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Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

10:00 AM in Room 2B of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Chairperson Gayle Slossberg. She said that all of the proposals were solid but may still need more vetting out. She thanked the members for their hard work.

Representative Spallone also thanked all of the members and staff on the Commission. He said that the Commission exceeded its goals, and that even if we weren't facing a huge deficit we should still implement these recommendations.

There was a motion to accept the proposed report made by Representative Mushinsky. It was seconded by Senator Kissel.

Senator Slossberg mentioned that there would be changes made to this report, and after meeting with individual commission members she was confident in the report and the changes that will be made.

Senator Kissel said that the minority party has sent a supplemental letter to the chairs and members. Also reflects on other recommendations that could be made, not criticism, so that we do not hit spending cap.

Representative Miner mentioned that once committee assignments have been determined then the recommendations should be provided to chairs of the committees; not about numbers but more about ideas. We have to reconsider the way we deliver government to the people and what outcomes we want to produce. Members should push this to other committee's and this needs to have more life after this Commission otherwise it was a waste of time.

Representative Geragosian thinks that this is a useful document in terms of changing policies. He also agrees with Rep. Miner that we should have others break down recommendations, and offers thanks to the staff.

Senator LeBeau would like the recommendations to get to the Governor Elect. He lamented that the commission findings have no public awareness.

Sen. McLachlan aligned his comments with those of Rep. Minor and Sen. Kissel. There is much more work to come on this subject. He expressed his thanks to Co-Chairs and hopes that they delegate the recommendations to other committees. He did not agree with many provisions and recommendations that were made, but thanked everyone for their hard work.

Rep. Mushinsky also thanked the commission members, staff and research team that produced these recommendations especially the PRI staff. She seconded the suggestion of Sen. LeBeau to send recommendations over to the Governors office. She also wants to give a personal charge to all of the commission members to push these recommendations to their committees of cognizance.

Secretary Cicchetti also thanked the Chairs for “driving the bus” of this commission and also thanked the staff for drafting this report. He regrets that he cannot support the recommendation for managers in the managerial scenario section. He said that the numbers are arbitrary to Connecticut and some of the conditions in Connecticut were not taken into account like unions/collective bargaining contracts and other managers that are not really managers by a strict definition. Folks who appear to be managers are actually not. We are only focused on middle management and middle portions of the state agencies. He is concerned about the message we send to our state managers. Managers in the non-service agencies were not discussed. The numbers are off and misleading. If it were not for this section, he would support the report.

Representative Morin thanked the Commission and staff for their hard work. He said he will definitely do his part to push to other committees.

Sen. Slossberg thanked staff once again for their work before the vote. She called for a roll call vote. Roll was called: 12 -yea, 1- nay. The report was approved.

A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Kate Shea
Committee Clerk