



SECAC Council Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 24, 2016, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Jackson, Mississippi

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Vickey Berryman, Ricky Boggan, Mary Currier, John Davis, David J. Dzielak, Johnny Franklin, Brittany Herrington, Rochelle Johnson, Ed Langton, Patti Marshall, April May, Jennifer McNeal, Diana Mikula, Mimmo Parisi, Robin Parker, Sandra Parks, Tina Routh, Laurie Smith, Holly Spivey, Jennie Sturgis, Nita Thompson, Carey Wright, Carolyn Willis

OTHERS PRESENT

Carol Burnett, Debbie Ellis, Theophilus King, Delores Suel, Eileen Beazley, Shirley Hampton, Brittany Case, Linda Cole, Mary King, Sara Whitfield, Lydia Bethay, Jill Dent, Monica May, Cassandra Welch, Jessica Griffin, Jimmie Porter, Pamela Pullins,

MEETING OBJECTIVES

1. Approval of Minutes
 2. SECAC Updates
 3. Public/Additional Comments
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MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

Chair Boggan opened discussion on the minutes for the SECAC meeting on March 3, 2016. Ed Langton motioned to approve the minutes. Tina Routh seconded the motion. The council unanimously approved the motion.

SECAC Updates

Dr. Laurie Smith said SECAC has a great opportunity to work as a team on the CCDF plan.

Dr. Smith reviewed the three-pronged committee structure of SECAC: early care and learning; health, mental health, and nutrition; and family support. Dr. Smith asked the council to look at the member placement in the committees and suggest any changes if needed. Nita Thompson motioned to accept the committee structure. Dr. Robin Parker seconded the motion. The council unanimously passed the motion.

Chair Boggan said the next step is to identify chairs for the three committees. Vickey Berryman suggested Ed Langton for early care and learning; Carolyn Willis for health, mental health, and nutrition; and John Davis for family support. Thompson motioned to approve these nominations. April May seconded the motion. The council unanimously approved the motion.

Cathy Sykes gave an overview of the CCDF state plan created by MDHS. She said the plan was submitted on March 10 and that it can be amended at any time. She reviewed the key functions and requirements of the Child Care and Development Fund.

Sykes said Mississippi needs a communication plan to bring all the pieces together for the main plan. Dr. Smith asked Dr. Parisi if he would be willing to work with Cathy and MDHS on starting the implementation plan. Dr. Parisi said he would be happy to assist the MDHS effort, but ultimately it's the council's charge. Sykes said she is good with that idea. He said public input is very important. He said such a draft would only be based on what the council members think, then another month would be needed to get public input.

Dr. Smith said the committee chair meeting will be held on the phone. She said committee chairs could then meet with their committees as early as next month.

Public/Additional Comments

Chair Boggan opened the floor for public/additional comments. He mentioned that there will be ample opportunity to comment on the CCDF implementation plan; he said such comments will be solicited. Dr. Smith said the committee meetings will be open meetings.

Theophilus King asked how the market-rate survey works. He asked how is this offered to all children as far as high-quality services are concerned. Sykes said the state plan written by MDHS includes a section on the market-rate survey. King said he definitely wants to help set the priority. He said the kids could do a lot better there were more resources to train workers. Davis said MDHS looks forward to working together on examining this issue.

Delores Suel said she has asked to meet with the providers who are members of SECAC. He said the council has a number of childcare providers, and he said the council intends on getting close participation with providers. Chair Boggan said if there's anything that he can do to make this work, he wants to work out the logistics.

Debbie Ellis said she wants to thank Sykes and Davis for their leadership because they have shown a willingness to work with providers.

Chair Boggan adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.
