach One Church, One Child and inquiry about their outcomes. Additionally, Chairman Lima indicated

that she would follow-up with One Church, One Child in Tampa.

- Chairman Lima indicated that further follow-up needs to be taken based upon the council's and committees' recommendations; particularly as it relates to One Church, One Child for the Foster Care and Family Issues 'committee. Additionally, research can be conducted through One Church, One Child to address how adoptive children fare.
- Staff indicated that the One Church, One Child headquarter is located in Tallahassee and will follow-up with Ms. Arie Sailor about how or if the state trace the outcomes of adoptive children.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

#### 4. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Submit applicable research as it relates to outcomes of adoptive children and One Church, One Child in West Palm Beach	Ms. Granger	Prior to 7/8/2009	Pending
Contact editors of the Handbook of Adoption and other applicable resources..follow-up with outcomes of adoptive children	Dr. McCoy	Prior to 7/8/2009	Pending
Follow-up with One Church, One Child in Tampa and Arie Sailor of One Church, One Child in Tallahassee	Chairman Lima	Prior to 7/8/2009	Pending

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#### 6. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	7/8/2009	<i>Time:</i>	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<i>Location:</i>	Teleconference - Tallahassee
<i>Objectives:</i>	Initial Research / 2009 Annual Report				



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Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

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- Chairman Regnier indicated that the committee would like to take a look at how many inmates have been identified as having mental health and substance abuse disorders as well as if they have received treatment. Additionally, of the aforementioned population what is percentage of those identified as a violent offender?
- Chair Regnier reiterated that he would like to focus on violence.
- Staff indicated that the Improving Criminal Justice and Gangs committee and this committee have shared issues / interests as it relates to mental health issues.
- Additionally, Chairman Regnier indicated that he would like to take into consideration the number violent offenders who have been identified as substance abusers
- Chair Regnier believes that many models in the health field are dedicated to prevention. Therefore, he would like for the committee to focus on prevention and treatment of the aforementioned population.
- Chair Regnier discussed how DOC treats inmates that have been identified with mental issues, and what happens to them once they are released.
- Staff indicated that there are reports about how citizens' information may be leak with regards to the types of pain medication that they have been prescribed.
- Chair Regnier inquired as to how one account for all prescribed drugs and who are refilling prescriptions.
- Ms. Nalls stated she may be able to access data and/or relevant information with regards to the committee's research endeavors.
- Chair Regnier indicated his theory that drug abuse correlates with violence.
- Ms. Nalls inquired as to whether there is an intervention model that addresses the broad issues of substance abuse.
- Chair Regnier expressed that the committee may need to create an intervention model that examine the broad problem of substance abuse in an effort to narrow the scope of how to treatment the problem.
- Chair Regnier gave a brief overview of the committee's endeavors as well as how it seeks to provide assistance through awareness to citizens through the state's communities.
- Staff asked Chairman Regnier about his approach in obtaining data about the number of mental

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health patients who are incarcerated.

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<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Obtain data about the number of incarcerated inmates who have been identified as violent offenders with mental health / substance abuse disorders.	Committee / Staff	Prior to next teleconference	Pending

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#### 7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	July 9, 2009	<i>Time:</i>	9:00-11:00am	<i>Location:</i>	Tallahassee
<i>Objectives:</i>	Full Council Teleconference				



