



ALABAMA COMMISSION ON THE EVALUATION OF SERVICES

Meeting Minutes

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Date and Location

The Alabama Commission on the Evaluation of Services met on February 9, at 10:00 a.m. in Alabama State House, 11 S. Union Street, Montgomery, AL, Room 825.

Attendance

Member	Present	Teleconference	Absent
Chairman Orr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice-Chair Filmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Albritton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Carlton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Coleman-Madison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Sawyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Scott	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Story	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner White	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Whitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Wingo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Butler, <i>ex officio</i> (<i>Finance Director</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Fulford, <i>ex officio</i> (<i>LSA Fiscal Division Deputy Director</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A lawful quorum of voting members is present to conduct business.



Notice of Meeting:

Sufficient notice of the meeting was posted on January 11, 2021 to the Secretary of State's Open Meeting Act Posting Board.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting on September 24, 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitt to adopt the minutes as written. Commissioner Story seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting (Senator Coleman-Madison was not present to vote.)

Old Business:

Update to Suicide Prevention Evaluation provided in announcements with no action taken by the Commission.

New Business:

Opening remarks were made by Director Marcus Morgan including introduction of representatives in attendance from the Department of Corrections (In person Jeff Williams – Deputy Commissioner Government Relations and virtually Carl Viars – Assistant Director of Community Corrections Division). Director Morgan continued to outline the intent and objectives of the Community Corrections Evaluation.

Assistant Director Patrick W. Dean presented a short presentation on the Service Assessment – Evaluation of Community Corrections.

Following the presentation, Q&A and discussions were had on the following topics:

- If the evaluation was able to determine that CCPs had any measurable difference in recidivating events given the different populations going to CCPs vs prison. Suggested a better way to study CCPs is to compare CCPs, looking at variations and determining why there are variations.
- What is being done to expand CCPs. Mr. Williams from the Department of Corrections provided an explanation of the process for expansion noting it was voluntary.
- Concerns over the possibility of duplicating efforts given the range of alternatives to CCPs, (i.e., pre-trial diversion, alternative courts, probation, etc.). Possibility of combining or consolidating resources.
- Knowledge and availability of community resources.
- Using success stories to educate and encourage people that are currently in the system.
- How other successful states are operating similar pre-incarceration programs.

Announcements (Director Morgan):

- Prison Education is the next evaluation on the annual work plan and is on schedule. Following evaluation procedures, the report is scheduled to be shared with the agencies in late February and can be presented to the Commission as early as March.
- Actions taken since the conclusion of the Suicide Prevention Evaluation.
 - ADPH is modifying the state suicide prevention plan to be a comprehensive plan that addresses the entire at-risk population in Alabama and incorporates recommendations from the report.
- The annual workplan has been updated with the Director suggesting that the next two evaluations cover teacher workforce and scholarship programs (in no particular order). No action was taken by the commission.



Adjournment:

There being no further business, at 11:01 Sen. Arthur Orr moved that the meeting be adjourned.