



**SECAC MEETING MINUTES – July 12, 2010**

**Council Attendees:** Ricky Berry, Catherine Cliburn, Nadine Coleman, Margarette Davenport, Jill Dent, Johnny Franklin, Kris Kaase, Gay Logan, Lora Mederos, Steve Renfroe, Festus Simkins, Holly Spivey, Joseph Stevenson, Nita Thompson, Tanya Tullos, Rhea Williams-Bishop

**Public Attendees:** Annjo Lemons, Kay Sowell, Jeff Leffler

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to be Taken
<b><i>Call the Meeting to Order</i></b>	Coleman called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.	
<b><i>Approval of the Minutes from 2/3/2010</i></b>	Copies of the minutes from the February 3, 2010, meeting were distributed to the Council. Minor corrections were suggested. Renfroe made a motion and Cliburn seconded to accept the minutes with corrections. The motion carried unanimously.	Change the “?” to Catherine Cliburn.
<b><i>Introductions of Council &amp; Guests</i></b>	Coleman asked the attendees to introduce themselves and name the entities they represented. She indicated that more guests would be attending the meeting after lunch.	
<b><i>Updates from the Chair</i></b>	Coleman updated the council on the grant proposal. She noted Dent’s hard work writing the proposal.	
<b><i>SECAC Grant Proposal</i></b>	<p>Dent discussed the SECAC proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal will be mailed in before August 1, 2010.</li> <li>• Number of people served needed to be clarified for priority #3, #4, and #5.</li> <li>• Richard Gonzales implied that when the proposal is submitted the money will be turned around quickly. He stated that to-date only 6 applications had been submitted.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coleman indicated that public comments can be made for six days – the proposal can be found on the Governor’s website.</li> <li>• Renfroe stated that this was a positive process even if the state does not receive the grant money. This made us write down what we want.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renfroe stated that #3 will include (minimum) all children served by the 4 pilot communities or (maximum) all children statewide. Dent will consult Davis concerning #4. Dent stated that the number served by #5 will be 70.</li> <li>• “nSpark” should be spelled “nSparc”.</li> <li>• All emails regarding public comments will be forwarded to Nadine. Nadine will forward to the group.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Funding Opportunities:</b> <b>Jill Dent</b></p>	<p><u>Data Driven Decisions: Separating Fact from Fiction in Building Early Care and Education Systems</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dent discussed the CDF grant opportunity. Grant was submitted and Mississippi was awarded technical assistance. A team will travel to Haley Farm and participate in a two day Institute.</li> <li>• Coleman stated the grant will tie into the Longitudinal Data System grant awarded to MDE. Kaase stated that the grant amount is \$7.6 million, and the system will be from birth to the workforce. Franklin indicated the MDE had previously been awarded \$3.4 million for a data system.</li> <li>• Renfroe stated the grant is also consistent with priority #2.</li> <li>• Bishop questioned if this grant should be mentioned in the narrative. If so, could it be used as in-kind?</li> <li>• Team Members for CDF grant opportunity are as follows: Geneva Cannon, Nadine Coleman, Laura Dickson, Charles Evers, Kate McMillan, and Mimmo Parisi.</li> </ul> <p><u>ACA Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dent stated the grant application was submitted Friday, July 9, 2010.</li> <li>• State could possibly receive \$1.3 million.</li> <li>• The state will receive \$500,000 to conduct a needs assessment. This will look at all home visiting programs throughout the state.</li> <li>• The Department of Human Services Office of Children and Youth and the Department of Health are the two entities designated by the Governor.</li> <li>• The Social Science Research Center @ MSU will write the Needs Assessment.</li> <li>• It was noted that the Nurse-Family Partnership is lobbying legislators, state agencies, and others to partner with them.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Funding Opportunities:</b> <b>Rhea Williams-Bishop</b></p>	<p><u>Allies for Quality Care</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bishop stated the MSCEI awarded \$2 million thru DHS to support childcare and encourage the center to participate in the QRIS.</li> <li>• Program will begin in September and will focus on centers in Hinds and Rankin county.</li> <li>• The TA and materials will help to improve the center and, therefore, increase the QRIS rating.</li> </ul> <p><u>Birth to Five Policy Alliance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$100,000 award to MSCEI thru Ounce of Prevention</li> <li>• A set of policy papers will be produced for various audiences around early education in order to impact policy.</li> </ul>	

	<p><u>I3 Grant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investing in Innovation grant fund – possible \$7 million.</li> <li>The funding will be decided based on who has the most innovation.</li> <li>Focused on Pre-K, K, and 1</li> </ul> <p><u>Federal Leadership Grant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$5 million submitted</li> <li>Developing leadership capacity with principals and assistants with mentoring and TA</li> </ul> <p>Delta Health Alliance – Promise Neighborhood Initiative in Indianola (Sunflower County) and Quitman County.</p>	
<p><b>Funding Opportunities:</b> <b>Steve Renfroe</b></p>	<p><u>Excel by 5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have outgrown capacity and planning is in order to meet the growing demand</li> </ul> <p>WIN Job Center funding/CDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renfroe discussed possibly utilizing the WIN Job Centers for online CDA training.</li> <li>Marilyn Minor – State lead for WIN job centers</li> <li>Coleman stated that she had contacted Pearl River Community College concerning the online CDA training. They stated that they didn't feel there would be enough interest in it because of the number of individuals obtaining a CDA thru the R&amp;R centers.</li> <li>Simkins stated that there is a CDA program offered at JSU. Dr. Buddy Fish is the contact person, and they are actively recruiting participants.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Funding Opportunities:</b> <b>MSLICCI</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSLICCI received \$3 million from Kellogg to conduct a program similar to Allies for Quality Care.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Updates:</b> <b>Department of Health</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simkins discussed fingerprint training in the R&amp;R centers – offering fingerprint training to do fingerprints for childcare centers for free.</li> <li>Simkins updated the group on disaster response, nutrition, tobacco cessation, oral hygiene, lead paints, immunizations, and physical activity.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Updates:</b> <b>Nadine Coleman</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coleman shared with the group the K readiness assessment – the EDI – that K teachers completed for each student. It is a population measure.</li> <li>Coleman also discussed saving the date for the Community Conversation: Connecting Early Childhood to K-12 Education in Petal.</li> <li>Petal was selected as one of four cities by the National League of Cities.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Public Comments</b></p>	<p>Sowell reported that the MECA conference will be held October 6, 7, and</p>	

	8 in Jackson. There will be a round table forum for discussion at the conference.	
<b>Other Business</b>	Discussion of the SECAC blog as to whether or not it will continue to be utilized. Berry stated that there will now be a waiting list for child care certificates.	
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting was adjourned at ?	