Budgeting for Results Commission
Friday, January 9th, 2015
10:00am – 12:00pm

Meeting Locations
Chicago – James R. Thompson Center, 100 W Randolph, 9th floor, Room 9-040
Springfield – Stratton Building, 6th floor, Room 601
Dial-in: 888-494-4032 Access Code: 279-392-8717#

Attendance

Chicago: Senator Dan Kotowski, Cristal Thomas, John Kamis, John Bouman, Maria Prado, Jason Saul, Sophie Walker, Jim Lewis, Rep. Will Davis, Greg Wass, Jacob Stuckey

Springfield: John O'Connor, John Lowder, Scott Harry, Deb Matthews, Curt Clemons-Mosby, Roma Larsen

Phone: Roger Myerson, Layla Suleiman, Lyle Logan

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Senator Dan Kotowski
   Senator Kotowski welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming and for their work on BFR over the past year. He noted the importance of BFR in the budgeting process and how necessary this type of initiative is to the state government.

2. **Ethics Officer Transition**
   Roma Larsen of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget introduced herself to the Commission as the new ethics officer to replace Kevin Byrne who has left his previous position.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes** – Senator Dan Kotowski
   The December meeting minutes were approved with no comments or edits.

4. **IPRS Presentation** – Curt Mosby, Governor's Office of Management and Budget
   Curt Clemons-Mosby gave an overview of IPRS and its processes. John Kamis gave background on the process of how and why IPRS was developed. Curt went on to explain how refining IPRS data is an ongoing process in determining measures and programs by agency. He described a few challenges in the process of IPRS such as a culture shift across government and the fact that programs are still evolving. Measures are currently what agencies have reported in the past, but may need to be revisited so we often need to start from the beginning in order to reevaluate measures. He displayed screenshots of the IPRS system, showing that there is room for improvement in the consistency of data reporting.

Larry Joseph noted the importance in defining what a program across agencies. This will be an ongoing process, but the BFR implementation team is cognizant of this issue and is working to address it.

John Lowder asked if programs could not be assigned to more than one outcome, and Curt responded that we decided assigning a program to only one outcome was the best method of assigned programs to outcomes. Layla Suleiman inserted that early in the process we tried to assign programs to multiple outcomes and the process was unwieldy and difficult to manage and not fruitful enough to move forward with. Jason Saul also mentioned the usefulness of sub-outcomes in the process of assigned programs to outcomes in order to best create program taxonomy. Senator Kotowski also noted that there are areas of the budget that are easier to categorize in these ways than others.

Senator Kotowski asked if the appropriations data is available on this IPRS report, and Curt responded that currently it is not but GOMB is working toward achieving this.

John Bouman noted that IPRS should to be a tool and help in decision-making, but not be the sole factor in decision-making and Commissioners agreed. Bob Goerge also noted the importance of knowing where agencies are lacking in data and what needs to be improved. He noted in his comments that the Commission could tap the framework group to learn more about issues in data collection and analysis. He said that there is a tremendous amount of work happening around data systems and collection at the state right now, and that this is a good time to hear from those involved to understand how they combine programs and data systems.

5. **Priorities for 2015 Discussion**

John Kamis noted that with the transition happening, it is important to put together all this information and have the BFR Commission be in touch with the transition team.

John Bouman asked about the appointments for the Commission and when the Governor would be able to rearrange the Commission as he sees fit. Senator Kotowski noted that Budgeting for Results was signed into law so the Commission is required to exist through the next administration. Cristal Thomas said that there have been good signs with the transition team that the new administration wants to move forward with discussions around performance and outcomes within state government. Jason Saul added that this change may actually bring more interest to the Budgeting for Results Commission and the work that the Commission is doing.

Larry Joseph suggested including a section in the transition document on budget transparency. He will send this to Nicole in include. Roger Myerson asked to include the commissioner feedback document in the list of transition documents for the transition team.

6. **Conclusion** – Senator Dan Kotowski

Senator Kotowski thanked everyone for coming and participating in the Commission meeting. He announced that the next Commission meeting will be Friday, February 27 at 10:00am.