



**SECAC MEETING MINUTES – December 2, 2010**

**Council Attendees:** Susan Boone, Nadine Coleman, Brooks Ann Gaston, Jill Dent, Oleta Fitzgerald, Johnny Franklin, Cathy Grace, Trecina Green, Lora Mederos, Steve Renfroe, Festus Simkins, Holly Spivey, Nita Thompson, Rhea Williams-Bishop

**Public Attendees:** Annjo Lemons (Excel by 5), Rusty Keen (Gilmore Foundation), Laurie Smith (MBB), and Kate McMillin (MSCEI), Sammy Moon (United Way Worldwide)

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action to be Taken</b>
<b><i>Call the Meeting to Order</i></b>	Grace called the meeting to order at 10:16 am.	
<b><i>Approval of the Minutes from 7/12/2010</i></b>	Copies of the minutes from the September 2, 2010, meeting were distributed to the Council. Renfroe made a motion and Franklin seconded to accept the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.	
<b><i>Introductions of Council &amp; Guests</i></b>	Grace asked the attendees to introduce themselves and name the entities they represented.	
<b><i>Updates from the Chair</i></b>	Grace discussed the CDF opportunity. To date, four meetings have been held to get input from end users concerning early childhood data. Forty six stakeholders attended the meetings.	
<b><i>Update – State Longitudinal Data System</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Franklin stated that MDE received a \$7.6 million grant for a relational data model to be housed at ITS. The system will include data from multiple state agencies and entities.</li> <li>This will allow policymakers to access information from their workstation and make decisions based on data.</li> <li>SLDS team members would like to see it put into the Mississippi code, and the members are reviewing the bill for comment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should this piece of legislation be included in the report to the Governor?</li> </ul>
<b><i>2010 Report to the Governor</i></b>	Dent made a motion to accept the report as a draft and Simkins seconded the motion. Copies of the Governor’s Report were distributed to the Council, and edits were made to the following sections: <i>Recommendations for Consideration Beyond FY2011, Recommendations Related to Early Childhood Education: Kindergarten and Elementary Grades (K3), and the Conclusion.</i> Renfroe made a motion to include a statement in the <i>Recommendations for Consideration Beyond FY2011</i> in support of a readiness assessment of four year old children that encompasses all developmental domains. Franklin seconded the motion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council needs replacement representatives from both Community Colleges and IHL.</li> </ul>

	Renfroe made a motion to include a financial plan for implementation and maintenance for the QRIS. Franklin seconded the motion.	
<b>SECAC Grant Jill Dent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dent stated that sub-committees need to begin meeting.</li> <li>• The workforce committee will be meeting in January.</li> </ul>	
<b>Executive Director Search Holly Spivey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spivey stated the interviews have been held, and the Council should know by December 31, 2010.</li> </ul>	
<b>Updates from Member Agencies: Nita Thompson</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked everyone for calling Congress regarding funding. She stated that Cochran's office was flooded with phone calls, and there is a continuing resolution until December 18.</li> <li>• Thompson stated that a new Head Start director has been appointed in Hinds County.</li> <li>• Thompson mentioned that Head Start programs have begun looking at using a uniform assessment for four year old children. Coleman and Green discussed the CPAA. Grace questioned if there should be an additional recommendation for mandatory Kindergarten added to the report. Coleman stated that the Council should wait for more guidance and not include in the report.</li> </ul>	
<b>Updates from Member Agencies: Jill Dent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dent stated the division name change was effective December 1. OCY will now be the Division of Early Care and Development.</li> <li>• The Dept. of Human Services was not awarded the Teen Parenting Grant.</li> <li>• The Home Visiting State Plan meeting will be held on December 7. Fifteen counties have been selected, and the state was awarded 1.3 million this year.</li> </ul>	
<b>Updates from Member Agencies: Rhea Williams-Bishop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bishop discussed the successful meeting at Eagle Ridge with the Learning Lab members and Kellogg as well as the Learning Lab meeting held on December 1.</li> <li>• Kate McMillin was introduced – McMillin will be working with the Allies Program.</li> </ul>	
<b>Updates from Member Agencies: Health Department</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An MOU for the data system is en route to Dr. Currier.</li> <li>• The Health Dept. is working on an annual performance report.</li> <li>• The Health Dept. stated that Mark Schriver is attempting to get dollars to assist children affected by natural disasters.</li> </ul>	
<b>Updates from Member Agencies: Mental Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently, over 400 people are advocating for the Tupelo Health Center to remain open. The center is less than five years old.</li> </ul>	

<b>Updates from Member Agencies: Trecina Green</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mississippi Department of Education received \$150,000 from the United States Department of Education to establish a state literacy team in order to develop a statewide literacy plan.</li> <li>• The team will begin developing the plan next week because the plan is due to USDE by February 2.</li> </ul>	
<b>Updates from Member Agencies: Delta Health Alliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indianola has been designated as a Promise Neighborhood. DHA is heavily involved in this community.</li> <li>• Bishop stated that Joan Lombardi is interested in working with ten communities in support of early education to see what she could do for them.</li> </ul>	
<b>Updates from Member Agencies: Oleta Fitzgerald</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fitzgerald discussed the movement on health reform in the state. She stated that we need to help keep children in mind to keep them insured.</li> </ul>	
<b>Public Comments</b>		
<b>Other Business</b>	February 2 will be the date of the next Council meeting.	
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.	