



## State Early Childhood Advisory Council

of Mississippi

### SECAC MEETING MINUTES – May 14, 2012

**Council Attendees:** Nadine Coleman, Margarette Davenport, Louise Davis, Jill Dent, Oleta Fitzgerald, Brooks Ann Gaston, Trecina Green, Annjo Lemons, Gay Logan, Lora Mederos, Steve Renfroe, Tina Routh, Festus Simkins, Holly Spivey, Nita Thompson, Rhea Williams-Bishop

**Public Attendees:** Jane Boykin (MS Forum on Children and Families), Alma Brown (ABC Kiddie Kollege), Jeff Leffler (USM/MECA), Kate McMillin (MSCEI), Chiquita Nichols (Health Dept.), Laurie Smith (MBB), Cassandra Welchlin (MSLICCI)

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action to be Taken</b>
<b><i>Call the Meeting to Order</i></b>	Coleman called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.	
<b><i>Approval of the Minutes from 02/09/2012</i></b>	Copies of the minutes from the February 9, 2012, meeting were distributed to the Council. Thompson made a motion and Simkins seconded to accept the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.	
<b><i>Introductions of Council &amp; Guests</i></b>	Coleman asked the attendees to introduce themselves and name the entities they represented.	
<b><i>Updates from the Chair</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coleman reviewed the handouts provided by Lemons– policies regarding public comment and the SECAC by-laws. Any suggestions from the public for the Council must be in written form and submitted to Annjo Lemons.</li> <li>• Coleman updated the Council on a recent NGA Birth-8 Summit in Washington, D.C. she attended with Lemons and Dent. Lemons made a presentation at the summit regarding Mississippi's SECAC.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Updates from the Executive Director</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lemons briefly addressed the Council's response to the complaint that was sent to the Ethics Commission.</li> <li>• Website Update – Lemons stated the Governor would like to see the website used as the "early childhood portal."</li> <li>• Lemons presented the Consolidated Services model to the Governor. The Governor is interested in asking the state auditor to perform a cost-savings analysis.</li> <li>• Lemons reviewed highlights from the NGA Birth-8 Summit – Common CORE, Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge</li> </ul>	

	(RTT-ELC), other State Early Childhood Advisory Councils	
<b>Committee Reports : Coordinated Services Model – Steve Renfroe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renfroe reviewed SECAC’s Recommendation #4 and the work of PCG.</li> <li>• Renfroe suggested combining the first two models (centralized and co-location) and deleting the third. Thompson agreed with this suggestion.</li> <li>• Renfroe made a motion and Bishop seconded to accept the report as complete and accept the model of 1 and 2 as well as the pilot approach. The motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>	
<b>Committee Reports : Health Access – Rhea Williams- Bishop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee has bi-weekly conference calls with PCG and Bishop has asked for notes so that the committee will know the questions asked as well as the individuals interviewed.</li> <li>• The first draft of the report is due June 1, and the second draft is due June 15.</li> <li>• PCG will present the report to SECAC on August 10.</li> </ul>	
<b>Committee Reports: Data – Jill Dent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dent stated that Mental Health, Medicaid, and the Health Department are the next groups that nSPARC will work with to collect early childhood data.</li> </ul>	
<b>Committee Reports : Workforce Dev. – Louise Davis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Davis stated that Allies is working with 15 centers – 37 teachers are enrolled in the CDA and 8 directors are enrolled in the National Credential.</li> <li>• All 40,000 “Baby’s First Year” calendars have been distributed. The calendars were a joint effort between the Governor’s Office and the Department of Education.</li> </ul>	
<b>Committee Reports : Home Provider – Jill Dent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently, 750 in-home providers are registered.</li> <li>• An assistant has been hired and is providing monthly in-home visits for certification.</li> </ul>	
<b>EDI Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EDI is a population based Kindergarten readiness assessment, and there are currently 30 pilot sites across the nation.</li> <li>• A suggestion was to begin using the EDI in the SPARK and Excel by 5 communities.</li> <li>• UCLA and United Way Worldwide would help with crafting a proposal.</li> <li>• Bishop reminded the Council that a Learning Lab subcommittee is working on an assessment that will be recommended to MDE.</li> </ul>	

<b>State Home Visiting Program (Healthy Homes MS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located in four counties – Wilkinson, Copiah, Claiborne, and Jefferson</li> <li>• Program has begun recruiting families and has hosted community events to help with recruitment.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other Business</b>	The next SECAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 10 at the Mississippi Museum of Art.	
<b>Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leffler discussed the 3's, 4's, and K crosswalk with the Common Core.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Renfroe made a motion and Davenport seconded to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.	