



State Early Childhood Advisory Council

of Mississippi

SECAC MEETING MINUTES – December 14, 2011

Council Attendees: Ricky Berry, Susan Boone, Nadine Coleman, Margarette Davenport, Louise Davis, Jill Dent, Johnny Franklin, Brooks Ann Gaston, Cathy Grace, Trecina Green, Annjo Lemons, Festus Simkins, Holly Spivey, Nita Thompson, Rhea Williams-Bishop

Public Attendees: Laura Dickson (DHS), LaNell Kellum (MSCJC), Susan Lee (IHL), Laurie Smith (MBB), PCG – Jamie Kilpatrick and Richard Whipple

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to be Taken
Call the Meeting to Order	Grace called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.	
Approval of the Minutes from 7/12/2011	Copies of the minutes from the July 12, 2011, meeting were distributed to the Council. Coleman made a motion and Boone seconded to accept the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.	
Introductions of Council & Guests	Grace asked the attendees to introduce themselves and name the entities they represented. Governor Barbour was presented with a gift from the Council by Dr. Grace thanking him for his many years of service to the state. Lemons presented a gift to Dr. Grace from the Council and thanked her for serving as the Chair of the Council.	
Updates from the Executive Director	Lemons provided the Council with an overview of the 2011 Report to the Governor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three additional bullets regarding the EDI (Recommendations for Consideration Beyond FY2011 and Recommendations Related to Early Childhood Education: K3) have been added to the Report since the original draft was sent to the Council. • Bishop made a motion and Coleman seconded to accept the report. • There was a discussion regarding the Newborn Calendars and their distribution thru the Resource and Referral Centers. • Bishop withdrew and Coleman seconded the previous motion. Bishop made a motion and Coleman seconded to accept the Report with the edit to bullet #3 on page 7. The motion carried unanimously. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the production/ dissemination of the calendars continue with the next administration? This project should not be lost in the transition. • Continue production and dissemination by R & R of a newborn calendar that is

		currently available to all parents...
Updates from the Chair	<p>RTT ELC update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A call regarding the announcement will be Friday, December 16 at 9 a.m. • Discussion of a “Plan B” for RTT ELC. At this point, Grace relinquished her position as Chair to Coleman to enable further discussion of the “Plan B”. Kellogg indicated they would be interested in funding pieces of the plan if MS did not receive funds. Other interested sources could be UMC and the Bower Foundation. • <u>Timeline</u> – Each chair look at their portion of the application and submit 2 or 3 items to Dent that committee members consider the most important. Suggested funding from Kellogg would be 20 million. • Berry stated DHS could only produce a concept letter by the end of the year due to other issues at the agency and discussed the child care certificates in-house at DHS. • Bishop discussed the Learning Lab plan. • Thompson cautioned the group regarding the group’s approach – make sure the group is inclusive. • Franklin made a motion and Dent seconded to accept the amended (see bullets 2, 3, 4, and 5) “Plan B” if RTT ELC is not funded. The motion carried unanimously. • Discussion of specific deadlines - Lemons will send an email blast to RTT ELC committee members. They will respond to chairs with comments by 12.16. • The Chairs will respond to Lemons by 12.19. • Dent, Lemons, and Berry will craft a concept letter by 12.27. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council and DHS will present a letter to Kellogg regarding the concept of the request. • Lemons will send an email blast to RTT ELC committee members. They will respond to chairs with comments. • The Chairs will respond to Lemons. • Dent, Lemons, and Berry will craft a concept letter. • Lemons and Franklin will meet with agency directors regarding the “Plan B”.
Updates from the Executive Director	<p>New administration updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lemons stated there were no new updates – goal should be to keep SECAC as strong as possible and inform the new administration. <p>An Executive Session was called, and the meeting resumed at 12:41 p.m. following lunch.</p>	
Coordinated Services Model and Health Access	PCG gave two presentations to SECAC.	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next SECAC meeting was set for January 19, 2012. • Lemons passed around the Newborn Calendar for the group to see. 	
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.	