



House Democratic Leader Franklin Sands (D-Weston) speaks to AIF members in Tallahassee.

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Council Priorities

For the 2010 Legislative session, the GOC has proposed significant legislation that would enhance accountability, improve service delivery, eliminate duplicity and encourage savings. Specifically, the legislation would require state agencies procuring health and human services to:

- **Use national accreditation standards**, such as those provided by the Council on Accreditation, to meet basic monitoring requirements. This would allow each agency to conduct an analysis and develop policy on which monitoring requirements would be satisfied by a provider having met national accreditation standards such as hospitals.
- **Utilize a centralized document vault** so that basic information on providers is readily accessible to all monitoring agencies at any time. In some cases, providers who have multiple sites are required to maintain multiple copies of the same documents for various overlapping agencies in each site. This is time consuming and not cost effective.
- **Designate a lead agency** to ensure that monitoring is coordinated, duplications are avoided and staff time is focused on service outcomes in the case of overlapping jurisdictions with multiple monitoring agencies.
- **Enhance accountability** by requiring the agency to provide a comprehensive list of all contract requirements, mandated reports, outcome measures and a reference source (i.e., statute, rule, policy) to the Executive Office of the Governor, the Office of the Speaker and the Office of the President.

Governmental Outsourcing

AIF's Governmental Outsourcing Council (GOC) has worked for the past two years to create a more stable business environment for companies contracting with the State of Florida for health and human services related to mental health, substance abuse, child welfare and juvenile justice.

The State of Florida currently spends several billion dollars per year on outsourced health and human services contracts with both for-profit and not-for-profit companies throughout the state. This is a significant portion of the state's economy and outsourcing allows the state to provide essential services to citizens in need. Given the current fiscal environment, the initiatives proposed by the GOC would save the state millions of dollars while more efficiently and responsibly providing these needed services.

Council Position

The GOC supports efforts to create a more accountable, efficient and sustainable business climate for all business entities providing essential services to the state. The provisions sought by the GOC will create a more stable environment for business and a more efficient use of the state's limited financial resources.