### 3. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

- Meeting called to order at 2:01 PM by Chairman Alston.
- Deferred formal roll call.
- No motion made for approval of minutes from previous committee meetings.
- Chairman Alston asked that committee member, Lillian Lima and/or Pastor Carl Reeves to give a brief overview of the committee meeting in Jacksonville.
- Ms. Lima indicated that the committee identified the two recommendations that the committee would like to provide follow-up from 2007 & 2008. Additionally, more clarity need to given as to whether or not a focal area of research will be identified for this year since the research has been done.
- Chairman Alston indicated that staff submitted a letter to Florida Small Business Enterprise Network and to the Office of Supplier Diversity in the Department of Management Services to provide a formal response as it relates to the participation and spending rates of black business is forth coming
- Ms. Lima followed up with regards to identifying another focal area of research to be addressed for this year's report.
- Chairman Alston reiterated that during the council's initial meeting the chair asked each committee to identify two areas for further analysis, follow-up, and to identify one additional area.
- Ms. Lima indicated that the Foster Care and Family Issues committee have identified two focal areas for the 2009 annual report.
- Ms. Lima inquired if the committee will be seeking community's input on behalf of focal area.
- Chairman Alston asked each community participant to give their perspective as it relates to issues, recommendations, etc...Additionally, Chairman Alston asked each committee member and community participant to relay any items / issues that they would like for the committee to consider for the record.
- Pastor Reeves inquired if the letters that staff mailed were in reference of the two committees' recommendations.
- Chairman Alston reiterated that the letters were address to the following responsible entity: the Office of Supplier Diversity in the Department of Management Services and the Small Business enterprise were asked to follow-up on previous committee's recommendations from 2007 & 2008.
- Chairman Alston opened the floor for formal discussion of additional issues and/or items that the committee should consider for this year as it relates to next year's report for any research that may be needed.
- Ms. Demps (community participant) expressed her concerns about the lack of services and

lack of economic engines (shopping, eatery, etc...) in the community of West Palm Beach that can lead to issues for black men and boys.

- Ms. Gallardo recommended and reiterated the point that the Council take on achievable tasks. Additionally, the committee should highlight best practice models when it comes to advancing our community as it relates to the field economic development. For example, Henry Ballard, Jr. which is a program that has been implemented on a national scale; various groups are addressing how to bring commercial development programs, retail and industrial outlets to the community.
- Ms. Gallardo suggested the committee quantify every promising economic model in the state of Florida in this year's annual report. This would help to bring awareness about specific projects to county officials as well as to the Florida's legislature.
- Ms. Gallardo indicated that the legislature has not adopted a state-wide policy to fuel commercial revitalization in blighted communities since the beginning of former Governor Jeb Bush's first term. Governor Bush initiated front porch communities which over the years began to struggle for survival causing most of communities began to no longer function and not reaching its full potential as a community. Currently, the Crist's administration has not created a state-wide policy apparatus to fuel commercial revitalization in blighted communities.
- Chairman Alston concurred with Ms. Gallardo's recommendations and reiterated the following points for the committee's consideration:
  - Identify the best practice models in the state
  - Review existing programs that may be considered as unsuccessful
  - Recommend a policy that centers around community revitalization, economic and commercial development
- Pastor Reeves reiterated that he concur with the sentiment of transferring blighted communities to vital communities. Additionally, he that further details be given about the Henry Ballard, Jr. program.
- Ms. Gallardo indicated that the Henry Ballard, Jr. program is a Supplier Diversity model implemented in Hillsborough County schools also known as a modern day MBE program. The program was developed to obtain results in the absence of quotas.
- Chairman Alston inquired from Pastor Reeves if there are any prevailing issues in his community of Escambia County that he would like for the committee to consider
- Pastor Reeves (community participant) expressed a great concern about the lack of viable employment for African American males. It appears that black males have become stagnate in the work force. Additionally, employment rates may be unreported from the state as it relates to black males and/or the public at large.
- Chairman Alston recommended that the committee may need to reconsider the committee's recommendation job training as it relates to employment for black males.
- Ms. Demps inquired if there is model that is successful and how she can bring it back to her community.
- Chairman Alston reiterated Ms. Gallardo's suggestion of identifying best practices and

models that do exist in the state. For example, highlight Henry Ballard, Jr. program and various models. Additionally, identify and highlight model communities.

