



SECAC MEETING MINUTES – April 7, 2011

Council Attendees: Ricky Berry, Susan Boone, Nadine Coleman, Margarette Davenport, Louise Davis, Jill Dent, Oleta Fitzgerald, Johnny Franklin, Brooks Ann Gaston, Cathy Grace, Trecina Green, Annjo Lemons, Gay Logan, Lora Mederos, Steve Renfroe, Lisa Romine, Festus Simkins, Holly Spivey, Nita Thompson, Rhea Williams-Bishop

Public Attendees: Sheri Anders (MECA), Susan Bunch (IHL), Carol Burnett (MSLICCI), Laura Dickson (DHS), Vicki Donohoe (Medicaid), LaNell Kellum (MSCJC), Laurie Smith (MBB), Kellogg Consultants - Brenda Blassingame, Jeffrey Dow, Brandy Lawrence, Bob White

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to be Taken
<i>Call the Meeting to Order</i>	Grace called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.	
<i>Approval of the Minutes from 2/2/2011</i>	Copies of the minutes from the February 2, 2011, meeting were distributed to the Council. Minor corrections were noted. Renfroe made a motion and Romine seconded to accept the minutes with changes. The motion carried unanimously.	Change “Renfoe” to “Renfroe”. Edit the Workforce Committee Report to say, “The Council voted on adopting TEACH/WAGES model to implement with Council grant funds.” Edit update from Coleman to say, “Kellogg picked up United Way of Southeast MS as a site.”
<i>Introductions of Council & Guests</i>	Grace asked the attendees to introduce themselves and name the entities they represented.	
<i>Updates from the Chair</i>	Due to a possible membership change when a new Governor is elected, Grace discussed a transition plan for Lemons to complete. Bishop made a motion and Simkins seconded to have Lemons complete the three items. The motion carried unanimously.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.) Check on the Executive Order from GHB.2.) Develop a timeline for RFP’s for the rest of the work so that there are no interruptions in services for year 2 or 3.3.) Brief the newly elected Governor and staff on the information packet.

<p>Updates from the Executive Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lemons will attend the State Advisory Council meeting in Washington, D.C. and the NAEYC Professional Development Meeting in Providence, R.I; attended the Kellogg Learning Lab meeting in Hawaii. • The blog is up and will be improving. • Lemons will be meeting with Gary Jackson from MSU Extension to see how the extension service can help with the coordinated services piece of the grant. • Lemons is collaborating with MDE to develop a newborn information packet. • Lemons updated the council on the NSPARC meeting. Thompson stated that 3 Head Start programs have volunteered to be a pilot. • The scope of services is complete for the coordinated services and healthcare access. The RFP will be posted on the DHS website on 4.11. Dent discussed the timeline with the Council. • Lemons proposed Debra West (CJC) and Susan Lee (IHL) fill the Council vacancies. Berry made a motion and Simkins seconded to accept the mandated Council positions. The motion carried unanimously. • Lemons discussed the creation of an advisor list. This list would be composed of subject matter experts. Renfro made a motion and Coleman seconded for the chair to maintain a list of subject matter experts to invite routinely to the meetings for the purpose of informing the group. The motion carried unanimously. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their names will be forwarded to the Governor.
<p>Updates from Member Agencies: Jill Dent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dent discussed the Home Visiting grant with the Council. DHS is the fiscal agent for the grant in partnership with the Health Department. Currently, they are working on an updated state plan due in July. One of the requirements is to have an advisory group. Dent made a motion and Davis seconded to have the Council serve as the advisory group for the Home Visiting grant. The motion carried (members abstaining - Fitzgerald). Grace proposed having a permanent slot on the agenda for the advisory group to report. • Dent stated the Choosing Child Care brochures have been printed and will be distributed to partners that ordered. DHS will have the brochure and other helpful info including audio expansion of the brochure on the updated website. No info in the brochure will ever be outdated. Green asked if the Birth-2 brochure will be included in the newborn packet. DHS will check on getting 40,000 to MDE for the newborn packets. 	

<p>Updates from Member Agencies: Nita Thompson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thompson updated the Council on the trip to Washington. The Head Start Association took 40 parents to see how government works and share with the Congressional delegation what Head Start (and other programs) have done for them. • The Head Start Association will have a voter registration drive. By May 6, they hope to have 27,000 people registered to vote. • Over 300 people (Head Start, Child Care, and Public School) attended the Second Early Childhood Summit. Thompson noted that the sponsors must figure out how to document how the relationship between HS, child care, and the public school has changed. 	
<p>Updates from Member Agencies: Nadine Coleman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excel by 5 will be looking for a state director. • Coleman invited everyone to Petal on April 9, 2011, for an EXCELebration. 	
<p>Updates from Member Agencies: Susan Boone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boone discussed the Expanding Opportunities Interagency Inclusion Initiative. The group will travel to North Carolina in May to participate in the Inclusion Institute. • The core group will meet again on May 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Health Department. 	
<p>Updates from Member Agencies: Trecina Green</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green updated the Council on the CPAA. This is not a mandated assessment. As part of the literacy plan, Kindergarten readiness is being considered. 	
<p>Committee Reports : Workforce Dev. – Louise Davis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davis stated that in order to have a pilot TEACH/WAGES program, it must be housed in a non-profit. Davis made a motion and Simkins seconded to house the TEACH/WAGES program at the MSCEI contingent on MSCEI's board approval. The motion carried (members abstaining – Berry, Bishop, Fitzgerald, Grace, Thompson). • Davis proposed adding the career ladder piece to the Allies for Quality Care Program. Davis made a motion and Renfroe seconded to add the career ladder to the pilot of the Allies for Quality Care program. The motion carried (members abstaining – Berry). 	
<p>Committee Reports : Coordinated Services Model – Steve Renfroe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renfroe stated the timeline is complete, and the committee is waiting on bids. • Renfroe expressed concerns with the administration change. 	
<p>Committee Reports : Healthcare Access – Rhea Williams-Bishop</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop stated that the committee is working with Lemons on the scope of services. • Committee will need to see how the Healthcare Exchange affects this. 	
<p>Public Comments</p>	<p>Anders stated the MECA conference will be October 12-14. The Call for Proposals will be on their website.</p>	

<i>Other Business</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 12 will be the date of the next Council meeting.• Franklin stated the State Longitudinal Data System legislation passed.• Thompson invited everyone to attend the Head Start Teacher's Conference which will be held July 25-27 in Natchez.• Renfro noted Op. Ed.'s by Grace, Davis, Wade Overstreet, and Laurie Smith as well as Mederos' interview on WLOX.	
<i>Adjourn</i>	The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.	