

FOIA Advisory Committee
Oversight and Accountability Subcommittee
1/12/16

Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee members in attendance (via teleconference):

Delores Barber	Andrew Becker
Nate Jones	David Pritzker
Martin Michalosky	

Designated Federal Officer in attendance (via teleconference):

Christa Lemelin

Subcommittee members discussed the below items:

1. Assessment of the FOIA Public Liaison role and determine opportunities for improvement.
 - a. Mr. Michalosky discussed a draft approach to solicit public comments regarding the role of FOIA Public Liaison (FPL). Mr. Pritzker suggested modifying the draft to focus on broader comments. Mr. Pritzker suggested soliciting comments on the public's experience(s) with the FPL, is this role helpful, and suggestions on improvement areas. Mr. Pritzker agreed to update the draft and circulate it to the subcommittee in the next few days.
 - b. Mr. Jones stated that it would be beneficial to consider asking for public comments regarding the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Office of Information Policy, and Congress. Additionally, Ms. Lemelin mentioned FPL training.
2. Identify current authorities for oversight and actions (program reviews, audits, reports, inspections, etc) that have been completed over the past 10 years.
 - a. Mr. Jones informed the subcommittee that he has drafted a white paper in response to his analysis of the 80+ audit, reports, and reviews that he previously identified. The draft will be circulated with the subcommittee in approximately two weeks for input.