- Ms. Gallardo inquired from Chairman Alston if this committee is to address the issue of federal stimulus dollars being misused throughout the state. The Council has the advantage of acting as a policy advocate in bringing attention to the fact that dollars allocated for low-income citizens / communities to stimulate employment are being misused.
- Chairman Alston indicated that the aforementioned concern should be considered by the committee as it relates to the allocation of stimulus dollars. Based on the collective talents of the committee, we may be able to pinpoint the areas that stimulus dollars are being used; what are the issues, barriers, lack of business, lack of awareness, etc... This would be a great interest to citizens.
- Ms. Lima inquired how the committee would find out if stimulus dollars are being effectively or ineffectively used throughout the state. Additionally, this question could become a part of the committee's recommendation in ensuring that stimulus dollars are being used effectively.
- Ms. Gallardo indicated that the question becomes how the committee would find out how stimulus dollars are being used throughout each county. Additionally, she indicated that this may be achievable by inquiring from AWI about how local AWIs are utilizing stimulus dollars.
- Chairman Alston indicated that there are subcategories that apply to stimulus dollars such as: transportation; work force; highways; construction; energy, etc... Additionally, the committee may need to do initial research in reaching out to the State's Office of Economic Recovery (the Governor's advisor), and state agencies stimulus pinpoint contact person.
- As a result of establishing a quorum; a motion was made to accept the previous minutes.
- Motion made by Ms. Gallardo and seconded by Ms. Lima. Motion unanimously passed.
- Chairman Alston asked for a motion for vice-chair.
- Ms. Lima nominated and made the motion to nominate Ms. Gallardo; Ms. Gallardo accepted. Pastor Reeves showed his favorable support of the nominee. Chairman Alston indicated since there is no dissent against the nomination of Ms. Gallardo, the record will reflect that the motion passed via general consent.
- Chairman Alston reiterated that previous recommendations were discussed and identified the areas for further feedback and discussion from indicated responsible entities. Additionally, will discuss information and research received from DMS and the Small Business Development Center Network during the next committee meeting.
- Chairman Alston indicated that the committee has four recommendations for the 2009 annual report for further consideration. Additionally, Chairman asked that each member be prepared to identify two recommendations. Pursuant to the full council teleconference, the Council can develop a time line to identify any other issues, research methodology, and allocation of recommendations to members in preparing for the annual report.
- Chairman Alston indicated that committee's report draft should be completed and ready for submission by October.

- Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM

#### 4. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Identify Florida's promising economic models for inclusion in committee's report	Committee		Pending
Initial research relating to the allocation of stimulus dollars at the state level from AWI, the Office of Economic Recovery, and state agencies	Committee	7/9/2009	Pending

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<i>Target Date:</i>	7/9/2009	<i>Time:</i>	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<i>Location:</i>	Teleconference - Tallahassee
<i>Objectives:</i>	2009 Annual Report				



## Full Council Teleconference Pt.1

Date of Meeting: June 15, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Travis Dudley / Fredrica Doctor

### 1. Call to Order

- Meeting call to ordered at 2:45 PM by Chairman McCoy

### 2. Roll Call

Name	Agency
Dr. Anthony McCoy	DCF
Earnie Brewer	AHCA
Lillian Lima	DCF
Tory Alston	DMS
Gypsy Gallardo	The Power Broker Magazine
Levi Williams, Esq.	Fertig & Grambling
Rev. Dr. Albert Simpson Jr.	Philemon Missionary Baptist Church
Andre Smith	DOE
Dr. Billy Close	Absent
Rep. Perry Thurston Jr.	Florida House
Rep. Julio Robaina	Absent
Ana Maria Sanchez	Absent
Dr. Eddy Regnier	
Sen. Frederica Wilson	Absent
Sen. Stephen Wise	Absent
Roland Fulkes	Broward County Schools

Angela Lane	Office of Senator Frederica Wilson
Fredrica Doctor	OAG
Alexis Lambert	OAG
Travis Dudley	OAG
Rick Nuss	OAG

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- Minutes were tabled until next full council teleconference.

