



Business Enterprise Program Council
COMPLIANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 26, 2017

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 4-100
Chicago, IL 60601

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Beth Doria, Ngozi Okorafor

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Jesse Martinez, Edward McKinnie, Denise Barreto, Larry Ivory, Sheila Hill-Morgan, Sharla Robert

Staff Assistant

Harry Reinhard

COUNCIL SECRETARY

J. Marcos Peterson



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Room 404 JRTC

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Posted Business
 - Annual review of exemptions identified on the Compliance Plan
 - Review Goal Setting Universe
- V. Define Action Items
- VI. Suggestions for full BEP Council meeting agenda item(s)
 - Next Council Meeting – September
- VII. Adjournment

I. Welcome

Secretary Peterson welcomes all.

II. Call to Order

Secretary Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:10pm and proceeded with roll call.

III. Roll Call

Roll call conducted and no quorum was established. Meeting proceeds but without voting.

IV. Posted Business

• Annual review of exemptions identified on the Compliance Plan

Secretary Peterson informed the council that a packet with exemptions was sent out to all the members to be reviewed before this meeting. He asked members with concerns or questions to speak.

Chair Okorafor wants to know whether this requires a vote from the subcommittee in order for it to go out. Secretary Peterson said not necessarily but it would be good to have one. Chair Okorafor recommended that these exemptions be submitted to the full council as soon as possible in order to give them ample time to review the exemptions. Member Doria concurred with Chair Okorafor's recommendation.

Mr. Reinhard asked when are changes in JCAR going to be made. He said there are changes for both last year and this year. He said the changes from last year were never implemented. Secretary Peterson said there will be a discussion between the Attorneys and the Director's office concerning the changes from last year being lumped into this year pending the approval of the council.

Chair Okorafor needed clarification from Mr. Reinhard regarding whether these exemptions have to be approved first before the council can get copies of proposed rules. Secretary Peterson said no, these will be decided on by the council and once that is done, those will be changed within the JCAR.

Mr. Reinhard said these are the proposed changes that were line-item modified by the Comptroller's office and ones that should have been addressed because they have some BEP vendors' availability.

Member Doria expressed concerns regarding Telecommunication services being on the exemption list. Mr. Reinhard said it was a revolving fund.

Chair Okorafor wants to know whether Secretary Peterson envisions going thru each and every exemption at the meeting. He said no, except there are questions or concerns.

Member Doria wants to know whether areas that have large number of vendors participating can be removed from an exemption. Mr. Reinhard responded by clarifying that these were not exempted.

Secretary Peterson wants to know whether it would be beneficial for the full council to have a call-in prior to the vote. He said this would avoid asking lots of questions during the meeting.

Member Doria said it has always been a problem with people on the council understanding the exemptions. She said there are people who come from the position there we should not rescind anything and when they see this big list, they will be wondering why all of these are being exempted.

Chair Okorafor asked whether all four documents could be included in the email along with a cover page explanation. Mr. Reinhard said yes.

- **Review Goal Setting Universe**

Chair Okorafor wants to know if there is a time sensitivity regarding this issue. Secretary Peterson said at least we need to have a decision by September or else CMS will probably proceed with what they deem fit. Member Okorafor recommended that this issue be tabled. She further said we cannot have a pre-meeting on two core priorities and then present this before the August meeting. Secretary said it will be sent out so people can review it for the next subcommittee meeting.

Chair Okorafor urged the subcommittee to hold off on defining action items or suggestions. Secretary Peterson said the action items will be submitted to the full council with definitions and descriptions by close of business day on Friday.

Chair Okorafor said in terms of suggestion for the BEP Council agenda, the first item, the exemption review, is our proposed suggestion. She admonished the Secretary to publicly stress the importance of quorum at these meetings. She said that it is a problem. Member Doria concurred.

Member Hill-Morgan joined the meeting and apologized for being tardy. Secretary Peterson went over the decisions taken during the meeting for member Hill Morgan. He said vote on these exemptions will be taken at the August 28, 2017 full council meeting.

Member Hill-Morgan wants to know whether there will be a chance before the full council meeting for members to voice their concerns. Secretary said yes, it

will be discuss via teleconference so that everyone can participate. Regarding the goal setting review, he said it will be sent out to the subcommittee members and will be tabled to the subcommittee in September.

Member Okorafor informed the subcommittee members that member Barreto just responded and said she is currently in Seattle having a meeting.

V. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:08pm.