



State Early Childhood Advisory Council

of Mississippi

SECAC MEETING MINUTES – November 9, 2012

Council Attendees: Rickey Berry, Vickey Berryman, Ricky Boggan, Margarette Davenport, Melissa Tenhet (for Louise Davis), Jill Dent, Johnny Franklin, Trecina Green, Annjo Lemons, Sandra Parks, Steve Renfro, Marcie Skelton, Laurie Smith, Danny Spreitler, Forest Thigpen, Nita Thompson, Rhea Williams-Bishop, Carolyn Willis

Public Attendees: Claiborne Barksdale, Eileen Beazley (Mid Town Partners), Jane Boykin (MS Forum on Children and Families), Bob Clay (Excel by Five), Shelley Ezelle (MSCCR&R), April May (MBB), Kate McMillin (MSCEI), Jane Siders (MS Institute for Disabilities Studies), Casey Turnage, Cassandra Welchlin (MSLICCI), Jack Wilson (Governor's Office)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to be Taken
Call the Meeting to Order	Boggan called the meeting to order at 10:13am.	
Welcome and Introductions of Council & Guests	Boggan asked the attendees and guests to introduce themselves and name the entities they represented.	
Approval of the Minutes from 08/10/2012	Copies of the minutes from the August 10, 2012, meeting were distributed to the Council. Spreitler made a motion and Parks seconded to accept the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.	
Chair and Executive Director Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boggan welcomed the new Executive Director, Laurie Smith, and turned remarks over to her • Smith greeted the members and offered a message from Governor Phil Bryant • Smith expressed thoughts of SECAC; to be reached by November 2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council made decisions based on kids and not personal agendas ○ Reached vulnerable children and families and make things better for them ○ Completed the work the Governor has asked of the council 	
Committee Reports: Data – Jill Dent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dent Presented overview of the committee's project objectives and participating agencies • Dent stated that immunization records from the Department of Health are currently being transferred to the data system • Dent stated the Department of Mental Health and the Division of 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicaid are still working out details for transferring data Dent answered questions from council members regarding the data system, the security of data, the governance of the data and the funding for this grant. 	
Committee Reports : Coordinated Services Model – Steve Renfroe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renfroe reviewed SECAC's Recommendation #4 and the work of PCG. Renfroe suggested the council review this with the new membership and leadership to make a determination if Recommendation #4 was still the wish of the council. 	
Committee Reports : Workforce Dev. – Melissa Tenhet (for Louise Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenhet provided an overview of Recommendation #3 and the related goals and objectives. Tenhet noted that the MS Credential had been omitted from the presentation but should fall in line with the CDA's compensation level. Tenhet provided the council with a handout of the T.E.A.C.H. & Wages programs and offered a brief overview of both. Tenhet reported on next steps for this committee, including: hiring a project manager for the T.E.A.C.H & Wages program, updating the survey of 2yr and 4yr faculty to determine needs and status of degrees and a sub-committee of 2yr and 4yr faculty will be reviewing curriculum alignment. 	
Committee Reports : In-Home Provider – Jill Dent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smith recognized the slides for this committee were inadvertently omitted from the presentation. Dent presented an overview of the In-Home Registry Services Currently, 750 in-home providers are registered and recruitment is on-going. Dent discussed the certification process developed for in-home providers Dent also discussed the QRIS pilot for in-home providers 	
Committee Reports : Health Access – Rhea Williams- Bishop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bishop discussed the history of including health access to the council's and the development of the goals and objectives. Bishop encouraged council members to look at documents that give information on the health care exchanges and Medicaid expansion. 	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boggan stated that Smith will begin looking at writing the report. Boggan encouraged council to begin looking at the issues discussed and look at moving forward and next council meeting begin looking at strategic planning and funding to move to work forward. Renfroe recommended that the council focus on a limited number of issues. Spreitler recommended aligning the work of the council with the goals of the Governor. Smith reported she would be seeking the Council's input on the report to 	

	<p>the Governor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lemons requested the council consider the link from early childhood to K-12 become a priority. 	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boggan stated that there was potential litigation regarding the Open Meetings Act that needed to be discussed. Renfroe motioned to close the meeting and Franklin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Guests were asked to leave the council chamber. • Renfroe made a motion to enter Executive Session and Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously to enter Executive Session. • Smith informs guests that SECAC is now in Executive Session. • The guests were invited back to the chamber and Boggan informed guests of the council's vote during Executive Session: The council voted to file an objection to the preliminary report and recommendations of the matter related to the Open Meetings Act. • Smith announced dates for upcoming SECAC meetings, all to be held from 10:00am – 2:00pm in room 145 of the Woolfolk Building unless otherwise noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 10, 2013 ○ April 11, 2013 ○ July 11, 2013 ○ October 10, 2013 	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boykin asked that, with the addition of new members, the council look at the plan again due to background information being missing; increase transparency of how money is spent; attach handouts to minutes and make sure Governor Bryant is represented. • Jeff Leffler (via email message to Smith) announced that MsECA is collaborating with the Early Childhood Institute and the Division of Early Childhood Care and Development to host Regional Conferences. Details will be coming later. 	
Adjourn	Franklin made a motion and Renfroe seconded to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.	