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- Chairman expressed concerns about not being able to establish a quorum and suggested that the next full council meeting be re-advertised.
- Chairman McCoy asked legal staff would there be any problem with the Council advertising a meeting in the next ten days?
- Ms. Lambert explained to Chairman McCoy that the Council would not be able to have a meeting in the next ten days unless it constitutes as an emergency.
- Ms. Lima inquired what constitutes as an emergency meeting.
- Ms. Lambert indicated that a crisis situation is considered as an emergency i.e. if an organization's bank account all of a sudden was emptied than this would be deemed as an emergency.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that the following items needed to be discussed: next full council teleconference scheduled for Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and where should the next full council quarterly meeting be held?
- Chairman McCoy poll members about where the next quarterly meeting should be held.
- Dr. Simpson suggested that the Council look at the areas that display the most concerns as it relates to the underlying conditions that affect black males.
- Chairman McCoy concurred with Dr. Simpson's suggestion.
- Mr. Williams stated that the Council should look at an area where the Urban League or a community group can encourage the community to come out and support the Council.
- Rep. Thurston recommended that the Council consider going to the Belle Glades area due to the fact that concerns were raised about the economic hardships facing the aforementioned area during the Council meeting in Jacksonville.
- Chairman McCoy suggested reaching out to the representatives and the senators that represent the aforementioned area in seeing as to whether or not they would be receptive to attending the

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Council meeting if held in their area.

- Dr. Simpson asked if citizens from Belle Glades are familiar with the statutory duties of the Council. Will the Council address their concerns through a public forum?
- Chairman McCoy indicated that the Council should show their support for the citizens of Belle Glades. Additionally, the Council perceived role can be that of a mediator between legislators and their constituents.
- Dr. Simpson expressed his concerns that the Council does not have jurisdiction over legislators that represent the aforementioned area. Additionally, we need clarification as to what the Council role is with regards to enforcing legislation.
- Ms. Lima expressed concerns that the Council needs to be unified and on one accord with pursuing its endeavors before embarking in unifying a community.
- Chairman McCoy suggested that the Council ask local legislators to attend its quarterly meeting in order to hear the concerns of the community in the premise of a public forum.
- Dr. Regnier concurred with Ms. Lima's sentiment that the Council should proceed with caution when trying to address an issue that may be over its head.
- Dr. Simpson reiterated that he is concern that the citizens of Belle Glades may be misinformed about the statutory role of the Council.
- Chairman McCoy and Mr. Williams discussed an array of issues that the local council in Broward County is facing and about possibly having the next quarterly meeting at Broward Community College.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that by having the meeting at Broward Community College this would encourage citizens from Bell Glades to attend.
- Vice-chair Alston inquired from Mr. Williams if the meeting should be held at BCC, Coconut Creek campus or the African American Research Library in Broward County.
- Mr. Williams stated that both venues would be suitable, but it depends on what the Council is trying to achieve at the meetings.
- Rep. Thurston suggested that the meeting be held at the library based on its availability.
- Chairman McCoy asked staff to inquire about the aforementioned venues in Broward for the Council August quarterly meeting.
- Additionally, Chairman McCoy suggests that the Council inquire about how the local council in Broward is addressing the underlying conditions that affect black males in their community.
- Chairman McCoy suggest the meeting be held during the first week of August; particularly the dates of August 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. However, if meeting during the first week of August pose as an inconvenience to members then having the meeting during the second week of August will be considered.

