

## SECAC Council Meeting

### MEETING MINUTES

MAY 26, 2016, 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM

Jackson, Mississippi

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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Kim Benton (representative for Carey Wright), Vickey Berryman, Ricky Boggan, John Davis, Johnny Franklin, Brittany Herrington, Rochelle Johnson, Ed Langton, Patti Marshall, Diana Mikula, Jennifer McNeal, Mimmo Parisi, Robin Parker, Sandra Parks, Laurie Smith, Nita Thompson, Mary Ulmer (representative for David J. Dzielak), Carolyn Willis

#### OTHERS PRESENT

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Marianna Chauvin, Aressa Coley, Latasha Hadley, Theophilus King, Deloris Suel

#### MEETING OBJECTIVES

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

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##### Approval of Minutes

Chair Boggan opened discussion on the minutes from the SECAC meeting on April 28, 2016. Dr. Mimmo Parisi motioned to approve the minutes. Robin Parker seconded the motion. The council unanimously approved the motion.

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##### SECAC Updates

John Davis gave the update for the Family Support Committee. Davis said the committee is working on a specific definition of family support. Diana Mikula motioned to accept the four objectives of the Family Support Committee. Carolyn Willis seconded the motion. The council unanimously approved the motion.

Carolyn Willis gave the update for the Health, Mental Health, and Nutrition Committee. Willis said the committee has developed six objectives. The first is to create a state definition for health, mental health, and nutrition. The second is to develop recommendations for innovative solutions to communications for increasing parental and family involvement. The third objective is to reduce gaps and duplication in service delivery. The fourth objective is to determine strategy and implementation for universally accessible professional development for providers. The fifth objective is to determine a strategy for the implementation of health- and safety-related standards, policies, and processes. The sixth is to determine a strategy and implementation for common case management. Thompson motioned to approve the six objectives of the Health, Mental Health, and Nutrition Committee. Johnny Franklin seconded the motion. The council unanimously approved the motion.

Ed Langton gave the update for the Early Care and Learning Committee. Langton said the committee expects to have a gap analysis completed in June. The first objective is to reduce gaps and duplication in service delivery. He said the gap analysis will hopefully be done in June. The second objective is to determine a strategy and implementation for universally accessible professional development. The third objective of the Early Care and Learning committee is to determine a sustainable childcare model.

Robin Parker motioned to adopt the objectives of the Early Care and Learning Committee, with the suggestion to add language about reducing cost to the objective of reducing gaps and duplication in service delivery. Franklin seconded the motion. The council unanimously approved the motion.

Aressa Coley gave the update on the state Child Care and Development Fund planning process. She said the CCDF plan has been submitted, and two rounds of comments have been addressed. She said as soon as the plan is approved, the plan will be put on the MDHS website.

Dr. Smith said Mississippi is not 50th. She said Mississippi has won a Frank Newman Award for Education Innovations. She thanked the council members and all educators for the contributions towards making education better in our state.

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#### **Public/Additional Comments**

Dr. King said he is concerned about the participation of childcare providers in addressing the policy part of the new CCDF regulations. He said he understands there has been an increase in funds to serve low-income families through 2020. He said he is requesting emphasis on how to expand childcare because there are children who are not being reached. Davis said he hopes there will be additional funds; he said he has not been notified of any increase.

Latasha Hadley said there are a lot of issues with providing development to childcare centers. She said if all the universities and community colleges were on board, it would help providers who have challenges with traveling. She said it shouldn't be a silo..

Deloris Suel said it seems to divide when everyday providers can't meet with providers on SECAC to make sure they are being represented.

Chair Boggan adjourned the meeting at 11:42.

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