

CONNECTICUT RESULTS FIRST INITIATIVE

Policy Oversight Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Legislative Office Building, Room 2D

Hartford, CT

Members Present: Representative Toni Walker (RFPOC Chair), Senator Catherine Osten, Elaine Zimmerman, Al Calandro, Andrew Clark, Jason DePatie, Bob Farr, Chip Flanagan, Libby Graham, Steve Hernandez, Brian Hill, Mary Janicki, Sandra Norman-Eady, Brett Rayford, Carrie Vibert

Also Participating: Steve Lize, Mimi Aledo-Sandoval

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting called to order by Representative Toni Walker, Committee Chair, at approximately 2:10pm.

II. 2013 RESULTS FIRST POLICY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Rep. Walker invited Andrew Clark, Director of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy, to discuss the *2013 Results First Annual Report*. Andrew Clark noted that the report included a summary of the progress that has been made since the project began in the spring of 2011. He explained that it is anticipated that the 2014 Annual Report will include recommendations for application of the Results First program model. Mary Janicki stated that the *2013 Annual Report* was created to provide a baseline document for the committees, staff and others interested in the project. She also highlighted a section of the report which explores the potential relationships between Results First, Results Based Accountability and Justice Reinvestment. Other sections of the Annual Report include explanations of the Results First model elements, marginal cost and victim cost information, charges and roles of the subcommittees, and the findings presented by the working groups at the November 12, 2013 meeting.

III. PROPOSALS FOR RESULTS FIRST INITIATIVE ACTIVITY AND FUNDING FOR FY 15

Rep. Walker discussed the "*Proposals for Results First Initiative Activity and Funding for FY 15*" handout, which was provided to attendees. She discussed two proposals related to adult criminal justice and stated that an additional proposal authorizes the Department of Correction (DOC) to spend a percentage of its current budget for reentry and community-based programs on training, quality assurance and evaluation to ensure department resources will be directed to effective programs. The Connecticut-specific Results First model has shown that the targeted expansion and study of vocational education and training in prisons has a \$5.00 to \$1.00 benefit-to-cost relationship. Regarding adult criminal justice programs, Rep. Walker also proposed the expansion and study of the

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Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) pilot program. The juvenile justice proposal includes a study of the Multidimensional Family Therapy (MDFT) program in the Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division and the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Lastly, Rep. Walker proposed a review of the juvenile parole services in DCF, stating that the evaluation can use findings from the Georgetown University Center of Juvenile Justice Reform's 2013 study of residential and parole services. Rep. Walker encouraged all attendees to read the Georgetown report, as it suggests the progress to be made in working with juveniles, and discusses the Connecticut Juvenile Training School.

Rep. Walker stressed that Connecticut is making a financial investment in the Results First program, and are trying to gather all the information needed for a fully operational, Connecticut specific model. Additionally, she noted that the project is starting to gain attention, and more people are interested in joining the effort.

IV. PRESENTATION OF RESULTS FIRST MODEL 2014

Steve Lize, a Pew-MacArthur Results First Consultant, discussed the analytical capabilities of the 2014 model update that are now available to Connecticut. He noted the following four significant changes to the new model:

1. With the original model, each program was viewed separately to perform a cost/benefit analysis in a uniform way to compare the same baseline data depending on the outcome of interest, or to determine which programs have the best return on investment. The new expanded model allows creation of program portfolios to explore outcomes across multiple policy outcome areas. Using the portfolio method, users can select multiple programs and look at their combined outcomes to make coordinated long-term strategic investments.
2. The new computer application also shows benefits by cash flow in different perspectives or budget areas, e.g., individual cost/benefit analysis for taxpayer funding, public costs, or participant costs. Users can also view benefits by budget areas, such as looking at the criminal justice sector, the child welfare sector or the education sector, or all of these sectors together.
3. The new computer application allows a review of benefits from the perspective of the taxpayer by funding source, such as proportion of state funding, local funding or federal funding.
4. In the new model, benefits can be seen from a caseload perspective.

Steve Lize informed the committee that Rhode Island recently published an inventory of all programs provided in its correction department, the courts, and probation services delivered to adults with the aim of reducing recidivism. He stated that the inventory is similar to Connecticut's. The inventory identifies the capacity of each program and the numbers served. Mimi Aledo-Sandoval noted that it is important to have all this information in one spreadsheet to help match the programs within WSIPP and other clearinghouses. Andrew Clark noted that we've currently collected a lot of information, and are in the process of completing the inventory. Rep. Walker also spoke of the need to fill in

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the program information gaps as many legislators are unaware of all the programs offered and the importance of evaluating programs.

Following Steve Lize's discussion on the enhancements made to the new model, he answered the committee's questions.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORTS

Senator Osten was introduced as the Chair of the Adult Criminal Justice Working Group, Elaine Zimmerman as Chair of the Process Working Group, and Rep. Walker as Chair of the Juvenile Justice Working Group.

VI. STAFF WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY REPORT

Andrew Clark reported on the activities of the Staff Working Group which was fortunate to have two days of meetings with Steve Lize and Mimi Aledo-Sandoval before the RFPOC meeting. Staff are currently working to finalize the marginal costs contained in the juvenile part of the model and look forward to gathering more information.

VII. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PERPETRATOR TREATMENT PROGRAM STUDIES

Brian Hill reported that the evaluation of the Domestic Violence Perpetrator Treatment Program is on track and the Chief Court Administrator will receive the report on the EVOLVE and EXPLORE programs by May 31, 2014. Subsequently, a report on the programs will be submitted by the Chief Court Administrator to the Appropriations and Judiciary committees.

VIII. NEXT STEPS

Rep. Walker suggested that the Results First Policy Oversight Committee meet in mid-April to receive the full Connecticut Program Inventory being prepared by Ashley Provencher and her student assistant. She would like her colleagues who serve as General Assembly committee chairs and ranking members to attend this meeting as they will find the information in the program inventory incredibly valuable. In the future, Rep. Walker requested that the program inventory be ready for distribution to the Chairs each January.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

X. MEETING ADJOURNED

Representative Walker adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:40 p.m.