

SECAC Council Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 28, 2016, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Jackson, Mississippi

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Vickey Berryman, Ricky Boggan, Margarette Davenport, John Davis, David J. Dzielak, Ed Langton, Patty Marshall, April May, Jennifer McNeal, Mimmo Parisi, Robin Parker, Tina Routh, Holly Spivey, Nita Thompson, Carey Wright, Mary Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT

Carol Burnett, Cathy Sykes, Delores Suel, Helen Taylor

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 24, 2016. Dr. David Dzielak motioned to approve the minutes. Nita Thompson seconded the motion. The council unanimously approved the motion.

SECAC Updates

Dr. Candice Pittman gave the update for the Health, Mental Health, and Nutrition Committee. She said a framework used from previous work will drive the committee's goal to be innovative, She said the committee discussed different ways, such as apps or business cards, of getting parents involved. She said the committee also discussed reviewing licensure requirements and a way to retain and train childcare workforce. She said the development of goals and deliverables will be the next steps for the committee.

John Davis gave the update for the Family Support Committee. He said the committee has formed key questions in regard to accessibility, effective coordination, and communication. The committee also examined CCDF requirements related to family support. He said the next step is to draft priorities, goals, and deliverables.

Ed Langton gave the update for the Early Care and Learning Committee. Langton covered eight precepts (such as cost-benefit and accountability) that the committee will follow in its work. Langton then shared the tasks that the committee will perform, including a review of regulations that might affect what the committee wants to do, examining what federal dollars will allow in regard to accomplishing priorities, developing incentives to bring centers and providers on board, standardizing pre-K in the Department of Education,

and identifying gaps or overlaps across early care programs and services.

Cathy Sykes presented information on the CCDF implementation plan

Chair Boggan said if a council member gets a comment or question, please forward it to him or Dr. Laurie Smith so that the council can respond to it as a whole.

Public/Additional Comments

Langton said whatever has happened in the past is in the past, suggesting the council needs to always move forward.

Carol Burnett said the public hearing process for the State Plan by MDHS was statewide and that people contributed input. She said the amount of money in the CCDF block grant is mainly used to give vouchers to parents. She said a challenge is making sure to serve children while meeting regulations. She said it is important to consider what parents can afford for child care. She encouraged the council to find out what has worked in this regard.

Helen Taylor said she is proud to see the council working with other agencies to solve the problems of early care. She said she believed the state was missing funding opportunities to help more children receive care.

Delores Suel said it is very important for providers to get information about what is happening at SECAC meetings.

Eileen Beazley asked if the four plans for the CCDF plan would be public. Dr. Parisi said absolutely. Dr. Parisi said any input from providers would be valued. He asked Suel to help him with this.

Taylor said the state should look at childcare as an economic boost to Mississippi.

Chair Boggan adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.