## 4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Staff inquired as to whether it would be possible that committees' teleconferences convene during the first week of August and then the following week the Council will have a working meeting dedicated to working on the annual report.
- Mr. Williams thinks that the council should use the model that staff had prepared for the annual report, because if committees try to do new research it will take an additional three or four months before they finish.
- Chairman McCoy concurred with Mr. Williams' sentiment due to the fact that time is of the essence in trying to follow-up with responsible entities about the 2007 and 2008 recommendations as well as trying to complete the annual report in a timely matter.
- Ms. Lima inquired about what the focal area of the 2009 annual report.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that he would like for the DEWS System to be the focus of the 2009 annual report.
- Ms. Lima asked a followed up question as to how each committee will respond to the DEWS Project.
- Chairman McCoy would like each committee to determine the extent of research that they have completed in years past or currently that may be relevant in addressing the DEWS system
- Ms. Lima inquired who will be producing this year's report.
- Chairman McCoy expressed that currently, he is considering utilizing the services of On-Track Life Solutions for this year report.
- Chairman McCoy reiterated that the focal point for this year's report will be the DEWS system.
- Vice-chair Alston indicated that the Improving Economic Outcomes committee has already chosen their recommendations for the 2009 annual report; however, due to the newly imposed focal area should committees reconsider and/or produce new recommendations that pertain to the DEWS system.
- Chairman McCoy suggested that each committee keep their recommendations. However, awareness about committees' recommendations need to be brought forth to the Council.

## 5. Action Items

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## 6. Announcements

## 7. Next Meeting

<i>Target Date:</i>	<i>July 13, 2009</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>2: PM-4PM</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Tallahassee</i>
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## Full Council Teleconference pt. 2

Date of Meeting: June 15, 2009

Minutes Prepared By: Travis Dudley / Fredrica Doctor

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### 1. Call to Order

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### 2. Roll Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Dr. Anthony McCoy	DCF
Earnie Brewer	Absent
Lillian Lima	DCF
Torey Alston , Vice-chair	DMS
Rep. Perry Thurston Jr.	Florida House
Rep. Julio Robaina	Absent
Ana Maria Sanchez, Esq.	Absent
Dr. Eddy Regnier	Absent
Levi Williams, Esq.	Fertig & Grammling
Rev. Dr. Albert Simpson Jr.	Philemon Missionay Baptist Church
Sen. Frederica Wilson	Absent
Sen. Stephen Wise	Absent
Gypsy Gallardo	The Power Broker Magazine
Dr. Billy Close	Absent
Andre Smith	Absent
Dr. Brittany Birken	Absent
Fredrica Doctor	OAG
Travis Dudley	OAG

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Rick Nuss	OAG
Roland Fulkes	Broward County Schools
Angela Lane	Office of Senator Frederica Wilson

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

Tabled until next full council teleconference.

### 4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Chairman McCoy indicated that he has not received any information pertaining to committees' recommendations and/or any new research for the upcoming year; therefore, he believes that the DEWS project should become a back-up plan.
- Ms. Lima inquired about the purpose of the DEWS project.
- Chairman explains that the Dropout Early Warning System statistically identify factors that are linked to students dropping out of school. For each identified factor a specific intervention is created to keep students from dropping out of school.
- Pursuant to Chairman's aforementioned comments, Ms. Lima inquired if the main focus of 2009 annual report is going to be dropout prevention.
- Chairman McCoy reiterated that if committees did not produce anything new then the aforementioned plan would be implemented.
- Ms. Lima indicated that if committees are given time to find any new research then it will be easier for them to present new ideas as opposed to focusing on one topic and relate it to what they are working on.
- Chairman McCoy says that the issue of not having a quorum at committee meetings comes from not having any by-laws enacted.
- Ms. Lima indicated that the Council has adopted bylaws; however, there is also a postponed bylaws draft dated back to February 2008. Chairman McCoy is not sure whether the by-laws in October where ever actually approved.
- Staff indicated the issues surrounding the adopted and postponed bylaws are there appears that language / sections were inadvertently left out. It was the hope that the former Chair could provide some explanation as to why this was the case.
- Rep. Thurston inquired what the issue with the quorums is and if the council can change what constitutes a quorum.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that the Council cannot change what constitutes a quorum due to the fact that it is written into the statue.
- Rep. Thurston inquires if this was the position of the legal counsel.

## 4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Chairman McCoy indicated by saying yes and reiterated that the issue of a quorum for the full council cannot be changed due to the statute; however, the Council can agree to change the quorum limit for each committee. Additionally, Chairman McCoy will be submitting an e-mail to the Council about different issues (i.e. 2009 annual report details; 2007 – 2008 recommendations update; DEWS, etc...) that will need to be addressed during the upcoming meeting.
- Ms. Lambert concurs with Chairman McCoy's sentiment about what statutorily constitute a quorum and suggest the Robert's Rules of Order as a reference resource in answering additional questions.
- Follow-up to focal area of the 2009 annual report; Ms. Lima inquires if it is possible for committees to work together.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that he does not have an issue with the aforementioned suggestion.
- Staff inquired about what procedure will need to take place upon receipt of recommendations from each committee and the full council.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that the commencement of initial research would begin along with the refining of selected recommendations.
- Staff inquired from Vice-chair Alston as to whether or not the meeting in August will be a working meeting only or a working meeting with a public forum to follow. Vice-chair Alston indicated that he was not sure as to what format of the upcoming August meeting.
- Mr. Williams agreed with staff that the Council should have a working meeting in order to primarily focus on the 2009 annual report.
- Mr. Williams inquired if committees are to still review the 2007 and 2008 recommendations and it pertains to DEWS.
- Vice-Chair Alston indicated that it was his understanding that each committee are to review the recommendations and select one or two for continued follow up. Additionally, each committee needs to come up with a recommendation for the 2009 Annual Report. Chairman McCoy indicated that in the unforeseeable case; the Council will report on DEWS as a backup plan.
- Mr. Williams inquired about the progress of each committee.
- Vice-chair Alston and Ms. Lima gave an overview of the outcomes for each of their committees.
- Mr. Williams request that committees submit their drafts no later than October.
- Vice-chair Alston reiterated that the Chair has mentioned On Track Life Solutions as a possible resource in helping to edit the 2009 report; however, he is waiting for a quorum to be established in order to present further information about the aforementioned entity's services.
- Mr. Williams expressed that the council will need to plan on either having an entity combine the committee reports or have each committee chair working with staff in order to complete the final product.

#### 4. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Chairman McCoy believes that On-Track Life Solutions has the capability of compiling information and producing a similar report like that of Dr. Elam's for last year report.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that if the Council agrees to utilize the services of On Track Life Solutions a \$20 subscription fee (per month) would apply.
- Mr. Williams expressed to Chairman McCoy that if he feels confident in the services of On-Track Life Solutions than he should go forth with their services.
- Chairman McCoy says that he has already taken those steps by giving the information on On-Track Life Solutions to each council member.
- Staff inquired about the role that On-Track Life Solutions is to play in releasing of the upcoming annual report.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that he will call Dr. Elam tomorrow for further information about On-Track Life Solutions.
- Mr. Williams says the problem is that it is going to be hard to find someone to edit the report and also expect them to do research as well. However he believes that the council may be able to reach out to colleges or universities to see if they can assist with editing the report.
- Chairman asked staff to e-mail Dr. Simpson a copy of the letter that Dr. Elam submitted on the behalf of Mr. Keith Jacobs.
- Chairman indicated that he will e-mail Dr. Elam and submit her response about the aforementioned concerns/issues to the Council.
- Vice-chair Alston inquired if the council has the budget capacity to even consider the services of On-Track Life Solutions.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that the Council does have the budget capacity; however prior to considering outsourcing services for the report, Chairman McCoy reiterated that he will try to contact different colleges and universities from around the state to see if they would be willing to help out.
- Chairman McCoy also indicated that he has not received a contract as of yet from On-Track Life Solutions outlining their services.
- Dr. Simpson asked if the applied \$20 fee was to view the company site or to obtain a subscription.
- Chairman McCoy indicated that it was his understanding that the \$20 fee gives access to all the services that On-Track Life Solutions provide.
- After hearing no further questions or remarks, meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

## 5. Action Items

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Contact colleges and universities	Chairman	ASAP	In Progress
Submit a letter to members pertaining to annual report outline	Chairman	ASAP	In Progress

## 6. Announcements

N/A

## 7. Next Meeting

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